



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



Palm Sunday
Year A
2nd April 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
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YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER
8th August 2022-
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Parish Secretary: Anita Piper — 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Thursday. Office Closed Friday-Sunday

Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—8am-4pm Friday

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &
12.15pm

Saturday (& Public Holidays):
9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Thursday: 10.00am

Anointing Mass (2nd Thurs of month)

Reconciliation

St Christopher's

Wednesday: 11.30am-12.00noon

Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

Adoration

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 5.00-6.00pm

Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon-Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun
4:45pm

Baptisms

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

PALM SUNDAY

Today we carry palms and process in remembrance and imitation of Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. He was welcomed by adoring crowds, who hailed Him as the Son of David, and lined the sides of the road and throwing down palms and cloaks (in the same way that we might roll out a red carpet to welcome significant guests).

Who were these crowds we imitate?

They were faithful Jews from all across the ancient world who had returned to Jerusalem to offer worship and sacrifice at the Temple. They were good people fulfilling their obligation to celebrate the Passover. Some of these would have been local but others like St. Simon of Cyrene would have travelled from far away, among them Jews from Greece, Africa, India, Babylon and Rome.

We can imagine what the atmosphere in Jerusalem would have been like, hundreds of thousands of visitors returning to their spiritual home, to their ancestral land, bringing with them all their news, and their exciting and exotic goods, families and tribes spread across the old world would be reunited. This annual celebration of Passover not only celebrated the Jewish identity but also gathered the people together again.

It would only be natural for the Jewish people to remember their long history and their many sufferings, to contemplate their identity and wonder about what God has planned for their future. These people would hope for a prophet or a leader to show them what they ought to do, how they ought to live. Seeing the enormous crowds, it would not be absurd for some of the Jews to contemplate rebellion and independence. This sheds some light on the worldly aspect of the messiah. Hailing Jesus as the Son of David (a King) was a political act, we are fortunate that He wasn't taken and arrested straightaway.

Jesus had been active for about three years so it is probable that most of the crowd had heard about Him as a prophet and miracle worker, a figure comparable to John the Baptist. They would have been eager to hear him preach, if not for their own knowledge then possibly, to be a part of some drama or to be able to tell their friends they heard this famous man speak.

For this moment, Jesus is the most popular man in Jerusalem. Yet within a week, He will die alone on a cross. Where were these crowds? They had turned their backs on this man they claimed to love; this same crowd who sang 'Hosanna' would shout 'Crucify Him'.

Let us imitate the crowds in their welcome and reception of Jesus, but let us surpass them in our faithfulness. Let us pray that we will never be swayed this way or that way, but that we will never turn our back on our Lord.

Fr Alexander



NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA

*Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office*

School of Religion

Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon April 3 Monday of Holy Week
Chrism Mass
Tues. April 4 Tuesday of Holy Week
Wed. April 5 Wednesday of Holy Week
Thurs. April 6 The Lord's Supper
Fri. April 7 Passion of the Lord
Sat. April 8 Holy Saturday
Sun. April 9 EASTER SUNDAY

PARISH GROUPS

Legion of Mary
*Monday at 5.30pm
(Haydon Hall)*

St Vincent de Paul

Good Shepherd Prayer Group
*Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)*

Christian Meditation
Saturday at 4:30pm SPC

Other Communities

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

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

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

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

- Good Friday is a day of fasting & abstinence (no meat).
- The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.



PLEASE NOTE: The 12:15pm Mass on Tuesday 4 April will be moved back 1 hour and will be held at 1:15pm.

CHRISM MASS 2023– Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 3 April 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

Holy Week 2023

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL

Palm Sunday — Sunday 2 April

Chrism Mass — Monday 3 April, **5:00pm**

Maundy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper — Thursday 6 April, **7:30pm**

Good Friday — The Lord's Passion — Friday 7 April, **3pm**

Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil — Saturday 8 April, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday — Sunday 9 April, 8am, 11am & 5pm

