

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



Our Lord Jesus Christ
the King of the Uni-
verse
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23/24 Nov 2019

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Vicar General: Fr Tony Percy VG
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Norvin Dias

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (sung) & cuppa
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: 11.30am—12.00pm
Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm
Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

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

Adoration & Benediction

St Christopher's:

Friday weekly 5-6pm.
Adoration: First Friday of the
month 12.45-2pm.
Holy Hour & Benediction for dis-
cernment of Priestly vocations:
1st Thurs of the month 7-8pm

Baptisms

St Christopher's: 2nd & 4th
Sundays, 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's: 3rd
Sun, 10.30am

Weddings

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

St Peter Chanel's:
By arrangement

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Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm

Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Wednesday

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, and while the truth of this solemnity has always been held in the hearts of the faithful, the feast itself is a relatively newer one in Church history. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, the feast emerged for a very necessary and striking reason. This period in history had witnessed particularly turbulent and worrisome times, dictatorships had abounded in Europe and beyond, while secularisation had also grown. A noisy cocktail of war, division, fear and confusion thus reigned; yet in the midst of this loud cacophony continued the natural human search for identity, security and... an answer.

Jesus had long been referred to throughout the ages as King, however, in the first part of the 20th century the Church and all the faithful saw this knowledge of and reverence for His authority and Kingship waning. The noise of the world and human desires had begun to distract the human heart once again. In response, this feast sought to reaffirm and remind many of the only true, lasting and comforting Kingship. When we look around us today, I'm sure you would agree, that this feast is perhaps needed more now than ever.

Often in the scriptures Jesus evokes us to come away awhile and rest in Him. This past week the Archdiocesan clergy did just that on the annual clergy retreat. One thing that struck me again this past week, was the natural need for silence in a relationship with God, in order to hear Him speak. In the Power of Silence, Cardinal Robert Sarah noted just this, speaking against the 'dictatorship of noise' which takes the human heart away from God. In a world where noise abounds, where technology and materialism continue to distract and viciously claim us for their own, we are reminded of the centrality and strength of silence. Only in silence can the human person truly know God and thus themselves. Only here can they discover their true King. And so with so much noise, moments of true silence only become more necessary.

Cardinal Sarah acknowledges that while "silence is difficult... it makes a human being able to allow themselves to be led by God." In this way, "[it] is more important than any other human work. For it expresses God. The true revolution then comes from silence; it leads us toward God and others so as to place ourselves humbly and generously at their service."

Silence is not then an absence, but quite the contrary, the revelation of a presence, "the most intense of all presences". "The real questions of life are posed in silence. Our blood flows through our veins without making any noise, and we can hear our heartbeat only in silence."

Pope Francis too writes of how "the Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways... at every moment. Yet we simply cannot do without the silence of prolonged prayer, which enables us better to perceive God's language, to interpret the real meaning of the inspirations we believe we have received, to calm our anxieties and to see the whole of our existence afresh in his own light." The Pope concludes: "In this way, we allow the birth of a new synthesis that springs from a life inspired by the Spirit."

As we approach the season of expectant waiting for the Nativity of Jesus (which too occurred in a certain silence), let us consciously avoid 'filling' every space and time with projects, activities and noise, but rather let us not be afraid to create moments and places of silence, both within and outside ourselves. For when we do this, we become aware of God's voice in a way we may have never noticed before; and thus the voices of those around us. In silence we can hear and feel Jesus, as the Lord and King of our Life.

Let us not forget, a king is usually one who stands far off and acts through armies from the safe, glorious heights of his castle... but not our King! He comes and suffers with his people. He enters the mess and scandal of our lives! But most strikingly He reveals Himself in the silence of a manger and the depths of the human heart.

As one Body let us continue to make the journey, together. Know always of your priests' prayers for you.

Fr Trenton

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Jaki Kane

RCIA—Fr Trenton van Reesch
Weekly on Thursdays, 6pm

School of Religion

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 25 Nov	34th Week in Ord. Time
Tue 26 Nov	34th Week in Ord. Time
Wed 27 Nov	34th Week in Ord. Time
Thu 28 Nov	34th Week in Ord. Time
Fri 29 Nov	34th Week in Ord. Time
Sat 30 Nov	St Andrew, apostle
Sun 1 Dec	1st Sunday of Advent

Legion of Mary
Wednesday at 6.15pm
Haydon Hall

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*
Geetanjali Rogers - 0438 585 177

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

Spanish Community
*First Sunday of the month at
11.30am SPC*

African Community
*Second Sunday of the month at
11.45am SPC*

Filipino Community
*First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC*

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

FUNERAL NOTICE FOR DAVID CUSACK—Tues 26 Nov, 10am at St Christopher's Cathedral. May he rest in peace.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES are found amongst your Planned Giving Envelopes and at the Church exits. Completed envelopes can be placed on either collection plate, placed in the baskets in front of the altar (which are emptied by the office multiple times a day) or dropped into the parish office.

