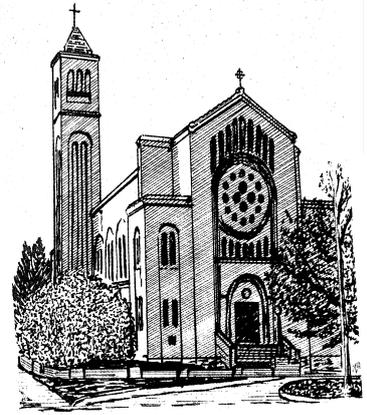


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



First Sunday of Lent

— Year B

17/18 Feb 2018

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD  
Administrator : Fr Warrick Tonkin  
St Peter Chanel's Church: Fr Peter L'Estrange SJ

## Sunday Mass

### St Christopher's

Cnr Canberra Ave & Furneaux Street, Forrest (Manuka) ACT

**Sunday:** 8.00am,  
11.00am (sung),  
5.30pm

### St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,  
Yarralumla ACT

**Saturday:** 6.00pm Vigil  
**Sunday:** 9.30am

## Weekday Mass

### St Christopher's

**Monday to Saturday:** 12.15pm  
**Tuesday to Friday:** 7.30am

### St Peter Chanel's

**Tuesday:** 5.30pm  
**Thursday:** 10.00am (9.30am Adoration): Anointing Mass first Thursday of the month.

## Reconciliation

### St Christopher's

**Wednesday:** 12.45—1.15pm  
**Thursday:** 6.00 - 6.30pm  
**Saturday:** 11.00am - 12noon

### St Peter Chanel's

**Tuesday:** 6.00 - 6.30pm  
**Saturday:** 5.15 - 5.45pm

## Baptisms

**St Christopher's:** Second and fourth Sundays, 12.30pm

**St Peter Chanel's:** Third Sunday, 10.30am

## Weddings

**St Christopher's:** Saturday 1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm

**St Peter Chanel's:**  
By arrangement

### PARISH OFFICE

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Monday to Friday, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm—Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor

Online Payments Link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp>

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

## JESUS' (AND OUR) TESTING IN THE DESERT

Every year, on this First Sunday of Lent, we enter the desert with Jesus. But the desert places of our lives do not need to be restricted to places of physical aridity. Struggles with relationships, both personal and work-related, can test us at various times throughout our lives. Every time we meet that interpersonal 'speed hump' in life, or grapple with a particular moral dilemma, we have entered the desert with Jesus.

The author of Mark's Gospel, this week, tells us that "the Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days." Whether it was forty consecutive days is not the point. The author of the Gospel uses the term, as many of the authors throughout the Bible do, to denote a very long time, even to designate a lifetime.

Jesus had to struggle throughout his life to heed His Father's mission. That mission was to be the personification of God's Reign, of God's all-pervading presence, throughout the world, and beyond. The offer God puts before us is no more and no less than the life we call eternal.

Jesus' mission is now our mission. Despite our arid times. Despite the setbacks that we face, personally, and as the community of the disciples of Jesus, we are called, through the Sacrament of Baptism to show God's love in the world, now! We do this in and through the Church. Together, we gather, we are fed by the Lord's Word, shared in Sacred Scripture; we are fed at the altar with Our Lord's Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Then we are sent forth, co-missioned to live and share our faith.

May this season of Lent give us the spiritual renewal to continue our journey to the Father, irrespective of our struggles and our times of aridity. Along the way the Holy Spirit will re-create us as beacons of hope, leading all to share in the joy of Christ's Resurrection.

Fr Warrick Tonkin

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Parish Pastoral Council**

**Parish Finance Council**

Fr Warrick Tonkin

**Director of Music**

Jaki Kane

**Liturgy Rosters**

Cecilia Flores & Scott Pobihun

**RCIA**

Fr Warrick Tonkin

**School of Religion**

Roby Joshua

**Accounts**

Karina Widjaja

### **St Vincent de Paul**

*Assisting people in need and combatting social injustice in our community*

### **Young Adults**

*Animating parish and Archdiocesan life through prayer and event participation*

*Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible Sharing/Fellowship SCC*

### **Good Shepherd Prayer Group**

*Wednesday at 7pm SPC Parish Room (Feb-Dec)*

### **Christian Meditation**

*Saturday at 5pm SPC  
"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)*

## **Other Communities**

### **African Community**

*Second Sunday of the month at 11.45am SPC*

### **Spanish Community**

*First Sunday of the month at 11.30am SPC*

**For details of any of the above, contact the Parish Office.**

### **Cathedral Piety Stall**

Currently closed due to Maternity Leave



## **Project Compassion Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. With the help of a Caritas Australia supported program she is now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.**

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## **Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes** Please collect from Church foyers.

