

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

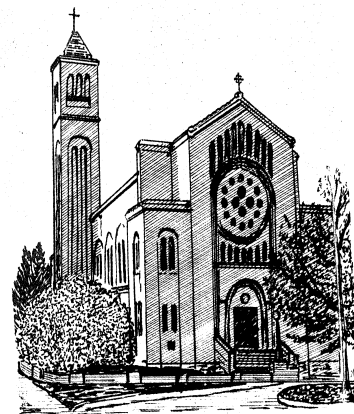
(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

Second Sunday of
Lent

— Year B

24/25 Feb 2018

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator : Fr Warrick Tonkin
St Peter Chanel's Church: Fr Peter L'Estrange SJ



Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (sung),
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: 12.45—1.15pm

Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

Baptisms

St Christopher's: Second and
fourth Sundays, 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's: Third Sun-
day, 10.30am

Weddings

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

St Peter Chanel's:
By arrangement

PARISH OFFICE

55 Franklin Street, Forrest ACT 2603

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Monday to Friday, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm—Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor

Online Payments Link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sccp>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face,
O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the
living.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the
shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory
and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.*

Reflecting on the Gospel—The Transfiguration

Mountains have always been a place for human beings to seek the transcendent. Mountains were considered the realm of the gods from antiquity. We recall the ancient Greeks and Mount Olympus, the home of Zeus. In the Old Testament we know of Mount Sinai and Moses' encounter with God there. In today's gospel we hear of another encounter with the divine on a mountain, the place of the transcendent. This encounter takes place not in front of the crowds, the disciples, or even the Twelve. This encounter is special; it is unique. For this special event, Jesus takes Peter and the sons of Zebedee.

The language of this encounter is steeped in symbolism, beginning with the mountain itself, but including the white garments, the cloud, the voice from heaven, and the figures alongside Jesus. The garments Jesus wears are turned "dazzling white, / such as no fuller on earth could bleach them." Modern ears may wonder about the word "fuller," which is not commonly used today. The word comes from Latin, via Old English, and refers to one who cleans cloth, especially wool. In any case, Jesus' garments were made *really* white. The symbolism should be clear. He is pure.

Moses and Elijah, appearing alongside Jesus, represent the Law and the Prophets. Jesus fulfils both; his ministry is in continuity with Moses and Elijah. He is not doing anything contrary to either.

Rather than rest in the moment, and simply take in the wonderment of it all, Peter breaks into the scene with an idea to make three tents, which would be places of worship, commemorating this event. His response is so often typical of our own. He wants to preserve the occasion, mark it in some way. But no sooner had he voiced this proposal than God himself, the voice from heaven, speaks in a way reminiscent of Jesus' baptism. At Jesus' baptism the voice from heaven was heard by Jesus alone: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11, NABRE). Now the three disciples, not present at Jesus' baptism, hear the voice too. And with that, the episode ends. The three disciples are left alone with Jesus to come down from the mountain, struggling to understand what this experience and Jesus' own admonition meant. When considering the symbolism associated with this mountaintop experience, we can relate it to our own lives when we have an experience of the transcendent.

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PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Finance Council

Fr Warrick Tonkin

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

Liturgy Rosters

Cecilia Flores & Scott Pobihun

RCIA

Fr Warrick Tonkin

School of Religion

Roby Joshua

Accounts

Karina Widjaja

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

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

African Community

*Second Sunday of the month at
11.45am SPC*

Spanish Community

*First Sunday of the month at
11.30am SPC*

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

Cathedral Piety Stall

Currently closed due to Maternity Leave



Second Sunday of Lent
25th February 2018



Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Mass for the Fifth Anniversary of the Pontificate of Pope Francis—

Monday, 19 Mar, 5.00pm, St Christopher's Cathedral.

Main Celebrant: His Excellency, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana, Apostolic Nuncio

Homilist: Archbishop Christopher Prowse. All welcome.

