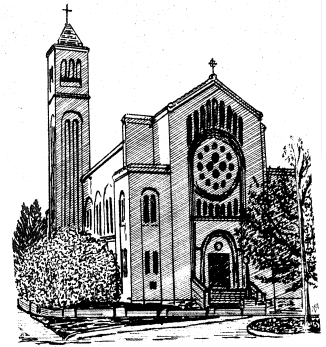


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

Pentecost Sunday
Year B -
23 May 2021

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



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Masses numbers at
St Christopher's &
St Peter Chanel's
will be limited until
further notice.



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Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.30pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil

Sunday: 9.30am
2.00-3.00pm Adoration
& Confessions

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &
12.15pm

Saturday: 9.00am & 12.15pm

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-12.00noon

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

Tuesday to Friday: 5.00-6.00pm

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Dear parishioners and visitors,

All living things have a birthday, and the Church, as a living organism, has Pentecost as Hers. With great joy then, we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost; fifty days after the Resurrection, it marks the last day of the Easter Season. Jesus has ascended into heaven and now the Father and the Son send us the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Breath of God, just as Jesus had promised!

We know how important breath is. If we human beings do not breathe, we die... so it is a matter of life and death! Yet how often do we take this most essential action for granted? We just breathe on, whether awake or asleep, and so too life goes on. Yet, occasionally, we become aware of that breathing, especially when we become 'short' of breath! How powerful it is to stop and pause, to pause and focus on something which we so often take for granted – something which really is a matter of life and death.

At Pentecost - this incredible moment in our human history - it is breath that we focus upon. Yet it is not our breath, but God's! The God who breathes, a breath that is life. How often do we think of that?

In the beginning, when darkness covered the earth, with only the chaos to reign, the first sound to pierce through is the sound of God breathing. The breath of God moves across the waters and the chaos is no more... what was nothing, by God's breath becomes... something!

As God walks in the Garden of Paradise, he reaches down, moulds the earth, and breathes into it. And what do we hear? God breathes into life the human person. And it is not only in Genesis. As the Son, who loved his Father to the end, lays in the tomb, the breath of God once more shudders the world and now even death itself. Jesus is raised from the dead. Jesus, once lying in the tomb, a corpse, wounded, contorted and bruised, now with the breath of God, is raised. God breathes the Holy Spirit into the flesh which is ours, and the fullness of life ensues. A life that can never be destroyed. In the story of Pentecost, what God did in the beginning to create us, he now does to create the Church, capable of living well beyond fear and death.

In the Gospel, we hear how the disciples are huddled behind locked doors. Yet once the breath of God floods forth, the doors burst open, fear is cast away, and they are no longer 'trapped'. But now, filled with the courage and life of God, they are sent out. The corpse has become a living body, which has conquered even death itself. Friends, this is you and I, this is the Church. God is with us! Why? Because God is in us! And now, we, like those up and down the ages, beginning from that first upper room, go out not into the streets of Jerusalem but the streets of the world.

The Breath of the Holy Spirit reveals to us two things. The first, that it is God's Church, not ours. God's Body, imbued with God's Breath... and therefore, God's problem. And because of this, there is no scandal, no wound, no attack that can ever destroy this Body which is enlivened not by human breath, human hands, human ideologies... but the living breath of God: The Holy Spirit! The second truth reveals that we are a living Church, a living body, which grows and thrives! We are a Church which is breathing. And so, in these days of great trial, of pandemic and suffering, we turn to the Church, the truth of who we are. And confident of that identity we move forward with joyful confidence and certainty, in a world which can so often be uncertain.

So on this day let us pray with great joy, especially as we prepare for October and the first session of the Plenary Council: Come Holy Spirit; Veni Sancte Spiritus. Come into the Church in Australia and the world, in new and deeper ways, so that just as the Church was born in the beginning by the power of the Spirit, so too there will be for us in this time a new birth, a new Pentecost.

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.

Father Trenton van Reesch
Administrator, St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

"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 MINISTRIES

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

RCIA

Please contact parish office for next program.

School of Religion

See ad under Parish News.

