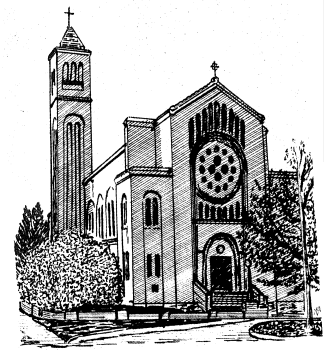


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

Transfiguration of the
LORD, Year A
6th August 2023

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



YEAR OF WALKING
TOGETHER
8th August 2022-
8th August 2023

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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

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The extraordinary moment of the Transfiguration, was witnessed by three of Jesus' closest followers, revealing the truth of *Who Jesus is*, in a way the disciples had never seen before.

"Jesus took with Him Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There He was transfigured before them. His clothes became radiantly white, brighter than any launderer on earth could bleach them" (Mark 9:2-3)

It is a moment which comes at a crucial time in the journey of the disciples, as Jesus prepares them, and approaches his Passion. Indeed, it could be said, that it comes at a crucial time in our own journey too.

Jesus takes his disciples up the mountain and unveils his Divinity. Yet this dimension of His real identity, while ever present, is only briefly, 'visually' apparent to those around him. Jesus, momentarily, reveals his divine, eternal Glory (John 1:1-5), dwelling perfectly in his humanity, and in doing so reminds those with him of how close God is; of how close the divine really is— especially when it seems he is most distant.

Jesus in this moment however is also instructing his disciples. In *this* relationship alone, He is saying, not only will they endure the trials to come, but they will be able to make sense of all that lay ahead. Jesus reveals to, and reminds them (and us), to 'take courage!' For the divine now dwells in the midst of the human. As if to comfortingly utter once more: I AM (and will always) be with you!

In these days, *still*, Jesus never tires of reminding those he loves and calls, that things are never as they seem. When all appears to be lost, when the "chips are down", when God's presence seems more wishful-thinking and more distant than ever.... Christ whispers a warning... "do not be fooled. I am closer and more united to and aware of all that is going on, than you might first think".

Christ's Transfiguration strengthens the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion. That, while there is suffering, while there is pain, while there is doubt... *I am there*. Indeed, the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary.

This feast is the great reminder to us of Who our God is, the One true God, who never loves from a distance. Every Mass, this same Transfiguration takes place. God reveals his Presence in the world. At the elevation of the Host, we glance upon the Divinity dwelling in what appears merely human, and almost familiar – we are consumed, we are fortified – and for that brief period, all can make sense again, before we too are instructed as the disciples were, to "Go back down the mountain".

We are not alone, and the Eternal Word echoes, not as he did in Exodus, saying, 'I give the bread of life', but now "I AM the Bread of Life" present in your midst – and the one who comes to me will never be hungry, the one who believes in me, will never thirst!

Father Trenton van Reesch

NOTICES

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music
Ms Jaki Kane

RCIA
Miss Becky Langworthy
Contact Office

School of Religion
Miss Chiara Catanzariti

Youth Ministers
Mr Andre Le
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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon Aug 7 18th Week in Ord. Time
Tues Aug 8 18th Week in Ord. Time
St Mary of Cross
Wed Aug 9 18th Week in Ord. Time
Thu. Aug 10 18th Week in Ord. Time
St Lawrence
Fri. Aug 11 18th Week in Ord. Time
St Clare
Sat. Aug 12 18th Week in Ord. Time
Sun Aug 13 19th SUNDAY in ORD.TIME

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.**

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

- Due to both Fr Trenton and Fr Alex away on the 12 August, SPC 6pm Vigil & 5:15pm Confessions will be cancelled. 5pm Vigil Mass will be available at the Cathedral.
- St Peter Chanel's 10am Thursday Mass will be discontinued at the end of August. Mass at John James Calvary will be available at 10:30am starting from 7 September each Thursday.
- The Parish Secretary will be away on leave from the 26 July –14 Aug. Office hours will vary. Please don't hesitate to contact the office as emails will be monitored.

The Year of the Holy Spirit (Aug 2023-2024) – Launch date Aug 15. In addition to the Pastoral Letter available on our website, Archbishop Christopher has provided further details & resources, also available on our website - 4 Focus areas & recommended background reading. Intro video: youtube.com/watch?v=SC3cOLGy_wk

Next Vocations Discernment Dinner on Thursday 10 August at Queanbeyan presbytery: 5:30pm Mass, 6pm Confessions & Adoration, 6:45 dinner, 7:45 Vocations discussion & 8:30 conclude with Night Prayer. For young men considering a call to the priesthood. To rsvp contact Fr Josh josh.scott@cg.org.au or Fr Emil 041452



ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE— Join Archbishop Christopher & other pilgrims, pilgrimage to Eden on **Saturday 29 August**. Archbishop will lead the pilgrimage leaving from St Christopher's at 7:30am. 11am Pilgrim's walk from Eden AFL grounds to Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. 12pm Mass 1pm Lunch. RSVP & more information: trybooking.com/events/landing/1073904?eid=1073904 or Sue Heffernan 0405251947 / Bernadette 0429774119

MUSICIANS & SINGERS WANTED— The Music Ministry team at St Peter Chanel's is seeking

instrumentalists & singers to join them at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. All music and training can be provided. Please feel free to meet with one of the music group members after Mass or call David Flannery on 0419 225 336.

