

# St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

The Most Holy  
Trinity

— Year A  
7 June 2020

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD  
Vicar General: Fr Tony Percy VG  
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch  
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Masses will be offered with a maximum of 20 people present until further notice. Bookings essential one day prior.

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**Parish Secretary:** Michelle O'Connor—Mon-Fri, 8.30am-12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm

**Accounts Officer:** Karina Widjaja—Friday, 8am-4pm

## Sunday Mass

### St Christopher's

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

**Sat. Vigil:** 5.00pm

**Sunday:** 8.00am, 9am  
11.00am (livestreamed),  
5.30pm & 6.30pm

### St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,  
Yarralumla ACT (starting 13 June)

**Saturday:** 6.00pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 9.30am

## Weekday Mass

### St Christopher's

**Monday to Friday:** 7.30am,  
12.15pm (livestreamed)

**Saturday:** 9.00am  
(livestreamed), 12.15pm & 5pm

### 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:** 11.00am—11.30am

**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

## Baptisms

**Sundays:** 12.30pm

## Weddings

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

**St Peter Chanel's:** By arrangement

Dear Parishioners of St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

What is that mother's feeling when she gazes into the eyes of her child for the first time? Or the feeling when a man at the altar looks back at the woman he is about to marry? What about the feeling as one sits by the bedside of their dying father, recalling moments as a child? Or that feeling of hope that wells up in a young child as they find their parents again after being lost in a crowd? What is that?

Many would rightly call these moments, moments of *love*. Yet all these experiences are not just coincidental, nor fleeting emotive responses, or mere reactions to external needs. Rather these moments are indicative of something far more deeply embedded in our nature. An echo, of something (or Someone) far more eternal within us. All are undergirded by the one all-encompassing Truth, coming from and existing in the same, one source.

In 1897 Mark Twain coined what is now one of the most famous proverbs in English Literature. "Truth is stranger than fiction". The full quote reads: "*Truth is stranger than fiction* because Fiction is obliged to stick to [what the human mind thinks the] possibilities; Truth isn't" How correct this is when it comes to God, a God who breaks all rules of how the human mind naturally expects God to behave and the distance he is supposed to remain?

Today we celebrate the most extraordinary of all Christian doctrines – *The Most Holy Trinity*. And yet it is surely also the most ordinary, familiar and everyday doctrine? Because this divine reality that we seek to understand, actually consumes our very lives. So commonplace in fact, that to many it often becomes invisible.

Left to our own ideas and musings a fictional understanding of God is the best the human person can come up with: one who is distant, menacing, vengeful and judgmental, just like the ancient Greek gods of old! When in truth the real God is so different, coming close to us to save and to reveal His innermost nature; a nature we could never have known had He not willingly and lovingly revealed it. This is no God of fear who creates us as slaves, but a God of unimagined and infinite love, who creates us to be sons and daughters!

It is true – the Truth is far, far stranger and far more beautiful than all the fictions that we could concoct for ourselves. Because God is in Truth, the boundless abyss of Love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and when the abyss of perfect love overflows, what do we get? Creation and the possibility of every relationship we know, experience and cherish. That is the great fact that we celebrate on this Trinity Sunday.

The God who is perfect love, we speak of as three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but three persons who are bound together by a love so perfect that there is only One God. So *the Truth of the Trinity is the truth of perfect love*, that which lies as the heart of all things, especially our human relationships.

The love of a mother for her newborn child. The love of a husband for his seriously ill wife – that is dwelling in God. The longing we have to hear the voice of a loved one who has been distant for so long. The tears that spontaneously roll down our cheeks when we hear of the tragedy suffered by a stranger. All proof not only of God's existence, but of His closeness. All these are proofs of our dwelling in the presence of a Triune God who is Love!

Countless attempts have been made to explain the Trinity, some simple, others far less so. Some have used the image of three flames which when put together you have only one, and yet the three candles remain distinct. Whatever image you take the truth is the same. It is a truth of Trinity and unity – a truth of perfect love.

All the loves this earth knows, the true, good and beautiful, we recall today and we acknowledge and worship the source, the wellspring from which they come and in *whom they live and move and have their being* (Acts 17:28).

*Who* we celebrate this Trinity Sunday is actually not all that foreign, in fact He is more a part of us than we and certainly the world often care to realise. What we celebrate today is *Love*. The Triune God. So as you kiss your child goodnight this evening, or your spouse, ask: what could possibly make you feel this way? It's not you. It is the fact that you are created in the image of a God who is love.

"Glory be to the father, the son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end." Amen.

