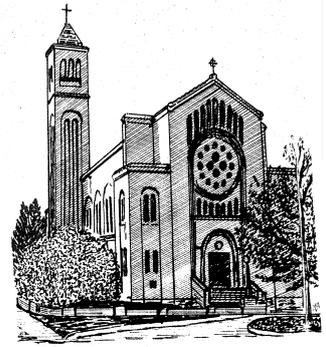


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Year B -
15 Aug 2021

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



Masses numbers at
St Christopher's &
St Peter Chanel's
will be limited until
further notice.

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

Rosary at the Cathedral

Mon-Fri 8am, Sat 11:40am, Sun
4:45pm

Baptisms

Sundays: 12.30pm

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dear friends,

Peace be with you. As we gather today in our homes, we may be physically distanced, yet in our baptism we are closely united. Know you are not alone.

It is fitting, that today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption – a feast of Hope and promise of Future Life! This feast teaches us that Mary's body, the human body of Jesus' mother, was glorified after her death. While the resurrection of the body for all others will take place when Jesus comes again, the glorification of Mary's body was anticipated by a special privilege. That is to say, what we celebrate in Mary's Assumption into heaven, is what we *too* look forward to at the end of time.

Last year, on this Solemnity and in the midst of pandemic, Pope Francis addressed those in St. Peter's Square before praying the Angelus.

"When man set foot on the moon, he said a phrase that became famous: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". In essence, humanity had reached a historical goal. But today, in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater conquest. The Madonna has set foot in paradise: she went there not only in spirit, but with her body as well, with all of herself. This step of the lowly Virgin of Nazareth was the huge leap forward for humanity."

The Pope beautifully explains:

"[That] one of us dwells in the flesh in Heaven gives us hope: we understand that we are precious, destined to rise again. God does not allow our bodies to vanish into nothing. With God, nothing is lost! In Mary, the goal has been reached and we have before our eyes the reasons why we journey: not to gain the things here below, which vanish, but to achieve the homeland above, which is forever. And Our Lady is the star that guides us. She went there first. She, as the Council teaches, shines "as a sign of sure hope and solace to the People of God during its sojourn on earth" (*Lumen gentium*, 68)."

In these days of trial for the whole world, let us embrace the *Hope*, indeed the Promise our Holy Father reminds us of, on this magnificent Solemnity. This is our inheritance.

Stay safe and close to our Lord this coming week, in prayer, and in union with His Living Body, the Church. Daily Mass (12:15pm) will be livestreamed, as well as Sunday 11am with Archbishop Christopher.

PARISH NEWS

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

Email: anh.tran@cg.org.au

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon 16 Aug Weekday, Ordinary Time

Tue 17 Aug Weekday, Ordinary Time

Wed 18 Aug Weekday, Ordinary Time

Thu 19 Aug Weekday, Ordinary Time

Fri 20 Aug St Bernard, abbot, doctor

Sat 21 Aug St Pius X, pope

Sun 22 Aug 21st 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

LOCKDOWN—12/8 to 19/8—Unfortunately the Cathedral and St Peter Chanel's will be closed during this time. Masses will still be offered on the regular schedule for your intentions, yet without a congregation present. Mass will be livestreamed daily at 12:15pm and on Sunday at 11:00am

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Lord, I believe in the presence of Your Body and Blood in the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper. Since I cannot receive You Sacramentally, I embrace You Spiritually into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. My Lord and my God. Amen.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER – *Human beings need humanity not Euthanasia* – Please find a copy of this very important letter, online, on our parish website.

CONGRATULATIONS – to our children who made their First Reconciliation last Wednesday evening. Thank you to our committed teachers and parents at St Bede's and our own School of Religion teacher, Chiara Catanzariti, who lovingly prepared a huge cohort for this beautiful Sacrament.

FOLLOW – A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD? AN EVENING FOR YOUNG MEN. Join Archbishop Christopher for an evening focused on the call to priesthood. Who is the Priest? Am I called? How do I discern? Your questions about vocation and priesthood answered. **Thursday 19 Aug. 2021 6:30-8pm.** Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. 55 Franklin St, Forrest. For more info contact Frs. Paul or Trenton. paul.nulley@cg.org.au or trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au.

