

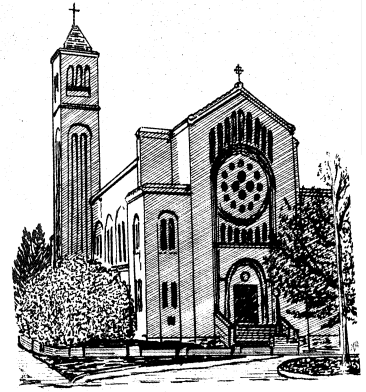
# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

Pentecost Sunday  
— Year A

31 May 2020

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



Masses will be offered with a maximum of 20 people present until further notice. Bookings essential one day prior.

## PARISH OFFICE

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

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

## Sunday Mass

### St Christopher's

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

**Sat. Vigil:** 5.00pm

**Sunday:** 8.00am, 9am  
11.00am (livestreamed),  
5.30pm & 6.30pm

### St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,  
Yarralumla ACT

**No Masses due to maintenance**

## Weekday Mass

### St Christopher's

**Monday to Friday:** 7.30am,  
12.15pm (livestreamed) & 5pm

**Saturday:** 9.00am  
(livestreamed), 12.15pm & 5pm

### St Peter Chanel's

**No Masses due to maintenance**

## Reconciliation

### St Christopher's

**Wednesday:** 11.00am—11.30am

**Thursday:** 6.00 - 6.30pm

**Saturday:** 11.00am - 12noon

### St Peter Chanel's

**Sunday:** 2.00-3.00pm outside

## Adoration

### St Christopher's

**Monday to Friday:** 5.30-6.30pm

### St Peter Chanel's

**Sunday:** 2.00-3.00pm outside

## Baptisms

**Sundays:** 12.30pm

## Weddings

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

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

Dear Parishioners of St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

### Pentecost: The Descent of the Holy Spirit

With great joy we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost— 50 days after the Resurrection, it marks the last day of the Easter Season. Jesus has risen into heaven (the Ascension) and now the Father and the Son send us the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate just as Jesus had promised! And yet what's striking is the fact that Pentecost begins in the last place we would expect! The disciples are huddled in the upper room, with doors locked...why? For *fear*! Fear and uncertainty have seized them – paralysed after all that has happened, they're trapped. These days of isolation have allowed us, in a certain way, to experience a feeling similar to those disciples following that *first* Easter experience. What's next? Where does this leave us? And perhaps the deeper question within...Where is *He* in this?!

In this moment however everything changes, forever. A certain joy that was absent is now restored. Confidence returns, as God breaths His life into His Church! For after all, a body without breath is dead...

The Lord now walks through the locked door! Certainly no barrier. And the first words He speaks are words of *peace*; words spoken no less to you and I this day amid the fear and uncertainty of corona virus and our own personal burdens. And immediately after his greeting, Jesus draws attention not to His glory but to His *wounds*. Any reflection on Jesus' wounds is a reflection on the wounds of you and I. Jesus does not appear without them, but with wounds transformed, our wounds. This is significant. The knowledge that we are wounded sets us free. It sets us free from becoming self-referential and reminds us of our life and dependence in Christ. In Jesus our wounds are transformed and our weaknesses becomes the place of joy, because it is the place where Jesus is found.

It is the Holy Spirit breathed into each of us, the Church, this day that makes such a life possible! Jesus breathes and at that moment the doors burst open and all fear that once seized the disciples is dispelled. They are no longer trapped and nor are we! This image recalls God's breathing over the waters in the beginning and more significantly His breathing into the corpse of Adam in the creation story. And now God breathes life into His beloved Church and gives Her birth. It is no longer a corpse, but a living Body, His Body.

And what is the outcome? They go out into the world, witnessing just as Jesus commanded them: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21).

These days can be confusing but take courage – it is a good time, because it is a time which images the fertile ground of the early Church. The Holy Spirit is working in His Church as He always has. Our God is so very close, and today He breaths once more the Spirit of Truth and Life, the Spirit of Comfort and Joy into his Body – you and I.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.  
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*

Fr Trenton van Reesch

"The sending down of the Holy Spirit on the nascent Church filled them with joy and strengthened their faith. We all need an infilling of this joy and faith in our own tough times too."

