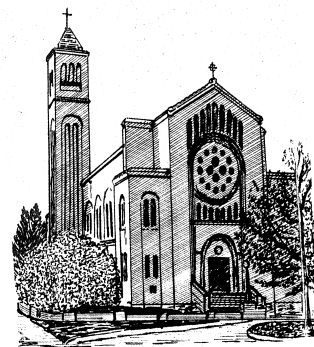


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

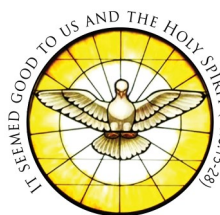


Pentecost Sunday,  
Year B  
19 May 2024

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YEAR OF THE  
HOLY SPIRIT  
August 2023– 2024

## Sunday Mass

### St Christopher's

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

**Sat. Vigil:** 5.00pm

**Sunday:** 8.00am,  
11.00am (livestreamed),  
5.00pm

### St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,  
Yarralumla ACT

**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

## 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

## Adoration

### St Christopher's

**Tuesday to Friday:** 5.00-6.00pm

### Rosary at the Cathedral

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

## Baptisms

### St Christopher's:

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

### St Peter Chanel's:

3rd Sunday: 10:30am

## Weddings

**St Christopher's:** Saturday

1.30pm & 3.00pm

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

## The Artisan of 'God's Masterpieces

As human beings we know if we don't breathe, we die. Breath is an essential condition to life. And yet, how often we take this most fundamental, rhythmic, and natural action for granted. We just breathe in and out, awake and asleep, and so life goes on.

Yet isn't it true, that every once in a while we become aware of our breathing, especially when suddenly stuck with shortness of breath!

Occasionally, focusing on what's taken for granted, can be a refreshing and even revelatory experience; especially for a wounded humanity, so prone to forgetting.

On Pentecost Sunday it is breath that we focus upon! And yet it is not our breath but God's. A Breath that is Life Itself... How often do we contemplate that?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* uses an incredibly beautiful and alluring term for the Holy Spirit, calling Him "the artisan of 'God's masterpieces'" (CCC, 1091). And it is true.

Whenever something happens in Scripture, indeed anywhere... it is always the Holy Spirit, the Divine Breathe and "masterpiece maker", who acts. In the beginning, darkness covers the earth, and the first sound to be heard is God breathing. The breath of God moves across the waters and what was nothing – through God's breath – becomes something!

God then walks in the garden, reaches down and breathes into the soil... and what do we hear? The 'Masterpiece Maker', God's breath, breathes life into clay and there is the human person.

Indeed that Jesus became flesh was only possible when this Divine Breath hovered over the womb of the Virgin Mary (Lk 1:35). And humanity was gifted the Greatest Masterpiece the Universe has ever known, the Master Himself, God now enfleshed!

It's what God the Father did again to raise Jesus from the dead. Jesus lying in the tomb was a corpse; contorted and bruised. Yet when the Father breathes the Holy Spirit into the corpse, Jesus rises into the magnificence of the risen life – never to be destroyed.

Friends that same *Breath* is now breathed into you and I, Christ's disciples. So that what God the Father did in the beginning to create the human being, he does now to create the Church. The story of Pentecost then, is the story of the 'Masterpiece Maker' now Breathed into us, that we too in Jesus are no longer a corpse, decaying and odorous, going nowhere! But a living Body, capable of living beyond fear and a lock the door.

The Breath of the Holy Spirit reveals to us two things. The first. That the Church is God's own. It's God's Body, imbued with God's Breath... and therefore... God's problem! And because of this, there is no wound, or apparent 'death' which can destroy this Body. For She is enlivened not by human breath, hands, or ideologies... but the Living Breath of God!

The second truth, is that this Breath of God echoes that we are a *living* Church. A living Body. Who Suffers, of course, but who more truly *Grows and Thrives!* The Church emergent from Christ's side, and the Upper Room this Pentecost day, is a Body which is breathing – for a Church without Breath is dead!

Friends, with this knowledge and certainly, with all that lay ahead for us personally, and as a church, including our own Archdiocesan Assembly this October (a historic gathering of the Local Church of Canberra and Goulburn) – we say *Come Holy Spirit, Artisan of God's Masterpieces!* Come into our hearts and lives. Come into the church who forever seeks the new, life-giving and creative breathe of God. Renew us, your Masterpiece in new and deeper ways.

Fr Trenton

"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

# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

*Ms Jaki Kane*

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### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon May 20 Mary Mother of the Church  
Tues May 21 7th Week in Ord. Time  
Wed May 22 7th Week in Ord. Time  
Thu. May 23 7th Week in Ord. Time  
Fri. May 24 Mary, Help of Christians  
Sat. May 25 7th Week in Ord. Time  
Sun May 26 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY,  
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## PARISH GROUPS

### 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.**

**PARISH MORNING TEA**— First Sunday of the month in the Haydon Hall after the 8am Mass. Everyone is welcome! Next date: **Sunday 2nd June.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI**— Over the weekend, at the 5pm Vigil Archbishop Christopher celebrated our Confirmandi with the *Gift of the Holy Spirit*. Join us in praying for these students and the out pouring of the Holy Spirit upon them: Zara Athaide, Luka Hobill, Bella Espinosa, Rory Carey, Louis Thompson, Augustus Campton, Mattes Mandic, Daniel Slater, William Weber, Edmund Gunn, Julia Mudge, Stephanie Doyle, Bethany Tam.



**SCHOOL OF RELIGION**— First Reconciliation classes start **Tues 4 June, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. 1st Reconciliation will take place on Wednesday **3 July 2024**. Please contact the office to enroll or for more information.