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Director of Music:** Jaki Kane

**RCIA**—Fr Trenton van Reesch  
*Weekly on Thursdays, 6pm*

### School of Religion

Dates to be advised soon

**Youth Minister**—Chiara Catanzariti  
Email: chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au

### Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 8 Jun	10th week in Ordinary time
Tue 9 Jun	10th week in Ordinary time
Wed 10 Jun	10th week in Ordinary time
Thu 11 Jun	St Barnabas, apostle
Fri 12 Jun	10th week in Ordinary time
Sat 13 Jun	St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor
Sun 14 Jun	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

### **Group gatherings in recess for the moment**

**Legion of Mary**  
*Wednesday at 6.15pm*  
*Haydon Hall*

#### 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*  
*Geetanjali Rogers*

#### 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

#### 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*

**For details of any of the  
above, contact the Parish**

**Planned Giving Donations**—Please ensure your payments towards Planned Giving is up to date prior to the end of the Financial Year. Our last banking date for 2019/20 Financial Year is the weekend of 20/21 June. No money given after this date will be included in your Tax Receipt for that Financial Year.

**2020 Planned Giving Pledge cards** are now 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.

**Planned giving Envelopes:** If you can't make financial contributions to the Parish electronically, please call the office to organise dropping off your Planned Giving envelope on 6239 9846.

### **CHANGES TO MASS TIMES—See front page for Mass times. St Peter Chanel's will celebrate Masses from 9 June onwards.**

In accordance with government restrictions, from 30 May, only 20 people are permitted in the church at any one time. Each Mass must be limited to 20 parishioners or less. Please email the parish office to see what Masses might be possible to attend. Bookings are essential at least one day prior to the date you want to attend. Call 6239 9846 or email cathedral@cg.org.au **before** 4.30pm Mon-Fri. Physical distancing rules still apply.

**Reconciliation** - St Christopher's Cathedral: Wednesday: 11.00am—11:30pm; Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm; Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon.  
St Peter Chanel's—Tues 6-6.30pm and Sat. 5.15-5.45pm

**A Watchful Eye:** The Cathedral will soon place security cameras around the cathedral precinct. This means the Cathedral will be able to remain opened for longer hours and ensure, after a recent wave of vandalism, that our Church is safe and secure. This project will also bring the Cathedral up-to-date with other churches and Cathedral security measures. If you are able to contribute monetarily to this project, even of the smallest amount, please contact the parish office.

### **Saint Christopher's Youth & Young Adults**

**Primary School Youth Group**—When we return we'll be starting our youth group 'Adventurers!' that will run around the context of Sunday 9:30am Mass at St Peter Chanel's. We would really appreciate your input on this (what time it should run, etc) You can do this here: <https://forms.gle/MqE8V2wpopmqDX8R7>. We have activity sheets for mass available on our website under 'news' on the side bar!

**'BEYOND' videos and worksheets** - Our Archdiocese has released a new series called 'Beyond'. You can watch these videos that feature our administrator Fr Trenton and our Youth Minister Chiara. New episodes are made available every Saturday 7am on the Catholic Voice Website  
Episode 1—<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/video-beyond-episode-one-god-and-me/>  
Episode 2 - <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/video-beyond-episode-two-god-and-me/>

**Young Adults Brunch**—28 June, join us for 11am Mass at the Cathedral followed by brunch together! Please email me at chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au so we can reserve your place at mass!

**Primary School: Sunday Mass worksheets** are now available to print out on our website. When we return, our **Youth Group** will be starting and will be held around Sunday 9:30am Mass at St Peter Chanel's. We would appreciate input on times. Please visit : <https://forms.gle/MqE8V2wpopmqDX8R7>

**High School students: ALPHA** every Tuesday 7pm-8pm on Zoom. Open to all students years 10- 12 Here what it's about: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3NBFJDOil>. Join us on: <https://zoom.us/j/99139267513>, Meeting ID: 991 3926 7513 & **Q&A**—make way for an event series to gather with friends, for the opportunity for Q and A on topics that are important to you.

**Young adults and professionals:** Bible study every Thursday night 6:30-7:30 on Zoom. New members are always welcome! Join 'Canberra Cathedral Young Adults' on Facebook to keep updated on all events. & **Q&A with FT:** This month we'll be starting some online inputs and Q & A with Fr Trenton. Stay tuned for more info coming soon.  
Chiara – Youth and Young Adults.