Archbishop Christopher

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Director of Music:** Jaki Kane

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

**School of Religion**

**Youth Minister**—Chiara Catanzariti  
Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 1 Jun	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tue 2 Jun	9th week in Ordinary time
Wed 3 June	Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs
Thu 4 Jun	9th week in Ordinary time
Fri 5 Jun	St Boniface, bishop, martyr
Sat 6 Jun	9th week in Ordinary time
Sun 7 Jun	The Most Holy Trinity

### **Group gatherings in recess for the moment**

**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*

**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**

Today, Pentecost Sunday, we invoke the Holy Spirit to renew the Church and the world. One of the most beautiful prayers in our Liturgy is the **Sequence of Pentecost**, proclaimed before the Gospel. In it we pray that God, the Holy Spirit, would soften our hearts, that we may be truly transformed by His power, to be filled, shaped and moulded by God. Come, Holy Spirit!

#### Sequence of Pentecost

*Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow; Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray. Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.*

#### **Cathedral Masses— Mon-Fri, 7:30am, 12.15pm and 5.00pm**

In accordance with government restrictions, from 30 May, only 20 people are permitted in the church at any one time. Each Mass must be limited to 20 parishioners or less. Please email the parish office to see what Masses might be possible to attend. Bookings are essential at least one day prior to the date you want to attend. Call 6239 9846 or email cathedral@cg.org.au before 4.30pm Mon-Fri. Physical distancing rules still apply.

**Reconciliation** - St Christopher's Cathedral only : Wednesday: 11.00am—11:30pm; Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm; Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon.

\*Protocols will be reviewed daily, that we might get back to a regular sacramental program as soon as is safe and possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**A Watchful Eye:** The Cathedral will soon place security cameras around the cathedral precinct. This means the Cathedral will be able to remain opened for longer hours and ensure, after a recent wave of vandalism, that our Church is safe and secure. This project will also bring the Cathedral up-to-date with other churches and Cathedral security measures. If you are able to contribute monetarily to this project, even of the smallest amount, please contact the parish office.

**Planned giving Envelopes:** If you can't make financial contributions to the Parish electronically, please call the office to organise dropping off your Planned Giving envelope on 6239 9846.

#### **Saint Christopher's Youth & Young Adults**

**Primary School:** Sunday **Mass worksheets** are now available to print out on our website. When we return, our **Youth Group** will be starting and will be held around Sunday 9:30am Mass at St Peter Channel's. We would appreciate input on times. Please visit : <https://forms.gle/MqE8V2wpopmqDX8R7>

**High School students:** **ALPHA** every Tuesday 7pm-8pm on Zoom. Open to all students years 10- 12 Here what it's about: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3NBFjDOil>. Join us on: <https://zoom.us/j/99139267513>, Meeting ID: 991 3926 7513 & **Q&A** – make way for an event series to gather with friends, for the opportunity for Q and A on topics that are important to you.

**Young adults and professionals:** Bible study every Thursday night 6:30-7:30 on Zoom. New members are always welcome! Join 'Canberra Cathedral Young Adults' on Facebook to keep updated on all events. & **Q&A with FT:** This month we'll be starting some online inputs and Q & A with Fr Trenton. Stay tuned for more info coming soon. Chiara – Youth and Young Adults.

**Resuming Public Worship:** The Archbishop has continually expressed the *essential* nature of our practicing of the faith and to this end the bishops continue to speak with state and federal government about reopening of churches for public worship. Of course, the Christian is called to play their role in society and indeed this is what we have done - and we have done it well -ensuring the faithful implementation of precautions and protocols which protect all. Number restrictions we hope may again change during the week, so please consult the website to remain updated. Many of you are keen for this to happen soon and may wish to bring this to the attention of your local political leaders.

