

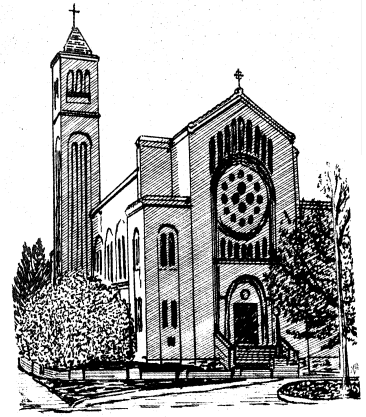
St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time —
Year B

27/28 Jan 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 Sun-
day, 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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.*

FOCUSING ON TODAY'S GOSPEL (Mark 1:21-28)

For the Jews of Jesus' time, the scribes were the voices of authority, the final arbiters of the law. Their status was centred in their ability to read and write, a skill possessed by less than 10 per cent of the population. Their interpretation of the law was considered absolute.

"Unclean spirits" (the phrase Mark uses for 'demons') are encountered several times in Mark's Gospel. Any condition or behavior that could not be explained or understood, such as disease, mental illness, or bizarre or criminal behavior, was considered the physical manifestations of the evil one – "demons" or "unclean spirits."

Both the unclean spirits and the skeptical scribes are silenced in today's Gospel. Jesus' casting out the unclean spirit from the possessed man silences the demons of hatred and division that plague humanity. In his compassionate outreach to the poor and sick, Jesus "silences" the scribes by redefining their understanding of authority: whereas the "authority" of the scribes' word is based solely on their perceived status and learnedness, the authority of Jesus is born of compassion, peace and justice. His word is God's Word. The casting out of the demons and his curing of the sick are manifestations of who Jesus IS – the Word of God. We should also note that the people of Biblical times viewed these deeds differently than we might. While we, in our high-tech, 21st century world, might dismiss miracles as some kind of disruption or 'overriding' of the laws of nature, Jesus' contemporaries saw these mighty deeds as signs of God's immediate activity in God's creation. While we might ask, *How could this happen?* they asked, *Who is responsible for this happening?* Those who witnessed Jesus' healings saw these mighty deeds as God directly touching their lives.

(Based on a reflection from **Living Liturgy, 2018**, pp. 48-49)



PARISH NEWS

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

Maintenance Manager

Pieter van Gent

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

Perpetual Novena to Mary

Wednesday 6.00pm SCC

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

Wednesday at 7pm SPC

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm SPC

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

Other Communities

African Community

Third Sunday of the month at 11.30am SPC

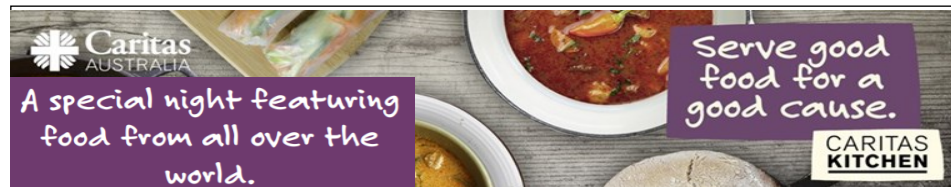
Spanish Community

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



JOIN US to raise awareness and funds for Project Compassion
With Special guest speaker: Michael Maguire
Michael Maguire, a former Australian professional rugby league football coach for the South Sydney Rabbitoh's, visited Caritas Programs in Zimbabwe in October 2017. Michael will share his experience with us.

Shrove Tuesday 13 February 2018 at 6pm

St. Christopher's Pastoral Centre 55 Franklin Street, Forrest

Register Online by 9 February

RCIA—Next meeting for Candidates and RCIA team will be held on 31 January 2018, 7.30pm at St Christopher's Parish Office, Ground Floor, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.

Next First Friday Adoration, 2 February at 12.45 — 2pm at the Cathedral.

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. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on Sunday 20 May 2018 at 11am.

Wednesday Confessions at St Christopher's

These Confessions are heard from 12.45pm up to 1.15pm **IF** people are waiting. If all penitents have been attended to the Priest Confessor will not necessarily wait until 1.15pm before leaving.

OTHER NEWS

Man Overboard Next Meeting, 2 Feb Monthly gathering of young men discerning a call to a priesthood. It is a time to gather, reflect, commune and to be supported. Each gathering is held on the first Friday of the month at the Archbishop's residence from 5 – 7pm. RSVP your attendance via www.manoverboard.org.au.

