

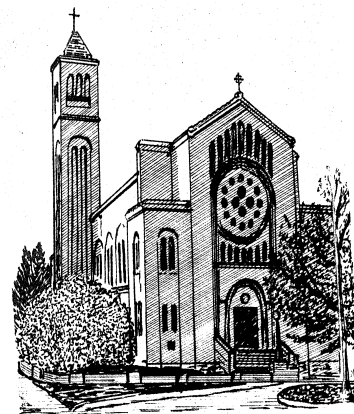
St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

The Epiphany of the
Lord —
Year B

6/7 Jan 2018

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
Administrator : Fr Warrick Tonkin
Assistant Priest: Fr Steve Astill SJ
St Peter Chanel's Church: Fr Peter L'Estrange SJ



Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (sung),
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: 12.45—1.15pm

Thursday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 11.00am - 12noon

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Saturday: 5.15 - 5.45pm

Baptisms

St Christopher's: Second and
fourth Sundays, 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's: Third Sun-
day, 10.30am

Weddings

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

St Peter Chanel's:

By arrangement

PARISH OFFICE

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Monday to Friday, 8.30am- 12.15pm, 12.45pm-4.30pm—Parish Secretary: Michelle O'Connor

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!*

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

Dear Parishioners,

As I commence my term as Cathedral Administrator I believe that it is only fitting that I tell you something of my background.

I was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Carroll here in St Christopher's Cathedral, on 21st November, 1985. I have served in the following Parishes over thirty-two years:

St Christopher's Cathedral: Assistant Priest December 1985 – January, 1986 and 1987-1990; Priest in residence with special duties in education 1993-1994; Assistant Priest in addition to special duties, 2005-2008; Administrator January 2018.
St Peter & Paul's, Goulburn: Assistant Priest February 1986 – January, 1987.
St Mary's Aaminaby: Administrator February – July, 1991.
Sacred Heart, Cootamundra: Parish Priest 1994 – 1998.
St John Vianney's, Waramanga: Administrator 1998 – 2000.
St Mary's, Young: Assistant Priest 1990 – 1991; Parish Priest 2000 – 2005.
St Monica's, Evatt: Parish Priest 2008 – 2015.
St Michael's, Kaleen: Administrator 2012 – 2015.
Corpus Christi Parish, South Tuggeranong: Parish Priest July 2015—Dec 2017.

I was requested to undertake post-graduate studies in education and theology at Boston College, USA from August 1991 to December 1992.

Additional responsibilities over the past thirty-two years have included:

Membership of the Archdiocesan Catholic Education Commission, 1987-1991, 1993-1996, 2006-2014.

Director of Adult Faith Education.

Archdiocesan Trustee, Consultor and Member of the Council of Priests.

Part-time lecturer in Theology at the Australian Catholic University.

At the present time I still have the following Archdiocesan responsibilities:

Archdiocesan Censor.

Director of Formation of the Permanent Diaconate.

Archdiocesan Master of Ceremonies.

Member of the Council of Priests.

Chair of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission.

My background only has value as it informs and helps to form the next stage of the journey of faith in which I willingly join the St Christopher's Cathedral Community.

Together may we always walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, living and sharing our faith in Him, within the context of the Catholic Church.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Father Warrick Tonkin
Administrator

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Finance Council

Fr Warrick Tonkin

Director of Music

Jaki Kane

Liturgy Rosters

Cecilia Flores & Scott Pobihun

RCIA

Fr Warrick Tonkin

School of Religion

Fr Warrick Tonkin

Accounts

Karina Widjaja

Maintenance Manager

Pieter van Gent

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

Perpetual Novena to Mary

Wednesday 6.00pm SCC

Good Shepherd Prayer Group

Wednesday at 7pm SPC

Christian Meditation

Saturday at 5pm SPC

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

Other Communities

African Community

Third Sunday of the month at 11.30am SPC

Spanish Community

First Sunday of the month at 11.30am SPC

For details of any of the above, contact the Parish Office.

Cathedral Piety Stall

Currently closed due to Maternity Leave

The Canberra-based Gregorian chant group, *Scola in Urbe Australis*, will be chanting Vespers II of the Epiphany of the Lord at St Christopher's Cathedral, Sunday 7 January, 2018 at 6.30pm.