POSTPONED—SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION – Sunday 15th August – Our Mother Mary, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory" (Pope Pius XII). The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and her return to heaven with her Son and Lord. Join us at St. Christopher's for a short procession followed by Adoration and Rosary. 3-5pm. Confessions will be heard during the second hour.

RCIA 2021-22 - Interested in learning more about Jesus, exploring faith and life's meaning? Come and journey with a like-minded community? RCIA (the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) is an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith in a supportive, welcoming environment. The program is open to all and is particularly designed for those interested in exploring the idea of becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments for the first time. We Thursday evenings, 6pm, starting 16 September. To register or for more information, email cathedral@cg.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL – members of our Archdiocese on the Plenary Council have recently finished their formation in preparation for the first session in October. Let us continue to pray for this historic, hope-filled moment in the Australian Church. www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

NEEDING SUPPORT/HELP - need help ordering groceries online? As a parish family we want to help... let us know, we'll be there!

2021 CATHEDRAL PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM

First Eucharist classes start 17 Aug for 12 Sept. More information and Enrolment forms can be found on 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 debit 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:
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OTHER NEWS

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/>



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.



The Inaugural Tim Fisher Oration— postponed to August 2022. Parliament House will be closed to the public from August 2 to September 3 2021. Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, John Anderson AO will remain the guest speaker of next year's event. Any enquires contact jeanie.alberto@cg.org.au

CHANGE OF DATE Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Dinner Due to COVID considerations the Mary Magdalene dinner will now be held on Friday 3rd September, still 6.30pm at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. Tickets remain valid for Fri 3rd September. If you require a refund, contact elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com or ring 0432 608 310. Tickets still available. Three course meal \$65. Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

Fan the Flame - PLENARY ASSEMBLY 3 Oct 2021 - Let us listen to this Wisdom Jesus' speaks now, in our time and place. Updates, formation materials and resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections can be found at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

Vocations Holy Hour and Dinner: Each first Thursday of the month there is a Holy Hour and dinner at Archbishop's House for those interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood. If you are wanting to meet other like-minded men, please contact Fr Paul Nulley at: paul.nulley@cg.org.au

Vocations Discernment Weekend: Friday 24 Sept. – Sunday 26 Sept. An extended discernment opportunity involving a retreat at Galong. For more information please contact paul.nulley@cg.org.au

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Please consider leaving an eternal legacy. By remembering ACN in your will you leave a lasting legacy of faith, hope and love. Your offering assists us to keep the light of faith shining brightly in a world which cries out for the peace that only Christ can offer. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/legacies

Future of Catholicism in Australia – 26 Aug, 7.30pm via zoom. *Outcomes & Actions for the Plenary Council*. Opened by Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann (Senior Australian of the Year 2021). Register at accr.com.au

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Fr Laurie Blake, Teddy Kartadinata, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Anthony, David Kibbey, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Ira Tirtobudi, Nicholas Dyne, Hubo Ballivian, Fr Peter Gannon.

Anniversaries of death: 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, 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

Recently Deceased: Josef Wiedemann, Sr Marie Jeanne Graham rsj, Fr Elizebije Petar, Eduardo Pelaez Tan, Tee Eng Nio, Ferry Tedjajadi, Aurelio Biorra, Eduardo Telaez Tan, Stephen Evans, Lois Billings, John Cusack, Maev O'Collins, Fr Brian Maher, Martin Toohey, Joseph Meli,

Readings of the Day – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary —Year B



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Entrance Antiphon: *A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.*

Responsorial Psalm: *The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy. Alleluia!*

Communion Antiphon: *All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.*

First Reading

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Reading

Lk 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors			
Mass	14/15 Aug	21/22 Aug	
5.00pm (SCC)	Stewart Unwin Scott Pobihun	Leeann Galloway Ruth Meadows	
6.00pm (SPC)	Wanda Kaucz Melissa Dixon	Mike Nash Felicity de Fombelle	
8.00am (SCC)	Marcus Smith Assigned	Phil Pocock Liza Quinn	
9.30am (SPC)	Ruth Meadows Gloria Osborne	St Bede's readers	
11.00am (SCC)	Cecilia Flores Leeann Galloway	Liz Porra Edwina Hyman	
5.30pm (SCC)	Liz Porra Becky Langworthy	Jacob Madden Kevin Woods	

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