Request for EMHC volunteers to the Homebound. We have an ever-growing list of parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion and a visit from a Eucharistic Minister. We currently only have a very small number of volunteers who kindly provide this service. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846. You will be required to have a current Working with Vulnerable People's Card.

- **A 50/50 raffle** is being held to support the Young's Adults Music Ministry. Buy tickets outside the Cathedral after Mass for your chance to win 50% of all ticket sales.
- **Next First Friday Adoration, 2 Mar** at 12.45—2pm at the Cathedral.
- **St Christopher's Cathedral Parish Sacrament of Confirmation Program, 2018** starts 27 Feb, 5.30pm-7pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Cnr of Weston and Loch Streets, Yarralumla. This is for Year 5 & 6 students or older who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or attend school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion prior to Confirmation. More information and Enrolment form on www.cg.org.au/cathedral. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on Sunday 20 May 2018 at 11am.
- **First Reconciliation** Program starts 22 May
- **First Holy Communion** Program starts 31 July.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH RAISED \$9491.60 FOR ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

2018 Lenten video resource: "Good News in Tough Times" - perfect for parish-based groups, families & individuals & presents a great opportunity for all to withdraw from the week-in, week-out busyness. Pre-order online: www.faithresources.org.au or call the Bookshop 02 6239 9888.

OTHER NEWS

Vivaldi Concerti Virtuosi Concert (Bach & Paganini), Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany), 27 Feb, 8pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets 135100 or www.ticketmaster.com.au or cash at the door.

YMI Equipping School- 1-4 Mar.—intensive formation school that equips & resources youth, young adults & ministry leaders for the mission of the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn invites all youth & young adults from parishes or ecclesial movements wanting to be formed for ministry and mission to attend. Contact Huw Warmenhoven (huw.warmenhoven@cg.org.au). Register at ymiequippingschool.eventbrite.com.au

World Day of Prayer—2 Mar, 11am at St Christopher's Cathedral. An Ecumenical Service written by the people of Suriname, South America. Light lunch to follow in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre.

Man Overboard Next Meeting—2 Mar. Monthly gathering of young men discerning a call to a priesthood. It is a time to gather, reflect, commune and to be supported. Each gathering is held on the first Friday of the month at the Archbishop's residence from 5 – 7pm. RSVP your attendance via www.manoverboard.org.au.

MenAlive Breakfast—Sat, 3 March, 7am, at HOME in Queanbeyan, 284 Crawford St, Queanbeyan. Topic: What is our role as men in our parish, and how can we achieve it? Cost. \$15. Includes breakfast, espresso coffee/tea juice etc. Guest speaker and round table discussion on topic. Info & booking: call 62994611 or Frank 0417664110. RSVP 28 Feb.

International Women's Day—8 Mar. A new initiative to support and encourage women of all ages will be launched at Merici College. The national program was devised and is being developed by women, inspired by the words of St Catherine of Siena: "Be who God wants you to be and you will set the world on fire." Find out more at: www.catholicwomensmentoring.org.au

ARISE: Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference - 16-18 Mar, The Tops Conference Centre Stanwell Tops Sydney. Do you want to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus, do you want to grow as a Catholic woman and develop friendships with other women of faith? Join women of all ages for

a weekend of prayer, keynote talks, the sacraments, adoration and quality sisterhood time. Keynote speakers include; Darlene Darlene Zschech, Laura Roland, Sr Mary Rachel OP, Jonathan and Karen Doyle, Jo Hayes, Justine Cumbo, Francine Pirola and more. More Info: www.sisterhood.org.au.

Loreto Alumni Luncheon— 24 Mar. Ex students from all Loreto Convents are warmly welcomed at our annual regional lunch at Muse, Kingston preceded by Mass. Enquiries to Jenny Dobbin, 0439 619181

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – 27-29 April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW; relationship enrichment for married couples. Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

For Rent: One bedroom self contained Garden flat, Yarrolumla. Call 62811075.