Youth Minister

Anh Tran

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 24 May OUR LADY, HELP of
CHRISTIANS
Tue 25 May Weekday, Ordinary Time
Wed 26 May St Philip Neri, priest
Thu 27 May Weekday, Ordinary Time
Fri 28 May Weekday, Ordinary Time
Sat 29 May Weekday, Ordinary Time
Sun 30 May The Most Holy TRINITY

Legion of Mary

*Monday at 5.30pm
Haydon Hall*

St Vincent de Paul

*Assisting people in need and
combatting social injustice in our
community*

Adventurers Youth Group

*(primary school age)
every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the
month, 8.45am - 9.25am @ SPC*

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

*Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)*

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm 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*

Filipino Community

*First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC*

Cathedral Tap & Go Machines

The tap machines in the Cathedral have been intermittently not working due to maintenance work on a nearby Optus mobile tower. This issue should be resolved by this weekend. However, parishioners are also welcome to donate during the collections or using the donation boxes in the Cathedral. Planned Giving through the Parish Office is also available.

Please see ways of giving at the bottom of the page.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA, 24 MAY — Daily Mass times on Monday are 7.30am, 12.15pm, and an additional 5pm Mass at the Cathedral.

INCLUSION SURVEY — As part of our continuing commitment to inclusion and access within the archdiocese, we will be continuing our survey started over Easter. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far. During June, there will be hard copies of the survey in the Cathedral and St Peter Chanel's Church with a box to return the forms into. There will also be an online version available on the parish website. We encourage everyone to take the short survey to help us know how we can care for you and your loved ones best.

POPE FRANCIS' ROSARY MARATHON FOR END OF COVID — Join May's global Rosary, at 30 Marian Shrines around the world, including St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney). St Christopher's is taking part in the Rosary marathon, with Rosary prayers at 8am weekdays, 11:30am Saturdays and 4:30pm Sundays. Rosary packs are available in foyers.

PLENARY COUNCIL — Oct 2021 & April 2022. As the journey continues, you are invited to prayerfully read the Working Document ('Instrumentum Laboris') <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/instrumentum-laboris/> If you've missed our denary zoom gathering last Friday, where we shared our thoughts on the document. The next meetings will be: Western Deanery – 12pm Tues, 25 May & for the Northern Deanery – 5pm Fri, 28 May. To find out what Deanery you are in and to register: <https://cgatholic.org.au/plenary/> Let us continue forward, together!

ST BEDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - ENROLLING NOW!

A Small Catholic primary school K-6, with a Big Community. Come and Visit!
Call office on 6295 6559, or drop by 55 Hicks St, Red Hill ACT

MUSICIANS AT SPC — Saint Peter Chanel's is seeking musicians to help enrich the liturgy through their musical gifts. If you are interested in helping with either weekend Mass or have any questions please contact the parish office.

PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE CHECK IN CBR APP — To assist with COVID-19 compliance and data collection requirements, use the "Check In Cbr" App. Download onto your smartphone and register, then simply scan QR code at the church entrance each visit.

2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Wednesday, 26 May 2021** at 6.00pm. Please keep the children preparing for Confirmation in your prayers. **First Reconciliation** classes start 13 Jul for 11 Aug. **First Eucharist** classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept. More information and Enrolment forms can be found on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846.

Parish Collections

Like many in our community, our parish has felt the Covid financial pinch. The finance council encourage you to consider recommencing your weekly financial contributions. Please consider direct debt and electronic forms of contribution to parish planned giving. Thank you for your generosity and support of your parish.

New ways of Giving

- Direct Debit
- Qkr app
- Tap & Go
- Collection Point

More information:
www.cg.org.au/cathedral or
contact Parish office 6239 9846.

Mass will be live streamed from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Sunday at 11:00am. The congregation will be filmed during the livestreaming. <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

PRESENT PROTOCOLS - Please be familiar with current guidelines

- In accordance with government restrictions, 260 people are permitted in the Cathedral, respecting the 2sqm p/p rule.
- ALL PARISHIONERS & VISITORS **MUST USE THE CBR CHECKIN APP** AND sign in upon entry (including children) . Records are destroyed after 28 days.
- Communion is received in the hand only & not under the species of the Precious Blood.
- Physical distancing rules still apply. Please use hand sanitiser upon entry and clean your pew/space with the wipes provided.
- Please sit where there is a 'Please sit here' marker. *NB:* Families can sit together.
- There will be no physical contact at the sign of peace.
- Please **DO NOT** return bulletins, but keep or dispose of appropriately. **Please maintain social distancing 1.5m, at all times, including in the single line formed to receive Holy Communion.** Blue squares and yellow markers on the tiles indicate these distances.

