

St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)



The Presentation of
the Lord

— Year A

1/2 Feb 2020

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Vicar General: Fr Tony Percy VG
Administrator: Fr Trenton van Reesch
Assistant Priest: Fr Norvin Dias

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (sung) & cuppa
5.30pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Saturday: 12.15pm
Tuesday to Friday: 7.30am

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—12.00pm
Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm
Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm
Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

Adoration & Benediction

St Christopher's:

Tues-Friday weekly 5-6pm (except
1st Thurs).

Adoration: First Friday of the
month 12.45-2pm.

Holy Hour & Benediction for dis-
cernment of Priestly vocations: 1st
Thurs of the month 7-8pm

Vespers First Sundays, 6.30pm

Baptisms

St Christopher's: 2nd & 4th
Sundays, 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's: 3rd
Sun, 10.30am

Weddings

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

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

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

Accounts Officer: Karina Widjaja—Wednesday

Dear Parishioners and Visitors to Saint Christopher's Cathedral Parish,
On the 27th of February 1928 the Parish of Saint Christopher's was established, with Father Patrick Haydon the first parish priest. It wasn't until 1938 however that Saint Christopher's church was built and the following year officially opened. *Canberra*, which means 'meeting place' was so named because as the growing Capital, it was somewhere that many travellers would come, and so dedicating the Church and parish under the patronage of Saint Christopher the patron saint of travellers, seemed a fitting and obvious choice.

On the 5th of February 1948 the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn was formally established. The Church then was later extended and, on the Silver Jubilee of the Archdiocese, the 5th of February 1973 Archbishop Thomas Cahill, consecrated the extensions and St Christopher's became the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. On this day the Archbishop anointed the walls where the candles now stand - and on the anniversary date each year, burn brightly - setting this building aside as holy, where the *living stones* who gathering within, come to worship and give glory to God (1 Peter 2:4-6). On Tuesday we celebrate the 47th anniversary of the Cathedral's dedication.

We celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of a church because it is the physical representation of the community of faith which regularly gathers within; it is too the place where the Sacred Mysteries of our faith take place. Observing the dedication celebrates the mystery of the living Church, that is, the people of God in pilgrimage to the new Jerusalem.

St Christopher's is also however the Eucharistic heart and the sign of unity of our Local Church of Canberra and Goulburn. The word "Cathedral" has origins in the Greek "kathedra," meaning "chair." This 'chair' seen in the sanctuary of each Cathedral is that of the bishop, who from this place, as a true shepherd, lovingly guides the life of the Local Church entrusted to him by Christ, known as a diocese.

On Tuesday, Archbishop Christopher (*in Saint Christopher's!*) will celebrate midday Mass for this solemnity. That evening communal vespers (evening prayer) will be prayed in the Sacred Heart Chapel with Adoration beginning at 5pm. All are most welcome to join us on this joyous occasion.

We pray for all those who have gathered over many years to worship within the walls of this parish Church and Cathedral, in moments of great sorrow and fear as well as those of immense joy and awe.

May every pilgrim who visits this place, go forth having experienced the gentle presence and the merciful Heart of the God who walks among us.

And may we continue to invoke the intercession and protection of Saint Christopher as we continue along the pilgrim way.

Fr Trenton

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Jaki Kane

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

School of Religion

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 3 Feb	St Blaise, St Ansgar
Tue 4 Feb	Anniv. Of the Dedication of St Christopher's Cathedral
Wed 5 Feb	St Agatha
Thu 6 Feb	St Paul Miki & companions
Fri 7 Feb	4th week in Ord. time
Sat 8 Feb	St Jerome Emiliani, St Jo sephine Bakhita, Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun 9 Feb	5th Sunday in Ord. time

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 Archdioce-
san life through prayer and event
participation*
*Thursday 6.30pm Rosary/Bible
Sharing/Fellowship SCC*
Geetanjali Rogers - 0438 585 177

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
Office.**

CROSSROADS AUSTRALIA—One of the walkers from the Crossroads Australia Pro-Life group, who are walking from Brisbane to Melbourne this Summer, will be speaking at parish Masses this weekend about the Crossroads Walk and their mission of giving witness to the sanctity and dignity of human life at all stages. For more information about the walk and how you can help check out the website: <http://crossroadsaustralia.org/> or simply say hi to them after Mass.

SUNG VESPERS -Vespers will be sung by the Cathedral Choir on Sunday 2 February at 6.30pm. All welcome to join with the choir in prayer and song.

FIRST ADORATION OF THE MONTH—Thur 6 Feb at 7pm praying for Vocations (Adoration not at 5pm that Thur.) and Friday 7 Feb, 12.45pm-2pm.

SEEKING YOUNG MUSICIANS! The Cathedral parish is looking for young people who enjoy playing an instrument or singing. If you would like to be involved in music making at the young adults Mass (5.30pm on the second Sunday of each month), please contact the Music Director, Jaki Kane. Some basic training in liturgy will be provided. Email the parish office if you would like to find out more information or register your interest—cathedral@cg.org.au.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): RCIA is the process through which those who have an interest in the Catholic faith may explore the possibility of becoming Catholic. Let us keep those people in our prayers who will receive the Sacraments at Easter.