FRIAR ALESSANDRO CONCERT: Mon 9 Dec, 6pm, St Christopher's Cathedral: You are invited to an evening of Christmas music with internationally acclaimed Franciscan singer Friar Alessandro. Friar is on his first tour to Australia and will be accompanied by Vivian Choi (Piano) and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. **ENTRY FREE or By Donation** with all donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** via www.voicefrommassisi.org.au There is also a Parish sign-up sheet in the Church.

CAROL SERVICE Thursday 12 Dec, 7.30pm, St Christopher's Cathedral. Featuring the Cathedral Choir and the St Thomas More's Children's Choir, brass and organ. All welcome to join in this Christmas celebration.

CATHEDRAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY—13 Dec, 6-8pm, Haydon Hall. Drinks provided. Please bring either a savoury, salad or sweet plate to share. Sign up Food Sheets will be in the churches so you can indicate what you would like to bring to share. RSVP to Parish office numbers attending and what food you can share—62399846.

FOR SALE—**The Way—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2019** - \$5.00 per copy. Inspired by our Blessed Mother and John the Baptist who pointed the Way to Jesus, this year's reflection book, *The Way*, provides a wonderful opportunity for us to take a quiet daily walk with our Lord and listen to him guide us on the Way to holiness through his Son.

The Way is an 84-page pocket-size book containing short, spiritually rich daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (1 December 2019) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 January 2020) primarily for personal use, but also appropriate for group use such as parish, Church agency, religious community and school staff/class prayer. Please place your \$5.00 payment per booklet in the poor box in the Franklin Street entrance.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—The Archdiocese has produced a short guide to be used for prayer in our parishes and communities, especially in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. The guide can be accessed electronically at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/religious-resources/>. Download the pdf to your device. Printed copies will also be made available soon.

JOB VACANCY—YOUTH MINISTER—At the heart of our Church is a call to belong, believe and become. To invite young people to answer this call, and draw them into the life and mission of the Church, schools and Parishes across the Archdiocese have employed established Youth Minister positions. If you are a young adult and want to be employed on a year of formation and mission, we invite you to become a Youth Minister in 2020 in the Cathedral Parish community. For more information, visit cgyouthministry.org.au/ youthministers or email youth@cg.org.au

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL—GIVING TREE. Boxes are in the Cathedral and St Peter Chanel's for parishioner's to contribute hamper items (non-perishable foods) and gifts—refer to posters for ideas for St Vinnies to distribute to families in need. All contributions are required by 9 December. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer for all those who have died.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls, you uphold us in life and sustain us in death: to you be glory and praise for ever! For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright and morning star brings to his saints the light of life. As you give light to those in darkness who walk in the shadow of death so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants, that death may be for them the gate to life and to unending fellowship with you; where with your saints, you live and reign, one in the perfect union of love now and for ever. **Amen.**

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT SESSIONS—

Theme: How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is Inclusive, participatory & synodal. 6.30-9pm: 10 Dec 2019, St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Loch St, Yarralumla.



OTHER NEWS

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: Perth, 8-10 Dec 2019. ACYF is the biggest national gathering of Catholic young people in Australia. Experience live bands and international speakers, engaging workshops, powerful prayer experiences and more. Explore the diversity and beauty of the Catholic Church with over 5,000 other youth and young adults from around Australia. The Archdiocese will be taking a small group (18 & over). Costs: appr. \$1,550 pp. Info: Huw.Warmenhoven@cg.org.au.

CALVERY HOSPITAL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STALL—27-28 Nov., 8am-4pm, Lewisham Bldg Foyer, Bruce. Info: Pat Graham, 0403 797 192

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS: BUILDING BLOCK OF THE FUTURE CHURCH—28 Nov, 7.30pm, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton. **Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn** will hold a public forum. Francis Sullivan, former director of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council will speak on "Pastoral Councils: New Wine New Wine Skins". Enquire Kevin Vassarotti: 0406376616.

WISDOM OF THE DESERT RETREAT—29 Nov, St Clements's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong. An explanation of what humanity is when it is in touch with God through Jesus Christ led by Carmel Moore rsj and Jan Wylie. Email info@stclement.com.au or P 02 6380 5222.

ADVENT REFLECTION & CAROLS, St Monica's, Evatt, 7 Dec. 'Come Let Us Adore Him'. This is a Christmas program with a difference! Please join us for

ST CAECILIA'S CHOIR CAROL SERVICE Sunday, 8 Dec. 7.30pm, Chapel of St John the Evangelist, ANU. All welcome. Contact: Maria Henry on mrhnrj@gmail.com.

