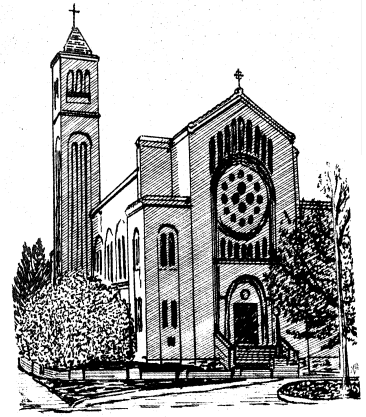


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



Fourth Sunday of Lent

— Year B

10/11 Mar 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

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.*

FROM DARKNESS TO NEW LIFE – JESUS AND NICODEMUS

"In the passage with Nicodemus, Jesus tells us that if we believe and trust in him, we will have *eternal* life. *Eternal* here does not refer to something we will live after death, it is the life of God given to us *today*. It is the life of the Eternal One that is in each of us, flowing in and through us, given to us as we are born from above through Baptism and through our trust in Jesus.

"As we enter into relationship with Jesus and follow him, we receive the life that is in him, which is his relationship with his Father. We are led towards the wedding feast of the Lamb. As we grow in friendship and oneness with Jesus, we begin to recognize the eternal life within us and are less attracted by the idols of money or power. We begin to see people as Jesus sees them; we begin to love them as Jesus loves them and to see and love ourselves as Jesus sees and loves us. Life and trust bring us to dwell in Jesus and Jesus in us, and they grow and deepen, they lead us into a transformation in God. Transformed, we can do things that, humanly speaking, we could not do by ourselves: love our enemies, forgive and forgive indefinitely, be with the poor and the weak, be compassionate as the Father is compassionate . . .

"... To have life, then, is to welcome Jesus, who comes to save us and to liberate us from fear, violence and the walls of sin. If we remain fixed behind the walls of our certitude and power and our need for security, we will remain closed up in fear, violence and the powers of darkness within us, closed up in depression and guilt; we refuse to grow and to let ourselves be led by the Spirit.

"Why do we refuse the Light? What are we frightened of?

"Yes, we are all frightened of being shown up as evil and guilty. We do not want people to see the shadow areas in us. We hide all the dirt inside us behind our apparent goodness, certitudes and power. If we do not want our bad deeds to be exposed, perhaps it is because we are frightened of being rejected, of falling into a pit of loneliness and anguish, when people see who we truly are, with all our poverty and brokenness. Maybe we cannot accept our poverty and frailty unless we discover that we are loved just as we are. When we realize that we do not have to be clever, powerful or successful in order to be loved, then we can live in truth, come to the light, and be led by the Spirit of God."

{Jean Vanier, *Drawn Into the Mystery of Jesus Through the Gospel of John*, 2004, pp. 85, 87-88}

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

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent—4 March 2018



Evangeline featured in Project Compassion 2016. With the support of Caritas Australia, she has risen to the role of Senior Artswoker at Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, now a multi-level contemporary arts centre and major employer for young people in her remote Northern Territory community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future.

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

VISIT TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S BY ANU ARCHAEOLOGY STUDENTS

Last Wednesday afternoon, forty third year Archaeology students from the Australian National University who are doing a course on Ritual visited the Cathedral. This was a wonderful opportunity for the Parish to engage with the wider community. A time for a meeting of faith and reason. A special thanks to Dr Duncan Wright, ANU, for his initiative.

Mass for the Fifth Anniversary of the Pontificate of Pope Francis—Monday, 19 Mar, 5.00pm, St Christopher's Cathedral.

Main Celebrant: His Excellency, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, Apostolic Nuncio
Homilist: Archbishop Christopher Prowse. All welcome.

J.S. Bach's choral masterpiece the *St Matthew Passion* will be performed in St Christopher's Cathedral on Saturday 24 March commencing at 7.00pm. Featuring Canberra Choral Society and soloists, and conducted by Andrew Koll. Ticket sales

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=356110&>

Request for EMHC volunteers to the Homebound. We have an ever-growing list of parishioner's who would like to receive Holy Communion and a visit from a Eucharistic Minister. We currently only have a very small number of volunteers who kindly provide this service. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846. A current Working with Vulnerable People's Card is required.

- **A 50/50 raffle** is being held to support the Young's Adults Music Ministry. Buy tickets outside the Cathedral after Mass for your chance to win 50% of all ticket sales.
- **St Christopher's Cathedral Parish Sacrament of Confirmation Program, 2018** continues 13 Mar, 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, 11am.
- **First Reconciliation** Program starts 22 May
- **First Holy Communion** Program starts 31 July.