# OTHER NEWS

**Mass live streamed daily** from the St Christopher's Cathedral. Monday to Friday at 12:15pm, Saturday at 9:00am and Sunday at 11:00am. For daily reminders emails: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

## QKR! At Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish

### A New, Easier way to donate!

Join us in our trialing of Qkr! Similar to swiping your phone at an EFTPOS Machine you can now use our **purpose-built secure parish app** to contribute to our parish community. Payments for 1<sup>st</sup> (Clergy) & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Parish) are listed. Please ensure you include your Planned Giving number for 2nd Collection contributions. Contact the Parish Office if you have forgotten your Planned Giving number on 62399846. Caritas Project Compassion is also currently listed under "Special Appeals". For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish.

For step by step Qkr! instructions with pictures, please visit <https://cqcatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/>

## Entrusting Australia to Mary, Help of Christians

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.



We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

**IN THESE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE : <http://cg.org.au/cathedral/Home.aspx>**

## How to still contribute financially to St Christopher's Cathedral Parish

As our churches are not open for Masses due to Corona Virus, our weekend collections are not being taken up. If you would like to contribute to the First Collection, you can make a direct transfer from your bank account.

**The First collection** is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond. Each priest in a parish draws a personal stipend from the first collection for living expenses, food and housekeeping. Funds are also directed to Priests in parishes where the first collection is insufficient to meet their stipend; the support of the Archbishop, Vicar General and Chancellor; Priests in remote dioceses across Australia; Clergy Retirement Foundation (in support of sick and retired clergy)

BSB: 062-786  
Bank Account: 000029248

Account Name: CATHEDRAL  
Reference: FORREST & SURNAME

**The Second collection**, which includes the planned giving program, is the main source of our parish income. The second collection funds are used for the day to day running of our parish. That is to pay for the repairs, wages, insurance, utilities and the many other expenses incurred to keep our parish functioning. If you would like to give towards the Parish expenses and are not currently registered for Planned Giving, please deposit into the following bank account:

BSB: 062786  
Bank Account: 000015080

Account Name: St Christopher's Cathedral  
Reference: Planned Giving Number and Surname (only for current Planned Givers); or Donation (by parishioner's not registered Planned Givers).

**Please visit [www.catholicvoice.org.au](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au) for more resources, prayers and news.**



So often we can feel isolated and alone, and these days during the lockdown this terrifying feeling can consume us even more. This is important to our parish and wider community, you are not alone, you are loved. **Need to talk? 02 616226100.** Or visit <https://catholiccare.cg.org.au/> Crisis support lines 24/7 Lifeline 13 11 14—Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467—Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800—Men's Line Australia 1300 78 99 78—Family Drug Support 1300 368 186



**Tap & Go PayWave Machine** to contribute to the Church collections without the necessity of carrying cash. Please PayWave your card at the pre-set Tap N Go machine located in the Church Foyer when you exit the church. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.

**FREE online courses—“Catholic Marriage Summit” June Thu 11<sup>th</sup> - Sat 13<sup>th</sup> <https://www.joyfuleverafter.org/>**

**Just about every high profile lay Catholic speaker you have heard of (50 in total, mostly US-based) along with their spouse, will give a 20 minute presentation on the day to day realities of living out the Sacrament of Marriage.**

**Rest in Peace & Rise in Glory:** Please Pray for two of our loved, long-time Parishioners:

**Katarina Kish - 19 November 1938 - 18 May 2020.** A date for a Requiem Mass for Katarina will be forthcoming.

**Rita O'Connor - 14 April 1932 - 31 May 2020.** A Requiem Mass for Rita will be held in St Peter Chanel's on Tuesday 9 June 2020 commencing at 1.30pm. (\*Please note that current restrictions of 50 people still unfortunately apply for funeral Masses)

**We pray for...**

**Those who are ill:** Linda Seaniger, Lauren Nihill, Arianna Vignale, Anna Vincent, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin, Mary Brennan

**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

**Recently Deceased:** Rita O'Connor, Denis Hogan, Joyce Cook, Tony Donohoe, **Katarina Kish**, Sr Mary Agnes, Colleen Cotter, Keith McLaughlin, Peter Becker, Regina Paredes, Hilda Quinones, Shirley Evans, Josip Persic, Don Furner, Henry Tabisz, Mary-Anne McGrath, Rod Frazer, 4 children killed at Oatlands, Roberto Emilio, Bruce Kennedy, Ronald D'Cruze, Brian Kelly, Betty O'Neill,

## Readings of the Day – The Most Holy Trinity —Year A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** *Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Glory and praise for ever!*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** *Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.*

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### First Reading

**Ex 34:4-6. 8-9**

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

### Second Reading

**2 Cor 13:11-13**

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Gospel Reading

**Jn 3:16-18**

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'