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 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)

'FRANKLY' publication is available at the church exits

OTHER NEWS

Mission to fight poverty. Catholic communities all over the world are looking for teachers, health and community development workers, administrators and others to mentor workers in their fields of expertise. See more than 40 volunteer positions at www.palms.org.au/projects/. The positions would suit anybody with the appropriate qualifications. Healthy retired people find it a most gratifying and stimulating mission. Info: Email christine@palms.org.au or call Roger 0431 995 058 now to find out more. 2018 Applications are closing soon.

Campion College Summer Program: 8-15 Jan 2018. An opportunity to experience college: literature, history, hiking, coastal walks & swims, theology, philosophy, sports and other activities. Registration: \$390 per person with financial assistance available. Contact: study@campion.edu.au or www.campion.edu.au/summer

“Seeking the Mind of Christ” - 9-11 Feb 2018—You are invited to a living encounter and a life transforming experience with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit. 9 Feb - St Monica's Church: Evatt 7-9pm. 10 Feb - St Brigid's Church: Dickson 10am-5pm. 11 Feb - St Brigid's Church: Dickson 10.30am-5.30pm. Conducted by Brother Lalith Perera, Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Father Ken Barker with support from Fr Bernie Patterson and Loi Viovicente. Lunch available at a nominal price or BYO. A crèche will also be available for children. Contact: Shan 0412 310364; Karen 0402 160401; Sean 0448 510237.

Evenings for the Engaged—17 & 24 Feb, Evenings for the Engaged, marriage preparation program, will be held over two consecutive Saturdays in 2018. Enquiries to Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

“Concerned Catholics of Canberra” - 22 Mar. Parishioners, clergy, and friends are invited to the 3rd public forum of Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn. Francis Sullivan, CEO, Truth Justice and Healing Council, will provide an analysis of the Royal Commission's final report. Contact: Rod Page: concerned.catholics.cnagbn@gmail.com

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Tribunal of the Catholic Church—Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on 6239 9813 or tribunal@cg.org.au. All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal

Accommodation: A 38 year old female is seeking accommodation close to the city or in the city. Preferably a furnished room with my own bathroom. Contact Lorraine 0412 327 902, rathipath@yahoo.com.au

2018 Lenten video resource: “Good News in Tough Times” - This resource is perfect for parish-based groups, families and individuals and presents a great opportunity for all to withdraw from the week-in, week-out busyness. To pre-order online: www.faithresources.org.au or call the Bookshop 02 6239 9888

We pray for...

Those who are ill: Greg Moran, Cora Murphy, Betty O'Neill, Brendan Roberts, Tan Roberts, Bob Howatson, Jose Cofre, Enid Martin, Richard Dodson, Vince Basilisco, Maria Walker, Doris Robertson, Gary Evans, Ella Black, Roderick Duncan, Bruce Kennedy, Claude Lucas, Marianne McGrath, Robert White, Christina Parido Davey, Fe Talicop, Richard Price, Toni-Gaye Bush, Tony Bush, Judith Carey, Anthony O'Connor, Michael Leon, Peter Hill, Hugh Patton, Gilbert Ferguson

Anniversaries of death: 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

Recently Deceased: Alan McInnes, Jozef Stefaniak, Bruce Bramley, Mary Harrigan, Fr John Baptiste Tran, Jack Pocock, Jack Smith, Natasha Cruz-Gutteridge, Dr Donald Dunlop (Newcastle), Rene Warrick-Williemsen, Michele Daniele, Fr Paul Tarpey, Steve Dospot, Margaret Frawley, Victims of Egyptian terrorist attacks, Coby Fulop, Antonio Carrabs,

Readings of the Day – The Epiphany of the Lord —Year B

First Reading

Is 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Second Reading

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Reading

Mt 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Lectors		Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist	
	6/7 Jan	13/14 Jan	6/7 Jan	13/14 Jan
6.00pm (SPC)	Frances Bulbrook Margaret McKinnon	Mike Nash Geraldene Ford	Mary Debus Sue Buckingham	Any available EMHC
8.00am (SCC)	Phillip Pocock Jessica Neubeck	Liza Quinn Mineke Peerboom	Mineke Peerboom Any available EMHC	Phil Pocock Liza Quinn
9.30am (SPC)	Collis Parrett Wanda Kaucz	Jaye Longland Lynn Chan	Colliss Parrett	Wilfred & Margaret Lawrence
11.00am (SCC)	Mark Hyman Liz Porra	Bronwen Grey Leeann Galloway	Jacqueline Hipwell	Ceciley Matthews Lionel D'Cruze
5.30pm (SCC)	Jacob Madden Aoife Connors	Youth Mass	Elizabeth Young	Elizabeth Young

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