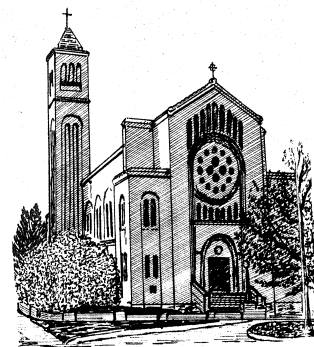


St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Canberra

(including St Peter Chanel's Church, Yarralumla)

6th Sunday of Easter
Year B
5 May 2024

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
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YEAR OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
August 2023– 2024

Sunday Mass

St Christopher's

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

Sat. Vigil: 5.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am,
11.00am (livestreamed),
5.00pm

St Peter Chanel's

Cnr Weston & Loch Streets,
Yarralumla ACT

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekday Mass

St Christopher's

Monday to Friday: 7.30am &
12.15pm

Saturday & Public Holidays:
9.00am & 12.15pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday: 5.30pm

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

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

St Christopher's:

2nd & 4th Sundays: 12.30pm

St Peter Chanel's:

3rd Sunday: 10:30am

Weddings

St Christopher's: Saturday
1.30pm & 3.00pm

St Peter Chanel's: By arrangement

The Friendship of God

"I call you friends... not slaves, not servants." These are far from words to be simply 'glazed over'. For they are words Jesus *chooses* to speak to you and I, with no less authenticity as He did to His first followers.

Today, we can lose perspective on how serious and even shocking this talk would have been for the disciples, who first heard them.

It was hard enough grasp the reality of Jesus' identity as the Son of God, but now through these words Jesus was telling them: He wanted a *close, familial, intimate* relationship.

The Greek word that the Gospel uses here for slaves and servant is *doulos*. In the ancient world however this particular term was not a title of shame, but of great honour. Moses was called God's *dulos*, as was the prophet Joshua, David and even Saint Paul. To be *dulos* meant you had been found worthy.

A slave in the ancient world was very different to the idea we have today. The slave, never distant to his master, was actually rather well cared for, valued and even loved (they were an asset after all).

But what Jesus is saying here, is that even this honorific title isn't good enough! Not for His disciples, not for you and I. "I will call you friends" *Philos* – the Greek word for friendship undergirded by love.

We know the stories of Jesus' encounters with others. Yet do we notice that in all of them, whenever Jesus heals someone, He never asks *why* they are sick, how they got sick, what when wrong? Or Where? Rather seeing their faith, He speaks, reaches out, touches and heals.

And why? Because it isn't a case of being worthy. It isn't a case of 'do I have permission to approach, to be in your presence?'

Rather it is Christ's question to us: "Will you take my hand, as my friend, will you enter into my presence? Will you accept my invitation to remain in my love, so that your joy may be complete?"

He seems to say: "You are not one who needs to earn the right to approach me! You are not a slave who needs to seek permission before coming into my presence. Rather, you are my friend, come in and out as you please, and I will continually seek you out!

We always think of ourselves as searching for God and forget that it is *He* who is searching for us. He has been searching in every moment from the time of the Garden; throughout Old Testament, until He comes at last with a human heart that could suffer for want of our love.

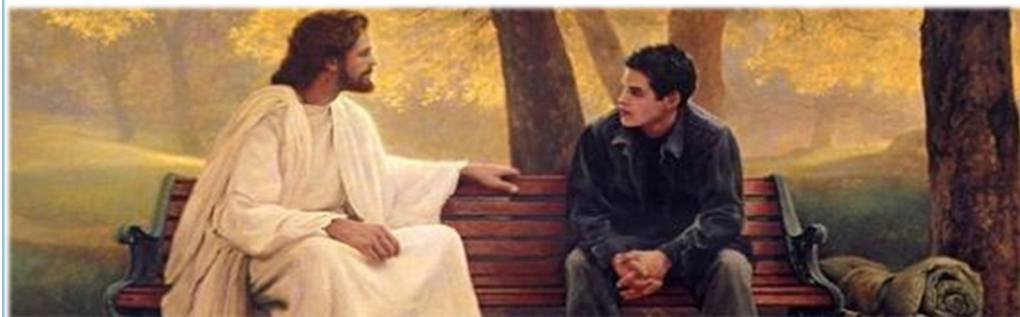
Jesus calls us to be friends, and friends therefore of God Himself! Contemplate how strange that must have been for those who stood around Jesus! How strange it is for us!

That is a tremendous offer. It means that no longer do we gaze longingly from afar; we are not slaves who have no right to enter the presence of the Master unless called. **Christian, understand your dignity!** How extraordinary those words that come from Jesus lips today,

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love... that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete."

That is that the purpose for which you were created, friendship with God; don't keep waiting, may it be fulfilled.

Fr Trenton



NOTICES

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Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Mon May 6 Mon of the 6th week of Easter
Tues May 7 Tues of the 6th week of Easter
Wed May 8 Wed of the 6th week Easter
Thu. May 9 Thu of the 6th week of Easter
Fri. May 10 Fri of the 6th week of Easter
Sat. May 11 Sat of the 6th week of Easter
Sun May 12 THE ASCENSION OF THE
LORD, YR B

PARISH GROUPS

St Vincent de Paul

Good Shepherd Prayer Group
Wednesday at 7pm SPC
Parish Room (Feb-Dec)

Christian Meditation
Saturday at 4:30pm 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 begins Feb.

Filipino Community
First Sunday bi-monthly at
5.00pm SPC

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

PARISH MORNING TEA— First Sunday of the month in the Haydon Hall after the 8am Mass. Everyone is welcome! Next date: **Sunday 5 May**.

