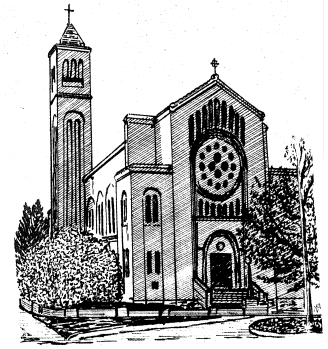


# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



Solemnity of Mary  
Year A  
1st January 2023

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD  
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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

## SOLEMNITY of MARY, the HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Friends, we can all feel a tad exhausted as 2022 closes and 2023 greets us... ready or not! And yet, ours is a tiredness which is more than the normal at the beginning of a new year.

It has been a trying time for countless reasons over these last few years. Reasons: global, communal and personal. Many have been blindsided by an anxious and unpredictable period of history, we didn't see coming. Pandemic and war are just two trials which have always appeared in human history, yet have emerged again, to reminded us of the precious and fragile nature of human life.

The end of year brings time to slow down and catch our breath. A time to reset and prepare for the year ahead. And yet too, with the feast of Christmas, a reminder that amid all the fatigue and bruises we may experience: *we are not on our own*.

There is a painting by Garibaldi Melchers depicting the humanity into which God is born. It shows the fatigue and perseverance of the holy family. It is a *human* depiction of this Mystery; and so an *accurate* depiction. What a tragedy to over romanticise the Miracle of the Incarnation.

Mary lay exhausted, as Joseph watches over the newborn Jesus; the weight of the world on his shoulders, and etched upon his face. Yet now the Creator of all, the Word made Flesh lay with them. And still the questions of life remain as present as ever. What's next? What does this mean? Where do we now go?

We often make the unhelpful mistake of assuming the Holy Family was distant from our own experience. Yet Melchers' painting tells a more accurate story. They are weary, tired, with a great task still ahead of them... and yet, into *this*, the Child is born. God shys not away from a broken, wounded, exhausted humanity. Rather... He joins it.

At years end, when many are overcome with fatigue, Mary, the Mother of God – teaches us how to live through the Christ who is born to us. To share in the experience of being human. Mary and Joseph remain close to each other, and in their humanity we see the power of hope, pushing us beyond fatigue. And the reason for their hope? Their reason to believe that they will actually make it through this? The Reason now lay in their hands, their hearts, and the feeding trough before them. Emmanuel, *God-with-us*.

Today we begin the New Year with the *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*. No coincidence! This is where it begins. Where the God who Created, now comes close to the creatures He loves and honours, through the womb of an exhausted *human* mother.

**We pray our society honour the dignity and vocation of motherhood and the family. Not degrading, discouraging or annoyingly trying to redefine – but recognising it as the foundation it is – the greatest vocation, revelation and gift of God's love, the world could know.**

In Melchers image, we learn a valuable lesson – *God never loves from a distance*. Which means, we should never have to *search* for Him. He is *in* our midst, subtle and human. He meets you in the fatigue of the here and now.

The Christmas mystery is of the God who chose to place Himself, tiny and helplessly dependent, into the protective womb, loving arms and gentle hands of a human mother. From Mary, God takes human flesh, all because of her faith-filled yes. Is there any greater vocation? Thank God for the gift of motherhood, truly a witness and participation in God's creative, nurturing love.

JESUS – and Jesus alone – is the joy, hope and promise which allows the human heart to see beyond the seemingly insurmountable fatigue of the present, whatever it may be.

This is the *truth of Christmas* – and the only thing that really matters (and lasts), in a world which surely does test us all at times. May you know, on this *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*, that your God is with you – that your God loves you, where you are; fatigued and exhausted.

Wishing you a Happy, Holy and Hope-filled 2023.

With affection and Christmas Hope,

Fr Trenton

# NOTICES

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Director of Music

*Ms Jaki Kane*

### RCIA

*Miss Becky Langworthy  
Contact Office*

### School of Religion

*Miss Chiara Catanzariti  
Contact Office*

### Youth Minister

*Now taking applications for 2023  
Contact Office*

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Jan 2 Monday before Epiphany  
Sts Basil & Gregory

Tues. Jan 3 Tuesday before Epiphany

Wed. Jan 4 Wed before Epiphany

Thurs. Jan 5 Thursday before Epiphany

Fri. Jan 6 Friday before Epiphany

Sat. Jan 7 Saturday before Epiphany

Sun. Jan 8 THE EPIPHANY of the LORD

## 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.**



**'The Nativity' by Julius Garibaldi Melchers. 1891.**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR** – please note, the Parish Office will be closed from December 24 to January 6. Normal office hours will resume Monday 9 of January, 2023.