Mary Help of Christians Patroness of Australia, Feast Day 24 May.

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

Canberra Catholic Bookshop— Extensive range of Sacramental & Religious Gifts, Books, Music & Church Supplies - You are always welcome: Opening Hours—Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm; Saturday 9 am – 1 pm. Ph: 6239 9888, Ground floor, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.



Protection of Babies who Survive Abortion— #1. 23 May, 7pm-8.30pm, Holy Trinity Parish Centre, 3 Strangways St, Curtin; #2. 27 May, 6pm-7.30pm, Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Watson. Sponsored by ACT Right to Life Association the first of two talks by George Christensen. Light refreshments, RSVP for catering to Bev Cains: 345bevcc@gmail.com; 0418 718 713.

Marriage & Family Sunday— 30 May, 12pm. Archbishop Christopher will launch the Year Amoris Laetitia Family next Sunday at a Marriage & Family Expo in St Christopher's Pastoral Center 1-2pm. Free lunch provided. Register at <http://bit.ly/mfsregistration> Inquiries text 0429 192 869. Join 11am Marriage & Family Mass in person or online at <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

Marian Series: The Rosary as a Contemplative Prayer— 30 May, 2.30pm. Join Fr Mannes Tellis (OP), parish priest at Holy Rosary, Watson, on ZOOM, as he helps us to unlock the power of the Rosary as a profound contemplative prayer. Rosary recitation will be at 2.30pm followed by the talk. Register FREE at http://bit.ly/MarianSeries_Rosary

Catholic Bookshop Fireside Chats— 4 June, 1.30pm, Catholic Bookshop, 55 Franklin Street, Manuka. Listen to speaker Bev Cains share about her three passions -"Faith, Family and Fatima." Free event. Refreshments provided. Visit www.catholicbookshop.org.au/

Our Health Ahead: Opportunities & Challenges for Community Health & Wellbeing— 8 June, 5.45pm, ACU Campus 223 Antill St, Watson. As part of the Blackfriars Series, Ms Heidi Prowse, CEO, Mental Illness Education ACT, will be speaking on the topic of 'Mental health education: supporting young people to thrive.' This is a free public lecture. More info & register: OCD.Canberra@edu.acu.au.

Year of St Joseph devotionals— *Aid to the Church in Need* Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph. Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this special year. When you sign up you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St Joseph book! Sign up: www.yearofstjoseph.com.au

Women's prayer/sharing Groups— Contact: calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com "Call to connect" catholic women's ministry can help you with free starter kits. More information : <https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/women-prayer-groups/>

COVID-19 Vaccination News— Pope Francis and the Australian Catholic bishops support and reassure: please visit catholic.org.au/coronavirus for more information.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Florence Damo, Matteo Martiniello, Arthur Wentworth-Perry, Flynn Soe-Win, Alessandro Ciccarone, Eliana Gudgeon.

Those to be married: Jezrelle Joyce Dela Paz & Jason Mark Golfo.

Those who are ill: Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Clarrie Pickard, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Melania Widjaja, Edhie Rahardja, Danny Yuwono, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Laurie Blake, Fr Peter Gannon, Mineke Peerboom.

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, Denis Hogan, Joyce Cook, Katarina Kish, Rita O'Connor, Bella Erwinia Melino.

Recently Deceased: Achilles Diokno, Maria Alves Dos Reis Valentin, Katarina Res, Lorraine Davies, Desmond Power, Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter, Gail Fenton, John Kelleher, Colleen Merritt; Norma Roach, Max D'Souza, Katarina Imsirovic, Teresita Ranuds, Peter Theodore, Zoran Barac, Fernando Urbaz Levi, Carlo de Luca, Claudia Higuera, Alan Fogarty, Milly Somes, Peter Day (father of Fr Peter Day), Bob Kaye.

Readings of the Day – Pentecost Sunday —Year B



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 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.*

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

Gal 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel Reading

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	22/23 May	29/30 May	
5.00pm (SCC)	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Jacob Madden Eleanor Noorli	
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Shiela van Gent	Wanda Kauz Mike Nash	
8.00am (SCC)	Dione Smith Becky Langworthy	Marcus Smith Mineke Peerboom	
9.30am (SPC)	Scott Pobihun Collis Parrett	Gloria Osborne Clarice Poh	
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Jacqueline Hipwell	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	
5.30pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Rebekah O'Meagher	Liz Porra Joe Zavone	