“Wellsprings of Hope” - 8 Feb, 7.30pm, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall St Barton—a discussion on the role of hope, resilience and Christians working together to make ethical reforms possible. Info: Robyn Coghlan 62540487.

“Seeking the Mind of Christ” - 9-11 Feb 2018—You are invited to a living encounter and a life transforming experience with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit. 9 Feb - St Monica's Church: Evatt 7-9pm. 10 Feb - St Brigid's Church: Dickson 10am-5pm. 11 Feb - St Brigid's Church: Dickson 10.30am-5.30pm. Conducted by Brother Lalith Perera, Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Fr Ken Barker with support from Fr Bernie Patterson and Loi Viovicente. Lunch available at a nominal price or BYO. A crèche will also be available for children. Contact: Shan 0412 310364; Karen 0402 160401; Sean 0448 510237.

“The Bread of Life Retreat” - 16-18 Feb, 3pm, Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar. Explore how making sourdough bread can be a very spiritual exercise. The retreat is for everyone to enjoy and the best part is there is no need to have any technical baking skills or advanced training, or holiness, or to be church-ed to attend. Suggested Donation of \$190 (includes all meals and accommodation)Ph: 02 63673058 or [shalomcarcoar.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com)

ACCC Quiet Day: Rethinking Lent—17 Feb, 9.30am-3pm, Australian Centre for Christianity, 15 Blackhall St, Barton—theologian Heather Thompson will lead on “Rethinking ‘Giving Up’ for Lent” and the implications for our spiritual journey. Cost: \$25 in cash at door — includes morning tea. BYO lunch. RSVP 12 Feb Alice-Anne Macnaught, aamacnaught@inet.net.au; 0414 790 201.

Evenings for the Engaged—17 & 24 Feb, Evenings for the Engaged, marriage preparation program, will be held over

two consecutive Saturdays in 2018. Enquiries to Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

February St Valentine's Mass 2018—17 Feb, 6pm, St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah invites parishioners to celebrate the love, romance and joy of Christian Marriage with a celebration Mass. Mass will include a Renewal of Marriage Promises for married couples, and a Special Blessing for engaged couples. Mass will be followed by an informal meal at a local club. Please RSVP to if you would like to join us for dinner to Elizabeth (6231 9219) or Trish (6231 8468)

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. No cost, no RSVP required, just turn up. (www.wccm.org)

Enquire: Rod or Susan: 0401 731 918

Alpha Course—commencing Tuesdays 20 Feb for 8 weeks. The Disciples of Jesus Community are running an Alpha course. 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.

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.

2018 Lenten video resource: “Good News in Tough Times”

- This resource is perfect for parish-based groups, families and individuals and presents a great opportunity for all to withdraw from the week-in, week-out busyness. To pre-order online: www.faithresources.org.au or call the Bookshop 02 6239 9888

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Edward Dy, Alexander Brown

Those to be married: Annet Babirye & Oscar Lopez

Those who are ill: 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: Mary Walshe, Silvio Cadona, Sylvia Crossin, Eleanora Gaider, Sheila Semecky, Reginald Gallagher, Des Black, Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Lyons, Vernon Davies, Margaret Mumford, Allen Blundell, John Stephens, Elizabeth, Bill, Hannah & Phoebe Allan, Arthur Burt, Margaret Burnell

Recently Deceased: 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-Williensen, Michele Daniele, Fr Paul Tarpey, Steve Doszpot, Margaret Frawley, Victims of Egyptian terrorist attacks, Coby Fulop, Antonio Carrabs,

First Reading

Dt 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: ‘Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. “Do not let me hear again” you said “the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die”; and the Lord said to me, “All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”’

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord’s affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world’s affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord’s affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world’s affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mk 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, ‘What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus said sharply, ‘Be quiet! Come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. ‘Here is a teaching that is new’ they said ‘and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.’ And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	27/28 Jan	3/4 Feb	27/28 Jan	3/4 Feb
6.00pm (SPC)	Margaret McKinnon Mike Nash	Geraldene Ford Frances Bulbrook	Pieter van Gent	Mary Debus Sue Buckingham
8.00am (SCC)	Jessica Neubeck Phillip Pocock	Mineke Peerboom Liza Quinn	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle	Mineke Peerboom Any available EMHC
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Jaye Longland	Lynn Chan Dominic Chin	Colliss Parrett	Colliss Parrett
11.00am (SCC)	Scott Pobihun Cecilia Flores	Silvia Bishop Bronwen Grey	Liz Porra Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell
5.30pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman John Austen	Aoife Connors John Austen	Tony Croke Lionel D’Cruze	Elizabeth Young

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