ST PETER CHANEL'S

Maundy Thursday — Mass of The Lord's Supper — 7:00pm

Good Friday — Stations of the Cross — 10am

Easter Sunday Mass — Sunday 9 April, 9:30am

This Palm Sunday – March for those Seeking Refuge

PALM SUNDAY RALLY 2023 – Vinnies supports refugees and asylum seekers who've been on temporary visas for a decade. Thousands are unable to seek permanent protection in a fair and timely way. Vinnies invites you to join the Palm Sunday Rally, Garema Place, **1.00pm on 2 April**. There we'll call for "Permanent Protection for All", so that these remaining people can re-build their lives free of fear and uncertainty. - Tim McKenna, Vinnies Refugee Support, Canberra-Goulburn



RCIA: Let us keep in our prayers our brothers and sisters **Francis Beringer, Samantha Hazlett, Chelsea Trinh, Deny Sim, Joseph Boutin, Sherly Tatang, Sam Thatcher, Anne-Mari Siiteri, Jessica Leahan, & Ruben Japp**, who will be welcomed into the Church and receive full sacramental communion at the Easter Vigil. Their faith and commitment are a source of great inspiration for our community, and it has been a joy to journey with each of them over the past eight months!



NOTICES

Giving and Receiving— Direct debit and QKR options are available, as well as TapnGo machines Thank you sincerely for your generosity. If you are able, perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collection via direct debit .
The First collection: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese. If you make an offering through direct debit, please include that you are a parishioner of the Cathedral Parish.

BSB: 062-786 Account Name: CATHEDRAL
Bank Account: 000029248 Reference: FORREST & SURNAME

The Second collection: contributes to parish mission and maintenance. If you would like to give and are not currently registered for Planned Giving, please deposit into the following bank account:

BSB: 062786 Account Name: St Christopher's Cathedral
Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
or Donation (parishioners not registered Planned Givers).

For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/

Thank you for your generosity

PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL 2023 – Please take a *Project Compassion* box or set of donation envelopes to support *Caritas Australia* this Lent. You can donate at caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or at 1800 024 413.

ARCHBISHOP LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER— Find the Archbishop's full letter on our website :) cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx

CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit caretaxi.com.au, or 0451 734 334.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT NIGHT— for priestly and religious vocations will be held on Thursday 6th April at St. Brigid's Presbytery 5:30pm, a paschal lamb dinner, followed by the Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, with quiet time with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Rsvp essential contact Fr Emil on emil.milat@cg.org.au

ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS - the annual ecumenical public Stations of the Cross will begin at 11am on Good Friday at the *Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture*, Barton, with local church leaders taking part. All are welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND APPEAL— The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In 2022, Australian Catholics helped generously raise \$1.4 million. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Pope Francis encourages us in this appeal. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and keep them in your prayers, visit myfranciscan.org/good-friday



Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour “new wine into fresh wineskins” (Mk 2:22) Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Archdiocese in the years ahead. St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor pray for us. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and guide our parishes, pray for us.
Amen.

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: Chris Nebauer, Peter Ryan, Francesco & Francesca Barbaro, Natalina Servello, Anne Lynch, Tim Ayers, Patrick Develin, Vince Gallagher, Madeline Nogrady, Fr John Butz, Brian O'Donovan, Catherine Nancarrow, Bruno Pini, Giustina Cadona, Ingrid Kemp, John Keating,

Recently Deceased: Agnes Shea, James Goldrick, Karen Lang, Eric Barros, Santina Zavone, Amelia Ciampa, Leon Gerathy, Bishop David O'Connell, Hayden Marsh, Clara Yee, Victims in Syria & Turkey, displaced and refugees from Ukraine, Remziye Yucel, Shelley Cameron, Tom McClelland, Father Neville Drinkwater OAM

Palm Sunday –Year A — 1/2 April



Cathedral QR code

Responsorial: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

First Reading

Is 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Mt 26:16– 27:66

Please refer to sheets

READERS ROSTER APRIL				
Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	1/2 April	8/9 April	1/2 April	8/9 April
5.00pm (SCC)	Ruth Meadows Stewart Unwin	7:30pm Easter Vigil		
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Fiona Wheeler	N/A		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Marcus Smith	Marcus Smith Phil Pocock		
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Corcoran Damien Balachandran	Wanda Kaucz Tarinya Hannedege		
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Bianca Goh	Jacqueline Hipwell Leszek Buszynski	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Becky Langworthy Jacob Madden	Rebekah O'Meagher Francilia Gomes		

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