



# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

The Most Holy Body &  
Blood of Christ  
Year B -  
6 June 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

## SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

In June 2017, Pope Francis visited the small village of Bozzolo, in the northern Italian Diocese of Cremona. Francis' trip was a stopover to pray at the grave of a lesser-known figure of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, don Primo Mazzolari. Mazzolari was a pillar of public life during a turbulent period in Italy's and indeed world history. A powerfully vocal opponent to Benito Mussolini and the Nazi occupation, don Primo, as he was known, suffered great persecution and even an attempted assassination.

Yet this man captures my mind today, not just for the life he led, as admirable it be, but for a homily he offered in 1958 on Holy Thursday, the night of *the Institution of the Eucharist; Corpus Christi*. It was preached a year before his own death and surprisingly enough, the homily became know as *Nostro Fratello Giuda (Our Brother Judas)*.

Striking and even controversial, don Primo delivers a poignant yet mature reflection on the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot, the traitor, the apostate apostle, the...*friend* of Jesus. And is it not this last word, *friend*, which arrests our attention? It is certainly not the first word which comes to mind at the announcement of Judas' name.

Don Primo reminds us that Jesus first addresses his disciples as friends (John 15:15), but more importantly, preserves this word even for Judas, as he approaches Gethsemane that fateful night: "*Friend...*" he says, "do what you are here to do" (Matt 26:50). Even after Judas' kiss, Jesus' love, compassion and even friendship towards the one who betrayed him, does not come to an end. God's hand is still extended, but Judas dares not reach out.

Boldly, don Primo then invites his congregation not to dismiss this moment, as we are wonton to do, but to contemplate it. To place ourselves at the center of the story. To reflect on the ways in which we have betrayed Christ in our own lives; the emptiness and pain out of which that betrayal emanates and to which it inevitably returns. Judas takes the Body and Blood of Jesus that night, but fails to entrust all his desires, hopes, *wounds* and very life into the One he receives.

Judas was once one of Jesus' closest companions, but now we can only ask, along with Mazzolari "what happened?" How have we ourselves imitated this betrayal in some way, and then, subsequently failed to recognise the mercy and forgiveness extended by Jesus to draw us into a deeper *friendship* with Him. Judas realising his action - cast the 30 pieces of silver - worthless in the eyes of the one who now *sees* - at the feet of the pursuers, but there he stopped... unable to see himself as forgiven. Judas is not, and never was the devil, yet he allowed the manipulator, the accuser, to have his wretched way in him; not only in his initial betrayal, but so too in the lie that Satan then weaved in his mind and heart that he is now beyond the pale of forgiveness, love, and... *divine Friendship*. Don Primo contemplates:

"Poor Judas. What was happening in his soul I will never understand. He is one of the most mysterious figures that we find in the Lord's passion. And we don't even try to understand him. .... I know how many times I myself have betrayed the Lord... And by calling him [Judas] brother, we are assuming the language of the Lord. When he received the kiss of betrayal ... the Lord responded with words that we should never forget: "Friend..."

This word reveals the immeasurable affection of the love of the Lord - despite the greatest betrayal. Don Primo challenges us, how often do we "...cooperate with Satan: destroying the work of God, abandoning consciences, sowing doubt, spreading unbelief, taking away people's faith in God, denying God. This is the work of evil...he acted in Judas and now he can subtly act in us if we don't pay attention. This is why the Lord told his Apostles on the Mount of Olives, "Stay awake and pray that you will not enter into temptation" (Mk 14:38)."

As we today adore Jesus in the Gift of the Eucharist - I find this reflection a challenging and jarring one. The Apostles were the "friends" of Jesus - good or bad, faithful or lacking - and friends they remain. We often betray Christ's friendship, but Christ never betrays us, his friends; even when undeserving, even when we receive his Body, given for us, and then return with our stubborn wills to live in the world, seemingly unchanged by the One we have received.

As we worship and marvel this day in the gift of the Eucharist, God's Body and Blood, let us contemplate once more, deeply, what is really being offered. And, despite our moments of weakness and betrayal, let us always return to the Lord, sorrowful, and mindful of his abounding friendship and the saving grace of this His Most Holy Body and Blood, freely and generously given.

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

**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*

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**Weekly Liturgical Calendar**

Mon 7 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Tue 8 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Wed 9 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Thu 10 Jun Weekday, Ordinary Time  
Fri 11 Jun The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Sat 12 Jun The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sun 13 Jun 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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*

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS** - Adoration and Benediction 2pm to 4pm *Saint Christopher's Cathedral*. Please note that Adoration will *not* be held in SPC this weekend as is normally the case from 2-3pm every Sunday.

**ARCHBISHOP ADOLFO TITO YLLANA** - With sadness we receive the news that Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Tito Yllana as the new Apostolic Nuncio in Israel and Cyprus and Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem and Palestine. We have been so very blessed by the presence of the Nuncio in our Capital and our Country. We congratulate his Excellency and assure him of our prayers and deep gratitude.

**LET US NOT BECOME COMPLACENT** - Maintain social distancing at all times, particularly when forming the line for Communion. Please remain familiar with current protocols.

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY** - Visit [cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/](http://cgatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/) for all information on the groups, movements, ministries and programs offering formation and support for marriage & family life in our Archdiocese.

**BISHOP MAX DAVIS AND THE MILITARY ORDINARIATE** - Pope Francis has accepted the retirement of Bishop Davis. We pray for the appointment of a new Bishop to shepherd our Catholic Military Personnel. Archbishop Christopher has been appointed Apostolic Administrator for the Ordinariate in the interim, and we assure him of our prayers.