A PROFOUNDLY REWARDING MISSION—Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are five places left on Palms Australia's January 4th – 12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning any time in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au

NORTH CANBERRA ECUMENICAL NATIVITY FESTIVAL—11-15 Dec. Exhibition of 200 Nativity scenes from 40 countries showing diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story: from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam, from India to the Inuits of the Canadian Arctic. (Ph: 0412-376-324). 11-13 Dec, 2:30pm-4:00pm – Kids & Families. 14-15 Dec, 9:00am-7:00pm – Public Exhibition. St Margaret's Hall, Cnr. Antill St. & Phillip Ave, Hackett. Contact: Keith at linard.keith@gmail.com.

Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT—LOOKING GLASS PERCUSSION: 14 Dec, 7pm, Holy Cross Anglican Church, Antill St. Hackett. Canberra Symphony Orchestra free Christmas Concert. Contact: Anna at linard.anna@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT—15 Dec, St Margaret's & Holy Cross Church, Hackett. From 6.00pm with free Community BBQ / Sausage Sizzle (& Nativities viewing) followed by Carols by Candlelight at 7.00pm. An initiative of Holy Rosary Catholic, Holy Cross Anglican & St Margaret's Uniting Churches. Contact: Anna at linard.anna@gmail.com

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT - The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

SAVE OUR CHAPLAINS CAMPAIGN—starting next week, this campaign seeks the reversal of the ACT government's decision to ban school chaplaincy in ACT government schools at the end of this year. You are encouraged to visit www.saveourchaplains.org & 1. vote 'Yes', 2. like the Facebook page & 3. if on Twitter or Instagram, follow the campaign accounts links to the campaign website.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH—Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or by email tribunal@cg.org.au. All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL - Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the famous letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 10N pilgrimage led by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Kusadasi, Crete, Santorini, Hosios Loukas, Delphi, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Kavala for an all-inclusive Land Package price of \$4490 + Tips. The fare includes Entrances & Sites as per itinerary + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 3N Cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. 2020 Departures Available: 12th May 2020 and 20th Oct 2020. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email usinfo@magiholidays.com.au

Prayer for the Blessing of Rain

Lord God, Bless Australia – our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.



Grant, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new. May we receive the blessing of abundant rain so that the "desert blooms with the life that lies in wait." We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



Tap & Go PayWave Machine to contribute to the Church collections without the necessity of carrying cash. Please PayWave your card at the pre-set Tap N Go machine located in the Church Foyer when you exit the church. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

We pray for...

Those to be married: Brian Thorpe & Georgia Yunakovic

Those to be baptised: Hamilton Snow; Lincoln Snow; Hazel Sliwka-Dawes; Ivy Beaumont; Acacia Aniversario

Those who are ill: John Beckhouse, Lucy Duncan, Peter Sutherland, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Bruce Kennedy, Betty O'Neill, Anthony, Lisette D'Cruze, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin

Anniversaries of death: Anna Maria Murphy, Barbara Crossin, Gerald Billings, Dorothy Simmons, Ken O'Toole, Paul Webber, Mario Damo, Shane Christopher Greenwood, Maurizio Scarpino, Milka Fink, Lady Nora Randall, Gladys Robertson, Alma Back, Molly Broash, Anna Murphy, Joan Pederson, Gaetano De Simone, Giulio Pantano, Frank Colvin, Mary Roots, Alison Waldren, Michael (Jock) McGuigan, Blair Brookes, Thomas Green, Alyson Edwards, Vincenzo Belmonte, John Robertson, Margaret Frawley, Tan Roberts, Garry O'Donnell

Recently Deceased: David Cusack, Anica Soldo, John Gallagher, David Askew, Andrew Italiano, Stanley Marris, Patricia Brennan (Mother of Fr Frank Brennan) Desmind Maquire, Patrick Maher, Florence Taylor, Pasquale Caggiano, Rosalie Novak, Betty O'Brien, Norman Stevenson, John Arganese, Antonio Russo,

Readings of the Day – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe —Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

First Reading

2 Sm 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Second Reading

Col 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Reading

Lk 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER				
Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
<i>Mass</i>	<i>23/24 Nov</i>	<i>30 Nov/1 Dec</i>	<i>23/24 Nov</i>	<i>30 Nov/1 Dec</i>
6.00pm (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Marcelle Disanayake	Felicity de Fombelle Wanda Kaucz	Pieter van Gent	Mary Debus Sue Buckingham
8.00am (SCC)	Liza Quinn Scott Pobihun	Assigned Liza Quinn	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle	Mineke Peerboom
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Longland Melissa Kent	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Colliss Parrett	Colliss Parrett
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Jacqueline Hipwell	Leeann Galloway Edwina Hyman	Liz Porra Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Bronwen Grey
5.30pm (SCC)	Gabrielle Wright Leeann Galloway	Peter Carrigy-Ryan Kristina Faigl	Tony Croke Lionel D'Cruze	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

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