**CATECHESIS WITH FR ALEX**—Catechesis this week! For the next few weeks will cover the history of the Church from its very beginning through to today and even guess at what the future of Church might look like. This Monday we will look at the Church in the modern age 1789-1945. Come and join in, dinner and drinks provided. Monday **20<sup>th</sup> May**, Haydon Hall at **6:30pm**, bring a friend and make some more.

**READ AND FEED: CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB**— Focusing on cultivating a deeper spiritual life. Starting with *Spiritual Warfare and the Discernment of Spirits* by Dan Burke – an excellent introduction to the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Available to purchase from the Catholic Bookstore, Amazon, Dymocks, Parousia Media online store and/or Veritatis Publishing. Don't worry if you can't purchase the book as we'll be reading sections out loud on the night. Held every **Friday 7pm-8:30pm** in the **Haydon Hall**. Food and drinks provided.

**Grill'd & God Returns!** If you or someone you know is in high school from years 8 to 12, join us on the 21st of May for a night of live music, food and great conversations! Kick starting a youth 'Theology of the Body series', our first session is on 'Rizz & God' – all about finding authentic love amidst a culture of red flags. Join us on **Tuesday the 21st of May**, from **5pm to 7pm** at Grill'd in Manuka! For further enquiries, and to RSVP, email Anita Donaldson at [youth.cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:youth.cathedral@cg.org.au).

**Conversations on Faith** is back at **7pm** on Wednesday **22nd of May** with a new series on Faith and the Hard Books of the Bible. The first session will be how Christians today can understand the laws of the Old Testament and the Book of Leviticus. All are welcome.

**Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 - 7 August 6pm** We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University **Q&A:** Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter **For more information & tickets visit** [www.tfo.org.au](http://www.tfo.org.au)

**LAUDATO SI WEEK** – (19-26 May) To mark the week and as preparation for our October Archdiocesan Assembly, the Archdiocesan Office for Evangelisation is hosting our next synodal Roundtable on *Our Common Home*, Friday 24th May, 4:30-6pm – online and in the Haydon Hall. Register: [cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables/](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables/)

# 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.

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Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);  
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**OPEN LETTER TO ACT MLAs against upcoming VAD BILL—** show your support in opposing the Voluntary Assist Dying Bill 2023 by signing the petition <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/actcampaign> The aim is to reach 10,000 signatures. To find out more <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/about>

**National Day of Prayer – 18 May 2024.** St John's Anglican Church hall in Reid. Join us to pray for a National Awakening that will bring Revival and Transformation to Australia. Thank you for your support for prayer for our nation! [australiaprays.com.au/](http://australiaprays.com.au/)

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

**menALIVE** - A weekend for Men featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, & space to reflect. Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged & inspired at weekends across Aust. Now, MHOc Parish menALIVE weekend is being organised in Pearce, conducted by experienced leaders from the menALive Team. Register with QR Code or <https://canberracatholic.men>. See flyer in church. Enq, ph/text Mat Wolnicki 0438 446 489, Fr Emil 0414 523 036, or Adam Wojtonis 0422 212 881.

**St Clare's College – Enrolling Now.** St Clare's College Canberra is thrilled to share with you the exciting news that we are providing an additional Try A Day session on **Wednesday 22 May** for students who could not attend the first session. It will give future students a glimpse of what makes St Clare's College truly special. For families wishing to view the College, there is still time! Contact our Enrolments Team to book your personalised College Tour. To learn more visit our website: <https://stcc.act.edu.au/alerts/shape-your-future/> Contact our Enrolment Officer: [enrolments@stcc.act.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@stcc.act.edu.au) **Did you know: ACT Catholic secondary schools do not have defined priority enrolment areas. Students in ACT can enrol in any ACT Catholic secondary school regardless of their residential location.**



## Year of the Holy Spirit

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

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 rejoice in His  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

#### We pray for...

**Those to be baptised:** Evelyn Seselja

**Those who are ill:** Cyrus & Maximus Mee, Maria Louisa, Rose Hook, Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano, Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

**Anniversaries of death:** Alyssa Henley, Judy Cummins, 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, Denis Hogan, Joyce Cook, Katarina Kish, Rita O'Connor, Stephen Brooks, Iluminada del La Rosa

**Recently Deceased:** Sheila van Gent, Kevin Conlan, Emilia Belmonte, Domenico Barbatano, Sam Catanzariti, Maria Gallo, Victims of the Bondi Junction attack, Ian "Bob" McPherson, Tom Greally, Keith Drury, Ger-Jan Bruins OSA, John Morrison, Maria Gelones, Theresia Beli Naijes (mother of Fr Joseph Neonbasu), Archbishop Francis Carroll,

# Pentecost Sunday—Year B — 18/19 May



Cathedral QR code

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

**Responsorial:** 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.

## 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

**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

**John 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.'

### READERS ROSTER MAY

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Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	18/19 May	25/26 May	18/19 May	25/26 May
5.00pm (SCC)	<b>SOR Confirmation Children</b>	Jacob Madden Samantha Hazlett		
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Zvon Seselja	Zvon Seselja		
9.30am (SPC)	Kristina Faigl Marcelle Disanayake	Damien Balanchandran Jaye Longland		
11.00am (SCC)	Samantha Hazlett Cecilia Flores	Leeann Galloway Jacqueline Hipwell	Edwina Hyman Bianca Goh	Jacqui Ramesh Kathy Ruston
5.00pm (SCC)	Lynette Yap Francilia Gomes	Anthony Brierley Rebekah O'Meagher		

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