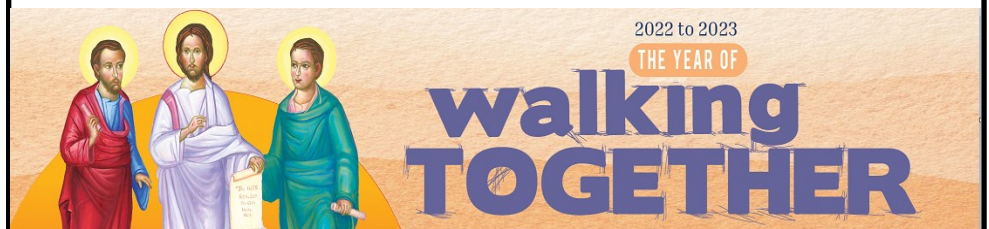
**OFFICE PHONE** – Friends, we have had enormous trouble with our phone company and with receiving and making calls from our office phone. We *sincerely* apologise for this frustrating situation. Please simply email during this time.

This weekend **Fr Trenton is helping out at Merimbula Parish**. We welcome and thank Fr Renoir for assisting Fr Alexander in his absence.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Ss. Peter and Paul's Goulburn—**  
**Volunteer 2 hours a month:** Join another volunteer to welcome pilgrims and visitors to the only Greenstone Church in the world. Join us in this exciting adventure. **Sign up** via the QR Code or email [goulburn@cg.org.au](mailto:goulburn@cg.org.au) Visit [stspeterandpauls.com.au](http://stspeterandpauls.com.au)



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**REMAINING CAUTIOUS** - If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or feeling sick, please remain at home.

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

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**MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE**— Held every 1st Saturday of the month 10:30am-11:30am (Feb-Dec) outside the main entrance of St Christopher's Cathedral.

**PARISH EMAIL DATABASE** – We now email the bulletin as well as parish happenings. To join our mailing list, email [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)

FEBRUARY 5TH 2023



## *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:** Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlon, Clara Yee, Maja Marija Olip, Mary Brennan, Sophy Jacob, McKenzie Killian, Sophy, Gerry Dullard OSA, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Matthew Hurley, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne

**Anniversaries of death:** Julian Borg, Georgia Hurley, Mary Walshe, Silvio Cadona, Sylvia Crossin, Eleanora Gaider, Sheila Semecky, Reginald Gallagher, Des Black, Kathleen Kelly, Margaret Lyons, Vernon Davies, Margaret Mumford, Allen Blundell, John Stephens, Elizabeth, Bill, Hannah & Phoebe Allan, Arthur Burt, Helen Burt, Margaret Burnell, Josef Charles Stefaniak, Rhys Summergreene, Margaret Riley, Julian Radjam

**Recently Deceased:** Frits Tedjakuntara, Joseph Williams, Philomena D'Cruze, Sharon Woods (Mons. John Woods sister), Paul Kildea Snr, Hugo Caggiano, Br Anthony Atkinson FMS, Berty Jacob, Adriane Brown, Sally Barber, Medardo Balmaceda, Lauren West, Nicolina Caggiano, Bill Higgins, Sr Roberta Robertson RSM, Donatella Magro, Vittorio D'Ambrosio, Kieran O'Connor, Antonio Costa, Jim Serafin, Amelia LoPilato, Teddy Kartadinata, Marie Hargreaves, Maria Teow Mah Lia, Don Robertson, Mary Rose Skidmore, Giuseppe Pelle, Peter Myat Htoo, Rozalia Spadafora, Adriane Brown



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**Entrance Antiphon:** Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth forever.

**Responsorial:** May God bless us in his mercy

**Gospel Acclamation:** In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

**Communion Antiphon:** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

## First Reading

**Nm 6: 22-27**

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.” This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

## Second Reading

**Gal 4:4-7**

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

## Gospel

**Lk 2:16-21**

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors				
Mass	31 Dec / 1 Dec	7/8 Jan	14/15 Jan	21/22 Jan
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Ruth Meadows Les Buszynski	Les Buszynski Jacob Madden	Becky Langworthy Crystal Lavien
6.00pm (SPC)	Melissa Dixon Mike Nash	Fiona Wheeler Melissa Dixon	Fiona Wheeler Felicity de Fombelle	Tarinya Hannedege Wanda Kaucz
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Cecily Matthews	Marcus Smith Becky Langworthy	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Longland Wanda Kaucz	Liz Porra Wanda Kaucz	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Raphael Molu Marcelle Disanayake
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey Bianca Goh	Jacqueline Hipwell Cecilia Flores	Les Buszynski Bronwn Grey	Cecilia Flores Leeann Galloway
5.00pm (SCC)	Kevin Woods Liz Porra	Francilia Gomes Solange Pereira	Becky Langworthy Anthony Brierley	Anthony Brierley Rebekah O’Meagher

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