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE (GERMANY) CONCERT—Vivaldi, Mozart, Tchaikovsky & Paganini—11 Feb, 8pm, St Christopher's Cathedral. Tickets: www.ticketmaster.com.au, Tel 136100 or cash at the door one hour prior to the concert.

A DAILY HOLY HOUR: "O come, let us adore Him" is the familiar antiphon resounding through the Christmas season, and yet still, every day, the Church continues to call out, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," inviting us, to believe, to hope, to love, to adore, and to be consoled by the **Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**. From February 2020, Holy Hour will commence at the Cathedral on **Tuesdays to Fridays, 5pm to 6pm**. Pope Francis reminds us that "If we are to know the Lord, we must go to Him. Listen to Him in silence before the Tabernacle and approach Him in the Sacraments." So come... let us adore Him!

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR VOLUNTEERS—Volunteers in the Cathedral Parish ministries who were unable to attend last December's Christmas function, please contact the Parish office to organise the collection of your Thank You Gift from the Parish. Call Michelle on 6239 9846.

2020 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

Confirmation classes starts Mon, 27 April, 6pm-7.30pm at St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Cnr of Weston and Loch Streets, Yarralumla. This is for Year 5 & 6 students or older who live in Barton, Causeway, Deakin, Forrest, Fyshwick, Griffith, Kingston, Manuka, Parkes, Red Hill, Yarralumla or attend school in these suburbs. Children must have received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist prior to Confirmation. More information and Enrolment form on www.cg.org.au/cathedral or contact the Parish Office on 6239 9846. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 at 5.30pm.

First Reconciliation classes start 15 June for 29 July.

First Eucharist classes start 17 August for 20 September.

LENTE PROGRAM REFLECTION GROUPS – would YOU be interested in running or participating in a small Lenten Reflection Group with your fellow parishioners? Possible resource—see below notice 'Grace'. For expression of interest, please contact the Parish Office.

LENTE PROGRAM BOOKLET 'GRACE' FOR SALE SOON—Features short daily reflections that accompany our major focus on the Lenten Sunday Gospels with spiritual direction. Retail @ \$9.90 but the Cathedral is subsidising @ \$5.00. Please pay \$5.00 per book into the Poor Box or pay online: <https://www.bpoin.com.au/payments/sccp>.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT SESSIONS—**Theme:** How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is: *A joyful, hope-filled and servant community*, **Tuesday February 11th, St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla.**
Open to conversion renewal and reform Tuesday February 18th, Parish Rm



Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

OTHER NEWS

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOLLOWING THE BUSHFIRES - Sunday, 2 February, 6-7pm, Canberra Baptist Church. Join Canberra's Christian Churches for an ecumenical prayer service for the communities, bushland and wildlife affected by the bushfires.

'PEOPLE'S CLIMATE ASSEMBLY'—2-6 Feb—A number of groups, including the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change ARRCC), are organising "People's Climate Assembly" and encourage a wide range of people to attend. ARRCC is a coalition of faith groups. For details of the Assembly, google "People's Climate Assembly 2-6 February"

CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING —3 February, 12.30pm, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. The guest speaker will be award winning, internationally best selling Australian author Ms Karen Viggers. Ms Viggers will speak about her latest book, *The Orchardist's Daughter*, her work as a veterinarian and her work and travels in outback Australia. New members and visitors most welcome.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2020 PARLIAMENTARY YEAR— At the beginning of each Parliamentary year and at the beginning of each new Parliament, the PCF coordinates, with the Australian Capital Territory Churches Council, an ecumenical service of worship. The service to mark the commencement of the 2020 Parliamentary year is to be held on Tuesday 4 February 2020 at the Presbyterian Church of St Andrew, 1 State Circle, Forrest, commencing at 7.30 am.

PASTORAL CARE COURSE: Are you interested in learning the basics of Pastoral Care? In increasing your capacity to be a reflective listener and to support others in a spiritual and empathic form of supportive care? Clinical Pastoral Education is an internationally recognised course and a 5 week Introductory Course will be running at Queanbeyan Hospital on Wednesdays, 9-5, from Feb 19-Mar 18. Cost is from \$350-\$400. Contact Susanne Schmidt on 0431 243 486 or at susannecpe@gmail.com for more details.

WHAT IS PRAYER? Join Fr Michael for a series of talks on prayer. Beginning on Sunday 16 February 2020 after the 9.00am Mass at St John Vianney Church, Waramanga. All invited. Tea & coffee available. **16 February**—What is prayer; **23 February**—How to pray with the bible "Lectio Divina"; **1 March**—Ignatian Contemplation; **8 March**—How to pray the Rosary; **15 March**—What is Sacrament?; **22 March**—What is Eucharist? **29 March**—What is Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick?; **5 April**—What is Liturgy?