EVAGELISATION— The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry recent document offers a scriptural and theological reflection on the proclamation of the Gospel through the lenses of encounter, discipleship and mission. Drawing on seminal documents on evangelisation, including from Paul VI, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Francis. *Evangelisation* can be downloaded directly from <https://bit.ly/Evangelisation2023>

Reading 'Round the Windows –

St Christopher's Cathedral Book Club:

The parish book club is coming back this month with a focus on the saints profiled in the Cathedral's beautiful stained glass windows. This month the book is *St Peter Chanel: First Martyr of the South Pacific* by Philip Graystone S.M., which is freely available on the Marist website at maristm.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Graystone_PeterChanel.pdf. At the August discussion we will choose the books for the next three months. Please join us at Haydon Hall at 6:30pm on Friday 25 August.



Our Lady of the Visitation, you who arose and went with haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us to deliver them the living Gospel: Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord! We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy.

We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace, and well doing is the best wellbeing.

Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did.

Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait. With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace.

Help us,
Our Lady of the Visitation,
to bring Christ to everyone,
obeying the Father,
in the love of the Spirit!

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.

BSB: 062-786 Account Name: CATHEDRAL
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The Second collection: contributes to parish mission and maintenance. If you would like to give 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 # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
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For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/

Thank you for your generosity

RCIA/ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2023-24 - are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our Catholic faith? The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA) is a course for all wishing to deepen their knowledge of the faith, as well as for those preparing for adult Baptism and Confirmation. We meet on Thursday evenings at 6pm, commencing the first week of October 2023. Please contact the Parish Office for further information or to register.

CATECHESIS—FR. ALEX. ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH— Do you want to learn more about your faith? Or would you like to learn how to answer questions about our faith? Do you sometimes feel as though you have missed learning some of the basics? Come and join our weekly catechesis. Our next session is: **The Eucharist, how to get the most out of Mass - Monday August 7th in the Haydon Hall 6:30-8pm**

Aid to the Church in Need— Mass offerings can be given to ACN and sent directly to priests in need who will offer a Mass for your intentions.
<https://aidtochurch.org/ways-to-give/mass-offerings>

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2023— Support older women facing homelessness in the ACT & surrounding region. This winter, Vinnies are aiming to raise \$400,000. These funds will provide emergency accommodation, food, clothing, medical costs and more. Please donate this Winter. Call 13 18 12 or visit www.vinnies.org.au

BIBLE STUDY— St Raphael's Catholic Church, Queanbeyan on Thursday 6.30-7.30pm. Adults from 18 to 40 are welcome. For more information, contact David on 0415286080

MARYMEAD CATHOLIC CARE—CARD & GAMES DAY— held on Monday **14 August** at Royal Canberra Golf Club, 71 Bentham Street Yarralumla at **10am**. Cost is \$50 which includes a hot lunch, glass of wine, soft drink, tea, coffee, petit fours and there will be craft and preserves for sale. Bookings close Wednesday **9 August**.

revenue-aus.keela.co/ card-and-games-day-2023 or email marketing@mccg.org.au



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 to be married : Ayad Shno & Vana Qas Elyas

Those who are ill: Catherine Cleary, Rosa Mustapic, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin & Geraldine Conlon, 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: Marie Hargraves, Amelia LoPilato (One year Anniversary), Bruna Stevenson, Maria Memmolo, Clare O'Connor, Rosa Morabito, Pat Boyle, Alejandro & Orlando Cerda, Alex Skleplic, Petty Gonsalvez, Paul Ryan, Francesco & Francesca Barbaro, Joan Kaucz, Anka Gnjec, Tulla & Sam Brown, Gwen & Mick Gallagher, Michael O'Brien, Odette Gaspardis, Michael McKeown, Teddy Kartadinata, Flo Daley, Fr Vincent Dowdy, Amelia Kneipp, William Saw, Anna Kieswimmer, Margaret Mary Kelly, Kath Durie, Annie James, Eileen Biggs, Annie Davis, Sr Gertrude Ryan, Michael Heath, Michael O'Connor, Cardinal EB Clancy, Fr Giuseppe Canova, Fr Adrian Cork, James Rice, Kit Dale, Rita Dodson, Noel Honan, Marjorie Kenny, Patricia Robertson, Charlie Morella, Norman Stevenson, Clive Waldren, Clarita Flores, Laurus Westende, Thomas Bradshaw, Kathleen Ford, Christopher Ford, Adrienne Brown, Rodrigo de Guzman, Marie Therese Pockock, Marjorie Kenny, Kevin and Peg Guthrie, Nuala Boyce Redhead

Recently Deceased: Fr Laurie Beath (brother of Fr Greg Beath), Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Leena Dias (Mother of Fr Norvin Dias), Dale Brede, Pasquale Lustrì, Hilda Pead, Maria Monteleone, Robert Howe, Antonio Loizzo, Eufemia Laeyes, Teresa Martiniello, Peter Sutherland, Patricia Roberts

The Transfiguration of the Lord —Year A — 5/6 August



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him

Responsorial: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

First Reading

Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire/ a stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gaze into the visions of the night. and I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Second Reading

2 Pt 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

READERS ROSTER JULY

		Lectors		Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	5/6 Aug	12/13 Aug	5/6 Aug	12/13 Aug	
5.00pm (SCC)	Mark Hyman Edwina Hyman	Ruth Meadows Becky Langworthy			
6.00pm (SPC)	Fiona Wheeler Wanda Kaucz	CANCELLED			
8.00am (SCC)	Dione Smith Phil Pocock	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone			
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Raphael Molu Jaye Corcoran			
11.00am (SCC)	Bronwen Grey	Cecilia Flores Leszek Buszynski	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman	
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Rebekah O'Meagher	Solange Pereira Lynette Yap			

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