OTHER NEWS

ARISE: Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference - 16-18 Mar, The Tops Conference Centre Stanwell Tops Sydney. Do you want to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus, do you want to grow as a Catholic woman and develop friendships with other women of faith? Join women of all ages for a weekend of prayer, keynote talks, the sacraments, adoration and quality sisterhood time. Keynote speakers include; Darlene Zschech, Laura Roland, Sr Mary Rachel OP, Jonathan and Karen Doyle, Jo Hayes, Justine Cumbo, Francine Pirola and more. More Info: www.sisterhood.org.au.

St Mary MacKillop College Celebrations - 18 Mar. Current and former staff of Mackillop, St Peter's and Padua are invited to a 20th Anniversary Brunch commencing at 10.30am at the Isabella Plains Campus. RSVP to events@mackillop.act.edu by Friday 9 March 2018.

3rd Public Forum of Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn, Thurs. 22 March, 7pm for 7.30pm, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton. Francis Sullivan, CEO, Truth Justice and Healing Council, will provide an analysis of the Royal Commission's final report. We will also hear how we the laity, the people of God of this Archdiocese, might develop an effective role in our future church. (www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org)

End of Life Choices - 23 Mar. Submission are urgently needed from ordinary ACT citizens regarding euthanasia. The ACT Legislative Assembly is conducting an inquiry into End of Life Choices and submissions are due on 23 March 2018. https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/in-committees/select_committees/end-of-life-choices. Most needed are short personal stories of positive experiences of the palliative care of loved ones. If euthanasia or assisted suicide is legalised in the ACT, it is unlikely that palliative care will receive adequate funding in the future. For ideas to help you write your submission go to <http://www.noethanasia.org.au/issues>

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

Daramalan College Opening Evening —Tuesday 27 March. Tours 5.00-6.30pm. Opt info sessions for Yr 7, 2019 at 4.45pm & 7.00pm. Yr 11, 2019 Info Session at 6.00pm. Info: 62456348.

Season of Growth—11/12 – April, MacKillop House Conference Centre, 50 Archibald Street, Lyneham, 9.00am-3.30pm.

\$610 per person which includes a companion manual, journal and seminar workbook. Enquiries: Karen Muir 0428620 264 karen.muir@goodgrief.org.au

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

For Rent: One bedroom self contained Garden flat, Yaralumba. 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

Volunteer with Palms Australia- Get out there and be the Church, "bruised, hurting and dirty" - Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!** **Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/**

Catholic Voice March edition: catches up with Gowrie's Adeline Potter, who will become a Catholic at Easter. Other highlights include articles on Matthew Hutchison, the new headmaster of Marist College; and Joe Zavone, the new principal of St Edmund's College. The middle page feature article on Caroline Chisholm is sure to be of interest also.

Lifeline - Volunteers course 12/13 May—It takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to provide Lifeline's telephone crisis support services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, across Australia. Lifeline Canberra relies on support from the community to answer the crisis support line. By volunteering for Lifeline not only will you be making a difference to the lives of other Australians who use the Lifeline services, but you'll also be enriching your own life. Info: visit <https://www.act.lifeline.org.au> and follow the VOLUNTEER links or phone 61716300.

We pray for...

Those to be married: Anthony San Francesco & Carina Zeccola

Those who are ill: Sheila van Gent, 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: Anthony Tuskens, Joan Burton, Amparo C de Baez, Patrick Charles & Kerry Agnes Purcell, Annie Duffy, Edrie Mary Duffy, Ralph Martin, Muriel Robbie, Raffaele Franze, Austin Burns, May Ledger, William Lloyd, Alick Roberts, Jean Elizabeth Lennon, Catherine Semecky, Kevin Cranwell, Michael Conroy, John Hipwell, Jose Gonzales, Constance Jones, Daniela Caputo, Caterina Perre

Recently Deceased: Pandiyeth Thomas Mathai, Harry Savery, Maria Sanz, Joan Millard, Carlos Sullivan, Eugenia Prendergast, Anna Walter, 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-Williems,

Readings of the Day – Fourth Sunday in Lent —Year B

First Reading

2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' "

Second Reading

Eph 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Reading

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Lectors		Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
	10/11 Mar	17/18 Mar	10/11 Mar	17/18 Mar
6.00pm (SPC)	Judith Blundell Geraldene Ford	Sheila van Gent Mike Nash	Any available EMHC	Judy Blundell Frances Bulbrook
8.00am (SCC)	Jessica Neubeck Liza Quinn	Mineke Peerboom Phillip Pocock	Phil Pocock Liza Quinn	Mimmo Memmolo Tony Pelle
9.30am (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Jaye Longland	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Wilfred & Margaret Lawrence	Any available EMHC
11.00am (SCC)	Jonathan Lee Jacqueline Hipwell	Lynn Chan Christopher Bishop	Ceciley Matthews Lionel D'Cruze	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman
5.30pm (SCC)	Youth Mass	Arnel Basas Aoife Connors	Elizabeth Young	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

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