A PILGRIMS' WALKING RETREAT—14-16 Feb, from 6.00pm to Sunday 16th at 3.00pm. Enjoy a two-day retreat following the way of the Pilgrim walking the Shalom Labyrinth and around the beautiful Carcoar Valley. This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. You can do as much or as little as you want as we explore the designs, paths, patterns and our life's journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises. Cost: \$200 (Includes all meals and accommodation). Phone: 63673058. Em: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com www: <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER—15-16 – Feb. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. Visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au Choose any of the coming Weekends: May 2-3, August 1-2, November 7-8.

VALUES AND VOICES IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE—Wed. 19 Feb, 7.30pm, Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton. Speaker: The Hon. Dr Ken Crispin QC. Ken is a leading jurist, Supreme Court Judge, President of the Court of Appeal and Commissioner for Standards for the Legislative Assembly. Info: www.ces.org.au.

QUIET DAY—Sat, 22 February 9.30am-3pm The Chambers Pavilion, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Dr Frances Mackay will lead this day on the theme Finding Hope in a Time of Crisis – very apt for our times. RSVP appreciated by 18th February to Alice-Anne Macnaught aamaught@gmail.com 0414 790 201.

SISTERHOOD CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—20-22 March — weekend long event for women of all ages and stages of life at Stanwell Tops Sydney. Through keynote talks and workshops, mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reconciliation & quality sisterhood, women are given the opportunity to deepen in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ & develop community with other women. The conference seeks to provide keynote inputs, which are both spiritually enriching but also practical to the lives of women of all ages and stages Of life. Registration Ticket - \$270 including meals & accommodation. Tickets can be purchased via www.sisterhood.org.au.

EMMAUS JOURNEY —"They recognised him in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35) Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May. Presenter Father Pat Corbett C.Ss.R. This retreat is designed for people in the 'second half of life'. A gentle four day experience of wholeness and wellbeing. Ensuite room \$550, shared facilities \$450. Contact Saint Clements Retreat Centre 02 6380 5222, or <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/emmaus-journey/>

REQUEST FOR TRAINED EUCHARIST MINISTERS AT CALVARY JOHN JAMES HOSPITAL request for trained Eucharist Minister at Calvary John James Hospital—looking for volunteers to fill in some gaps on its roster to bring communion to Catholic patients in hospital. You need to: be available once a month for an hour and a half; do some initial orientation training and yearly Refresher Training; have a cover letter explaining your Eucharist position in your parish; and a current Working with Vulnerable People Card or be prepared to get one. If you can help, please phone Samantha Thirkettle on 6281 8112 or email on Samatha.Thirkettle@calvarycare.org.au for more information.

Pope Francis invites us to hold the word of God in our hands each day. The daily readings can be found and accessed free on the Living Word <https://cgatholic.org.au/LivingWord/>. Subscribe today.



Prayer for the Blessing of Rain

Lord God, Bless Australia – our Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. Grant, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new. May we receive the blessing of abundant rain so that the "desert blooms with the life that lies in wait." We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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We pray for...

Those to be married: Dhanushka Galister & Dillan Remond-Roshan; Peta Forsyth & Michael Maloney

Those who are ill: Anna Vincent, Lucy Duncan, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, Lisette D'Cruze, David Kibbey, Jacqueline Khin, Katarina Kish

Anniversaries of death: Saverio Calabria, Carlos & Francisca Abad, Anthony Osborne, Remigio & Maria Res, Pasquale Ciuffetelli, Noel Flanagan, Shannon Stevenson, Kenneth Mulach, Camillo Buhagiar, Helen Heffernan, Joyce Balnaves, Baby Georgia Morrison, Helen Richardson, Elsie Corkhill, Deceased Members of the O'Hanlon, Blackall, Gorman & Proust Families, Claire Jones, Brianna Humphreys, Leo Biggs,

Recently Deceased: Mary Bowe (Kilmartin), Bruce Kennedy, Ronald D'Cruze, Brian Kelly, Betty O'Neill, Patricia Smith, David Cusack, Anica Soldo, John Gallagher, David Askew, Andrew Italiano, Stanley Marris, Patricia Brennan (Mother of Fr Frank Brennan) Desmind Maquire, Patrick Maher, Florence Taylor, Pasquale Caggiano,

Readings of the Day – The Presentation of the Lord —Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.*

First Reading

Mal 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Second Reading

Heb 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Gospel Reading

Lk 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors		Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist		
Mass	1/2 Feb	9/10 Feb	1/2 Feb	9/10/ Feb
6.00pm (SPC)	Geraldene Ford Frances Bulbrook	Marcelle Disanayake Damien Balachandran	Mary Debus Sue Buckingham	Any available EMHC
8.00am (SCC)	Philip Pocock Liza Quinn	Assigned Louise Zavone	Liza Quinn	Phil Pocock Liza Quinn
9.30am (SPC)	Lynn Chan Ruth Meadows	Clarice Poh Dominic Chin	Colliss Parrett	Wilfred & Margaret Lawrence
11.00am (SCC)	Filipino Community Cecilia Flores	Leeann Galloway Ranee George	Jacqueline Hipwell Bronwen Grey	Ceciley Matthews Kathryn Ruston
5.30pm (SCC)	Jonathan Lee Cecilia Moar	Youth Mass	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze	Elizabeth Young Lionel D'Cruze

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