**FIRST YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS** at St Peter Chanel's, 12th June, Saturday Vigil 5.30pm, followed by dinner, games, session and adoration. All youth Years 7 to 12 are invited. Please RSVP to [anh.tran@cg.org.au](mailto:anh.tran@cg.org.au) for catering and more information.

**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 the recent denary zoom gathering, where we shared our thoughts on the document. To find out what Deanery you are in and to register: <https://cgatholic.org.au/plenary/> Let us continue forward, together!

**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 PLANNED GIVING FORM (GREEN)** are available in the churches. Please complete if you want to change your contribution or your details. If we don't receive a new Pledge card, this office will assume your contributions will remain the same. Direct debit forms are also available. If you have given this office your email, the Pledge form will be emailed to you with the weekly Bulletin.

**INCLUSION SURVEY** — Throughout June we are conducting a congregational survey on inclusion, disability, chronic health conditions and accessibility. There will be hard copy versions of the survey in the foyers with a box to return forms. There is also an online version of the survey 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. If you have any questions, please contact Cate at [cate.canberra@gmail.com](mailto:cate.canberra@gmail.com).

**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.

**2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM**

**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](http://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](http://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.
- 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.**

**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.



**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](mailto:OCD.Canberra@edu.acu.au).

**Vinnies CEO Sleepout for the Homeless**—17 June—COVID has resulted in more homeless people in Canberra needing help but also greater difficulties in raising funds. For information or to sponsor Canberra resident, Neville Tomkins, participating in his 10th Sleepout, go to <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/ceos/act-ceos/neville-tomkins-scouts-australia/>

**Winter Woollies Stall**—17 June, 8am-4pm, Main Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, corner Belconnen Way & Haydon Drive, Bruce. Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is selling a wide variety of hand made items all at bargain prices. All proceeds go towards the purchase of medical equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

**Alan Tongue – Man of Christian Faith** – 23 June, 7.30pm, Parish Centre, Strangways Street, Curtin. Former Canberra Raiders player (2000-2011) and captain, creator of innovative programmes for teenagers and now NRL ambassador will be the next guest speaker at the North Woden Parish of the Transfiguration Parish Pastoral Council talk series. Refreshments served. All welcome. Register: [E.wodennorth@cg.org.au](mailto:E.wodennorth@cg.org.au) or P 6281 3999.

**Annual St Thomas More Feast Day Dinner and Forum** - Friday 25 June 2021, Mercure Hotel, Ainslie. Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO: 'The Pell Case: Lessons for Church and State'. \$90.00 - 2 course, with pre-dinner canapés and wine. Bookings essential, by Friday 18 June. <https://250621stmdinner.eventbrite.com.au>. Or contact the parish, [campbell@cg.org.au](mailto:campbell@cg.org.au), 0416 823 447.

**Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce dinner** —16 July, Southern Cross Club Woden to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, Sr Margaret Beirne RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65. All welcome. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>.

**Reflection Day for Women** 24th July - Father Epeli Qimaqima is hosting a Reflection Day for women of all ages and states of life to be held at St Joachim's, Lidcombe in Sydney. Commencing with Holy Mass and will include time for personal prayer, adoration and confession, as well as the opportunity for fellowship. Registration details can be found at: <https://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/reflection-day-for-women-2021/>

**Retreat - Finding God in Australia**—6-8 Aug. Fr John Hill will lead a retreat to be held at St Clement's, "Finding God in Australia". Contact St Clement's to register. [info@stclement.com.au](mailto:info@stclement.com.au) or phone 02 6380 5222 Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

**Inaugural Tim Fisher Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life** - 26 August 2021, 6:30pm. Great Hall, Parliament House, Canberra. \$30.00. visit [www.tfo.org.au](http://www.tfo.org.au) or contact [jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au](mailto:jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au).

**Women's prayer/sharing Groups**— Contact: [calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

**Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** Support our project of the month and help contemplative religious sisters in Peru to contribute to the pastoral work in Peru and the world through prayer, presence and the testimony of their faith. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)

#### We pray for...

**Those who are ill:** Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, 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:** Frs Barney & Paddy Lynch, Kathleen Louise Hogan, Tony Conlan, Geraldine Pearson, Dorothy Black, Emilio Rao, Ron Pearson, Theresa Borg, Catherine Alice Duffy, Raymond Taylor, Luke Robert Webber, David Black, John Millard, Madge Colvin, Thomas Douglas, William Hudson, Elizabeth Ann Taylor, Bishop Aloysius Morgan, Fr Peter Cronin, Ian Lees, Patricia Kane, Yvonne Bradley, Andriana Koukari, Ken Roberts, Richard Roberts, Maria Mendes, Patricia Flood, John Connors, Etienne Jevardat de Fombelle, Danny Scorpecci,

**Recently Deceased:** Evelyn O'Keefe, Betty Unwin, Romina Samoza De Reiz, 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,

# Readings of the Day – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ —Year B



Cathedral QR code

**Entrance Antiphon:** *He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:** *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

## First Reading

Exo 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

## Second Reading

Heb 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

## Gospel Reading

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	5/6 June	12/13 June	
5.00pm (SCC)	Rebekeh Hall-O'Meagher Leeann Galloway	Eleanor Noorli Stewart Unwin	
6.00pm (SPC)	Marcelle Disanayake Melissa Dixon	Damien Balachandran Felicity de Fombelle	
8.00am (SCC)	Louise Zavone Joe Zavone	Philip Pocock Scott Pobihun	
9.30am (SPC)	Jaye Longland Wanda Kaucz	Dominic Chin Liz Porra	
11.00am (SCC)	Lynn Chan Ceciley Matthews	Cecilia Flores Leeann Galloway	
5.30pm (SCC)	Rebecca Hall-O'Meagher Liz Porra	Jacob Madden Beaky Langworthy	