# OTHER NEWS

**Mass live streamed daily** from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Monday to Friday at 12:15pm, Saturday at 9:00am and Sunday at 11:00am.  
For daily reminders emails: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

## QKR! At Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish

### A New, Easier way to donate!

Join us in our trialing of Qkr! Similar to swiping your phone at an EFTPOS Machine you can now use our **purpose-built secure parish app** to contribute to our parish community. Payments for 1<sup>st</sup> (Clergy) & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Parish) are listed. Please ensure you include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. Contact the Parish Office if you have forgotten your Planned Giving number on 62399846. Caritas Project Compassion is also currently listed under "Special Appeals". For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish.

For step by step Qkr! instructions with pictures, please visit <https://cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/>

## Entrusting Australia to Mary, Help of Christians

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



**IN THESE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE :** <http://cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx>

**Zoom Get-Together for Engaged Couples next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7-8pm:** This Get-Together is about support and connection (rather than formation) and is open to any engaged couple regardless of whether they have already done marriage preparation. All engaged couples should feel free to just log in on the night at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85822518532?pwd=Z2N2NitQUWoyM3VCMzB4V0ptb3JCZz09> Meeting ID: 858 2251 8532, Password: 715655.

Couples can also register at <https://cgatholic.org.au/free-resource-pack> and will be sent link and reminder.

## How to still contribute financially to St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

As our churches are not open for Masses due to Corona Virus, our weekend collections are not being taken up. If you would like to contribute to the First Collection, you can make a direct transfer from your bank account.

**The First collection** is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond. Each priest in a parish draws a personal stipend from the first collection for living expenses, food and housekeeping. Funds are also directed to Priests in parishes where the first collection is insufficient to meet their stipend; the support of the Archbishop, Vicar General and Chancellor; Priests in remote dioceses across Australia; Clergy Retirement Foundation (in support of sick and retired clergy)

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

**The Second collection**, which includes the planned giving program, is the main source of our parish income. The second collection funds are used for the day to day running of our parish. That is to pay for the repairs, wages, insurance, utilities and the many other expenses incurred to keep our parish functioning. If you would like to give towards the Parish expenses 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 Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers); or Donation (by parishioner's not registered Planned Givers).

**Please visit [www.catholicvoice.org.au](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au) for more resources, prayers and news.**



So often we can feel isolated and alone, and these days during the lockdown this terrifying feeling can consume us even more. This is important to our parish and wider community, you are not alone, you are loved. **Need to talk? 02 616226100.** Or visit <https://catholiccare.cg.org.au/> Crisis support lines 24/7 Lifeline 13 11 14—Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467—Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800—Men's Line Australia 1300 78 99 78—Family Drug Support 1300 368 186



**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.

**FREE online courses—“Catholic Marriage Summit” June Thu 11<sup>th</sup> - Sat 13<sup>th</sup>** <https://www.joyfuleverafter.org/>

**Just about every high profile lay Catholic speaker you have heard of (50 in total, mostly US-based) along with their spouse, will give a 20 minute presentation on the day to day realities of living out the Sacrament of Marriage.**

**We pray for...**

**Those to be baptised:** Aleksandar Sekulic

**Those who are ill:** Linda Seaniger, Lauren Nihill, Arianna Vignale, Anna Vincent, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin, Mary Brennan

**Anniversaries of death:** Frank Brennan, Monica Cooper, Carla Pastrello, Peg O'Hehir, Jane Jennings, Stanley & Mollie Jones, Fr Viv Morrison, Alma Sainsbury, Jack Delaney, Kathleen Bennett, Frances Riordan, Allan Read, Max Bradley, Jean Sunner, Mary O'Brien, Mary Hehir, Jennifer Gowing, David Crossin, Sr Leonie Crotty, Peter Xavier, Michael Rheinberger, Marcus Mumford, Anthony Sullivan, Margaret Gillespie, Sandra Altrin, Robert Porra, Carmel Pickard, Thomas Clowry

**Recently Deceased:** Joyce Cook, Tony Donohoe, **Katarina Kish**, Sr Mary Agnes, Colleen Cotter, Keith McLaughlin, Peter Becker, Regina Paredes, Hilda Quinones,

## Readings of the Day – Pentecost Sunday —Year A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.*

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### First Reading

**Acts 2:1-11**

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

### Second Reading

**1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13**

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

### Gospel Reading

**Jn 20:19-23**

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'