



# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Forrest, ACT

(Incorporating St Peter Chanel's,  
Cnr Weston & Loch Sts, Yarralumla)

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish encompasses the areas of Barton,  
Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka,  
Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla

## PARISH LITURGIES

### Weekend Masses

**St Peter Chanel's (SPC)**

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

**St Christopher's Cathedral (SCC)**

Sunday - 8.00am

**St Peter Chanel's (SPC)**

Sunday 9.30am

**St Christopher's Cathedral (SCC)**

Sunday 11:00am (sung)

Sunday 5.30pm

### Weekday Masses at St Christopher's Cathedral

Mon-Sat – 12.15pm

Tues-Fri – 7.30am

### Weekday Masses at St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday - 5:30pm

Thursday - 10am (9.30am Anointing Mass first  
Thursday of the month)

**Adoration SCC**—First Friday of the month 12.45-2pm

### Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance)

**St Christopher's Cathedral**

Wed 11.30am-12pm, Thur 6-6.30pm, Sat 11am-12pm

**St Peter Chanel's**

Tues 6-6.30pm, Sat 5.15-5.45pm

### Baptisms and Marriages

By appointment only. Contact Parish Office

### We pray for ...

**Those to be married:** Mineka Karunaratne & David Tuckwell

### The Epiphany of the Lord (C) 2019

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

*Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;  
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.*

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.*

#### Next Week's Readings:

*The Baptism of the Lord*

*Isa 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:16*

## PARISH NEWS

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program will recommence on 6 Feb 2019.

**Canberra Cathedral Young Adults Group** is seeking new members (18-35yrs). If you are interested, contact them on their "Canberra Cathedral Young Adults" facebook page.

**Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany) Concert—Vivaldi, Bach & Saint-Saens** —19 Feb, 8pm, St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets: [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au), Tel 136100 or cash at the door one hour prior to the concert.

**Catholic Papers**—The Catholic Leader and the Catholic Weekly are not published this weekend.

### The Magi – A Reflection

Matthew's story of the Magi is built on a massive, many-layered irony. The Magi Gentiles, through their own calculations, know about the birth of the king of the Jews. The Jewish leaders who have the prophecy of the birth in their Scriptures are ignorant of it. In the last analysis, these two groups need one another. The Jews need the Gentiles to alert them to the truth in their midst. The Gentiles need the Jews to show them the path to the truth they have discerned from the stars. The birth of Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises of both creation and covenant. He is the child of earth, meant for all people. But he comes from the people of the Jews, a child of the covenant. He is a universal saviour born of a particular people.

However, this major message of the story is the background for darker and more complex confrontations. The strangers come to Herod with an outrageous request. They want him, the present king of the Jews, to help them find and pay homage to the newborn king of the Jews. They want Herod to provide them with directions to his replacement. They have no gifts for Herod, a breach of ancient etiquette. They want Herod to show them the new king for whom their reverence and gifts are reserved. Is it any wonder that Herod and "with him all of Jerusalem" are troubled?

The strangers know the truth. All earthly power is derived from heavenly power. The earthly king must not try to reject or thwart the plan of the heavenly King. His role is homage, prostration, and the offering of gifts. King Herod must yield to the

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## OTHER NEWS

**'MenAlive' Mass**—Mon. 7 Jan, 5.00pm, St Christopher's Cathedral.  
 Drinks and fellowship afterwards in Manuka.

**Change The Heart Prayer Service**—17 Jan 2019, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 6pm regarding the 26th of January. Light refreshments provided. Contact: Rev Kathrine Rainger, k\_rainger@hotmail.com, Hazel Davies, hazelmdavies@gmail.com, Rev Tracey Matthews, traceyann.matthews@gmail.com. During the service an offering will be taken up to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian ministry through the Grasstree Gathering www.grasstreegathering.org.au.

**Palms Australia—Make an Encounter in 2019**—rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar & Samoa. www.palms.org.au/encounters.

child of the star. Oddly enough, Herod knows this is his role. So he plays it – on the outside. Inside he is filled with murderous schemes. This resistance and hypocrisy, profiled so effectively in Herod, are a real possibility when the stranger tells us our own truth, a truth that threatens the way we live. ...

... Each age reads Scripture out of its own concerns. This is doubly true of the imaginative explorations of the Magi story.

We live in a time in which our rational mind is so powerful it could trigger our extinction. No wonder the Magi become warnings to recover the child. ...

We live in a time between times, a time of glacial shifts of consciousness. No wonder the Magi's search is hard and their find both less and more than they expected.

We live in a time that stresses the need for personal integration and global solidarity. No wonder the Magi symbolise a world of communion deeper than surface separations.

We live in a time in which our preoccupation with the material nature of our lives threatens to shrivel our sense of spirit. No wonder the Magi know that matter is the secret communication of spirit.

We live in a time of universal dialogue, when all traditions are learning who they are by learning who the stranger is. No wonder the Magi come from the East to bring us the news of what is being born in our midst.

*(Fr John Shea, Starlight, 1992, pp. 145, 146-147)*

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

### Lectors

MASS	5/6 Jan	12/13 Dec
6.00pm (SPC)	Sheila van Gent Mike Nash	Felicity de Fombelle Geraldene Ford
8.00am (SCC)	Liza Quinn Phil Pocock	Assigned Mineke Peerboom
9.30am (SPC)	Gloria Osborne Melissa Kent	Colliss Parrett Wanda Kaucz
11.00am (SCC)	Leeann Galloway Bronwen Grey	Ceciley Matthews Cecilia Flores
5.30pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Peter Carrigy-Ryan	Youth Mass

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

MASS	5/6 Jan	12/13 Dec
6.00pm (SPC)	Mary Debus Sue Buckingham	Any available EMHC
8.00am (SCC)	Mineke Peerboom	Liza Quinn
9.30am (SPC)	Colliss Parrett	Wilfred & Margaret Lawrence
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqueline Hipwell Bronwen Grey	Ceciley Matthews Lionel D'Cruze
5.30pm (SCC)	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze	Elizabeth Young

### Prayer Requests

**Recently Deceased:** Kevin Cremen, Mary Pini, Tiziano Colbertaldo, Sr Marie Duffy, Alexandre Arekion, Noel Ryan, Reg Chapman, Nigel Bates, Daryl Powell, Maureen Mays, Garry O'Donnell, Tan Roberts, Teresa De Marco, Luigi Martinello, John Robertson,

**Anniversaries:** 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, Margaret Burnell, Josef Charles Stefaniak

**Sick:** Joan Joshua, Lois Billings, Fr Peter L'Estrange SJ, David Cusack, Peter Sutherland, Stella Lazar, Betty O'Brien, Rod Duncan, Bruce Kennedy,