**Vespers for the First Sunday of Lent** will be sung by St Christopher's Cathedral Choir on Sunday 18 February at 6.30pm. All are welcome to join in song and prayer.

**St Christopher's Cathedral Parish Sacrament of Confirmation Program, 2018** starts 27 Feb, 5.30pm-7pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Cnr of Weston and Loch Streets, Yarralumla. This is for Year 5 & 6 students or older who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or attend school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion prior to Confirmation. More information and Enrolment form on [www.cg.org.au/cathedral](http://www.cg.org.au/cathedral). The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on Sunday 20 May 2018 at 11am.

**First Reconciliation** Program starts 22 May

**First Holy Communion** Program starts 31 July.

**2018 Lenten video resource: "Good News in Tough Times"** - perfect for parish-based groups, families & individuals & presents a great opportunity for all to withdraw from the week-in, week-out busyness. Pre-order online: [www.faithresources.org.au](http://www.faithresources.org.au) or call the Bookshop 02 6239 9888.

## OTHER NEWS

**Catechist Training**—19 Feb—Catechists and parishioners are welcome to participate in the following training days. St Christopher's Pastoral Centre (6.30–8.30pm). Please contact the parish coordinator or matt.ransom@cg.org.au

**Introduction to Christian Meditation** - 19 Feb, 1 hour, for 5 successive Mondays; 7.15pm for 7.30pm start; Parish meeting room, Weston Street, Yarralumla. During Lent, find out about Christian Meditation, to experience this prayer practice, and to learn about its origins. The key to understanding the simplicity of Christian Meditation is within Psalm 46 – “Be still and know that I am God”. If you have wondered what Christian Meditation is about, this is an opportunity to taste and experience the practice in a small group, and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world. Free, no RSVP required, just turn up. (www.wccm.org) Enquire: Rod or Susan: 0401 731 918.

**Organ concert and workshop ‘up close and personal’ with Dan Miller**, 6.30pm, Tuesday 20 February, St Christopher's Cathedral. One of the most gifted organists and recording artists in the world today. This will be of particular interest to musicians, organists and piano players. But you don't have to be a fan of organ music to be utterly inspired by Miller's musical sensitivity and flamboyance. This is musical mastery at its best! Free.

**Alpha Course**—commencing Tuesdays 20 Feb for 8 weeks. (Disciples of Jesus Community). Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Dinner included. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Fiona Smith on 0411 144 208 for more information.

**Amicus—24 Feb**, a support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at Ginseng Chinese Restaurant Hellenic Club Woden at 7.00pm for Dinner. Contact Paul: 0419 411 691

**Vivaldi Concerti Virtuosi Concert** (Bach & Paganini), Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany), 27 Feb, 8pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets 135100 or www.ticketmaster.com.au or cash at the door.

**YMI Equipping School**- 1-4 Mar.—intensive formation school that equips & resources youth, young adults & ministry leaders for the mission of the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn invites all youth & young adults from parishes or ecclesial movements wanting to be formed for ministry and mission to attend. Contact Huw Warmenhoven (huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au). Register at ymiequippingschool.eventbrite.com.au

**World Day of Prayer**—2 Mar, 11am at St Christopher's Cathedral. An Ecumenical Service written by the people of Suriname, South America. Light lunch to follow in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre.

**MenAlive Breakfast**—Sat, 3 March, 7am, at HOME in Queanbeyan, 284 Crawford St, Queanbeyan. Topic: What is our role as men in our parish, and how can we achieve it? Cost. \$15. Includes breakfast, espresso coffee/tea juice etc. Guest speaker and round table discussion on topic. Info & booking: call 62994611 or Frank 0417664110. RSVP 28 Feb.

**Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club Hits 60!** All Past Members, Family & Friends of BCBC are invited to the celebrations on 10th March: Mass at 10am at St William's Church, 67 Dawson Pde, Keperra, followed by a light lunch. See the link “The 60th Anniversary” on <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au>. RSVP [bcbcbigevent@gmail.com](mailto:bcbcbigevent@gmail.com) or call Greg on 3351 4092.

**Loreto Alumni Luncheon**— 24 Mar. Ex students from all Loreto Convents are warmly welcomed at our annual regional lunch at Muse, Kingston preceded by Mass. Enquiries to Jenny Dobbin, 0439 619181

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** – 27-29 April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW; relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

**For Rent:** One bedroom self contained Garden flat, Yarralumla. Call 62811075.

**Karinya House**—To support the complex work of assisting mothers and babies in crisis, Karinya House needs Friends. Friends donate at least \$5 a week and change vulnerable lives. Sign up today and share the purpose of supporting vulnerable and at risk pregnant and parenting women in our community. Every Friend makes a vital difference. All donations are fully tax deductible <https://karinyahouse.asn.au/support/friends-of-karinya/> For information phone: 6259 8998 or [jo.saccasan@karinyahouse.asn.au](mailto:jo.saccasan@karinyahouse.asn.au)

**Ex Students of St Vincent's College – Are you there?** Census is available online. [www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au](http://www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au)

### We pray for...

**Those who are ill:** Aurelio Biurra, David Swan, Greg Moran, Cora Murphy, Betty O'Neill, Brendan Roberts, Tan Roberts, Bob Howatson, Jose Cofre, Enid Martin, Richard Dodson, Vince Basilisco, Maria Walker, Doris Robertson, Gary Evans, Ella Black, Roderick Duncan, Bruce Kennedy, Claude Lucas, Marianne McGrath, Robert White, Christina Parido Davey, Fe Talicop, Richard Price, Toni-Gaye Bush, Tony Bush, Judith Carey, Anthony O'Connor, Michael Leon, Peter Hill, Hugh Patton, Gilbert Ferguson

**Anniversaries of death:** Saverio Calabria, Carlos & Francisca Abad, Anthony Osborne, Remigio & Maria Res, Pasquale Ciuffetelli, Noel Flanagan, Shannon Stevenson, Kenneth Mulach, Camillo Buhagiar, Helen Heffernan, Joyce Balnaves, Baby Georgia Morrison, Helen Richardson, Elsie Corkhill, Deceased Members of the O'Hanlon, Blackall, Gorman & Proust Families, Claire Jones, Constance Jones, Bernabe Baez, Fr Alfred Delp, Ralph, Allen & Leo Biggs

**Recently Deceased:** Eugenia Prendergart, Hon Shing Chan, Angela Maher, Elfriede Mendel, Alan McInnes, Jozef Stefaniak, Bruce Bramley, Mary Harrigan, Fr John Baptiste Tran, Jack Pocock, Jack Smith, Natasha Cruz-Gutteridge, Dr Donald Dunlop (Newcastle), Rene Warrick-Williamson, Michele Daniele, Fr Paul Tarpey, Steve Doszpot, Margaret Frawley,

**First Reading**

**Gen 9:8-15**

God spoke to Noah and his sons, ‘See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’

God said, ‘Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

**Second Reading**

**1 Pt 3:18-22**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people ‘by water’, and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God’s right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

**Gospel Reading**

**Mk 1:12-15**

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	17/18 Feb	24/25 Feb	17/18 Feb	24/25 Feb
6.00pm (SPC)	Judith Blundell Geraldene Ford	Mike Nash Sheila van Gent	Judith Blundell Frances Bulbrook	Pieter van Gent
8.00am (SCC)	Liza Quinn Jessica Neubeck	Scott Pobihun Cecilia Flores	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Jaye Longland	Collis Parrett Wanda Kaucz	Any available EMHC	Colliss Parrett
11.00am (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Jacqueline Hipwell	Adam Morris Ceciley Matthews	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Liz Porra Leeann Galloway
5.30pm (SCC)	Arnel Basas Jacob Madden	Damian Balachandran Marcelle Disanayake	Elizabeth Young Lionel D’Cruze	Tony Croke Lionel D’Cruze

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