Karinya House—To support the complex work of assisting mothers and babies in crisis, Karinya House needs Friends. Friends donate at least \$5 a week and change vulnerable lives. Sign up today and share the purpose of supporting vulnerable and at risk pregnant and parenting women in our community. Every Friend makes a vital difference. All donations are fully tax deductible <https://karinyahouse.asn.au/support/friends-of-karinya/> For information phone: 6259 8998 or jo.saccasan@karinyahouse.asn.au

Ex Students of St Vincent's College – Are you there? Census is available online. www.vinniescensus.nsw.edu.au

Chanel College 60th Anniversary Reunion for students of THE MARIST FATHERS ERA [1958-1970]. For details send your email address to chanel.geelong@gmail.com OR your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club Hits 60! All Past Members, Family & Friends of BCBC are invited to the celebrations on 10th March: Mass at 10am at St William's Church, 67 Dawson Pde, Keperra, followed by a light lunch. See the link "The 60th Anniversary" on <http://www.bcbc.bwq.org.au>. RSVP bcbcbigevent@gmail.com or call Greg on 3351 4092.

We pray for...

Those to be baptised: Dhanuli Martinez, Mahli Arthur, Evangelique, Franki & Gigi Aniversario, Jack Muench

Those who are ill: David Swan, Greg Moran, Cora Murphy, Betty O'Neill, Brendan Roberts, Tan Roberts, Bob Howatson, Jose Cofre, Enid Martin, Richard Dodson, Vince Basilisco, Maria Walker, Doris Robertson, Gary Evans, Ella Black, Roderick Duncan, Bruce Kennedy, Claude Lucas, Marianne McGrath, Robert White, Christina Parido Davey, Fe Talicop, Richard Price, Toni-Gaye Bush, Tony Bush, Judith Carey, Anthony O'Connor, Michael Leon, Peter Hill, Hugh Patton, Gilbert Ferguson

Anniversaries of death: Saverio Calabria, Carlos & Francisca Abad, Anthony Osborne, Remigio & Maria Res, Pasquale Ciuffetelli, Noel Flanagan, Shannon Stevenson, Kenneth Mulach, Camillo Buhagiar, Helen Heffernan, Joyce Balnaves, Baby Georgia Morrison, Helen Richardson, Elsie Corkhill, Deceased Members of the O'Hanlon, Blackall, Gorman & Proust Families, Claire Jones, Constance Jones, Bernabe Baez, Fr Alfred Delp, Ralph, Allen & Leo Biggs

Recently Deceased: Maria Sanz, Joan Millard, Carlos Sullivan, Eugenia Prendergast, Anna Walter, Hon Shing Chan, Angela Maher, Elfriede Mendel, Alan McInnes, Jozef Stefaniak, Bruce Bramley, Mary Harrigan, Fr John Baptiste Tran, Jack Pocock, Jack Smith, Natasha Cruz-Gutteridge, Dr Donald Dunlop (Newcastle), Rene Warrick-Williensen, Michele Daniele, Fr Paul Tarpey,

Readings of the Day – Second Sunday in Lent —Year B

First Reading

Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Second Reading

Rom 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Reading

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
Mass	24/25 Feb	3/4 Mar	24/25 Feb	3/4 Mar
6.00pm (SPC)	Mike Nash Sheila van Gent	Scott Pobihun Cecilia Flores	Pieter van Gent	Mary Debus Sue Buckingham
8.00am (SCC)	Scott Pobihun Cecilia Flores	Kristina Faigl Assigned	Mimma Memmolo Tony Pelle	Mineke Peerboom
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Longland Wanda Kaucz	Gloria Osborne Lynn Chan	Colliss Parrett	Colliss Parrett
11.00am (SCC)	Adam Morris Ceciley Matthews	John Austen Liz Porra	Liz Porra Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell Bronwen Grey
5.30pm (SCC)	Damian Balachandran Marcelle Disanayake	Frances Bulbrook Jacob Madden	Tony Croke Lionel D'Cruze	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

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