CATECHESIS with Fr Alex—For the next few weeks we will cover the history of the Church from its very beginning through to today and even guess at what the future of Church might look like. This Monday we will look at the Church during the Early modern period 1517-1789AD. Come and join, dinner and drinks provided. **Monday 7th May**, Haydon Hall at **6:30pm**. All welcome!

SCHOOL OF RELIGION— 1st Holy Communion classes start **Thurs 9 May, 6pm-7:30pm** in St Peter Chanel's Parish Room, Yarralumla. 1st Communion will take place on **Sunday 2 June 2024** at the **11am Mass**. Please contact the office to enroll or for more information. First Reconciliation starts on the **4 June** for the **3 July**.

READ AND FEE: CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB— This book club is focused on cultivating a deeper spiritual life. Starting with *Spiritual Warfare and the Discernment of Spirits* by Dan Burke – an excellent introduction to the spirituality of St Ignatius of Loyola. Available to purchase from the Catholic Bookstore, Amazon, Dymocks, Parousia Media online store and/or Veritatis Publishing. Don't worry if you can't purchase the book as we'll be reading sections out loud on the night. Held every **Friday 7pm-8:30pm** in the **Haydon Hall**. Food and drinks provided.

Grill'd & God Returns! If you or someone you know is in high school from years 8 to 12, join us on the 21st of May for a night of live music, food and great conversations! Kick starting a youth 'Theology of the Body series', our first session is on 'Rizz & God' – all about finding authentic love amidst a culture of red flags. Join us on **Tuesday the 21st of May**, from **5pm to 7pm** at Grill'd in Manuka! For further enquiries, and to RSVP, email Anita Donaldson at youth.cathedral@cg.org.au.

Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 - 7 August 6pm We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour. **Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvarez, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University **Q&A:** Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter **For more information & tickets visit** www.tfo.org.au

Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House Second Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.



His Word for Kids is for children aged 2 to the end of primary school. It will run on the last Sunday of every month during the 9:30 SPC mass. To assist in delivering this important ministry please contact marcelle.disanayake@gmail.com. Materials and a program will be provided.

The **CANBERRA BACH ENSEMBLE** – *Leipzig at Last! 300 years of Bach's Chorale Cantata Cycle 1724-25*. Choir, orchestra, and soloists, directed by Andrew Koll. Performances of Bach's Chorale Cantatas **BWV 9, 107 & 178** on Saturday **11 May at 7.30pm**, and Sunday **12 May at 2.00pm** at St Christopher's Cathedral. For more info and to purchase tickets, please visit www.canberrabachensemble.com

NOTICES

Giving and Receiving— Direct debit and QKR options are available, as well as TapnGo machines Thank you sincerely for your generosity. If you are able, perhaps consider donating to 1st and 2nd collection via direct debit .
The First collection: contributes to clergy of the Archdiocese. If you make an offering through direct debit, please include that you are a parishioner of the Cathedral Parish.

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Bank Account: 000015080 Reference: Planned Giving # and Surname (only current Planned Givers);
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For more information or to set up monthly payments via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office. For step by step Qkr! instructions, visit cgatholic.org.au/2016/10/something-beautiful-god/ **Thank you for your generosity**

OPEN LETTER TO ACT MLAs against upcoming VAD BILL— show your support in opposing the Voluntary Assist Dying Bill 2023 by signing the petition <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/actcampaign> The aim is to reach 10,000 signatures. To find out more <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/about>

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CARETAXI: SAFE CHURCH TRANSPORT— Mass, Medical/GP appointments, shopping trips, recreational trips, and more; qualified and caring drivers. Visit caretaxi.com.au, or 0451 734 334.

Oceania Evangelisation Program - Pentecost Sunday 19 May 11.30am – 7.30pm—In this Year of the Holy Spirit in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, I invite you to gather with me for this key event to experience the grace and power of Pentecost and to be renewed by currents of grace flowing throughout Oceania. My invitation is extended to parishes, members of Movements and staff and leaders in Catholic schools. Please join us to renew the life and mission of the Church across Oceania." Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Venue: St Benedict's Narrabundah. \$35 per head, including lunch and dinner. Register <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1136531> Inquiries: carmelhenry2@gmail.com 0409777743

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal— The sudden escalation of hostilities in Israel and Gaza has seen unimaginable impacts for the people affected by this conflict. Around 1.5 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your compassionate generosity, we can provide emergency support to people displaced and affected by the hostilities to meet basic needs and cope with trauma. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** Online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413



Year of the Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
Of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts
Of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in His
consolations.
Through the same
Christ our Lord

Amen.

AUGUST 2023— AUGUST 2024

We pray for...

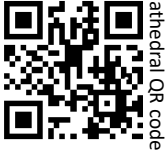
Those to be baptised: Jiyeon Song, Winston Ting, Sean Ting

Those who are ill: Cyrus & Maximus Mee, Sheila van Ghent, Maria Louisa, Rose Hook, Nicoletta Ricciuti, Sonja Vocisano, Archie Ferris, Tony Dickins, Marilena Damiano Fr Greg Beath, Sophy Jacob, Alla Skorokhodova, Tony Kelly, Susie Menadue, Geraldene Ford, Kevin Conlan, Maja Marija Olip, McKenzie Killian, Fr Bill, Leung Man Kon, Beryl Johnson, Florencio Fariña, Alejandra Martinez, Colliss Parrett, Arianna Vignale, Stella Lazar, Rod Duncan, Paul Mychailuk, Kalum, Nicholas Dyne.

Anniversaries of death: Alyssa Henley, Judy Cummins, Frank Brennan, Monica Cooper, Carla Pastrello, Peg O'Hehir, Jane Jennings, Stanley & Mollie Jones, Fr Viv Morrison, Alma Sainsbury, Jack Delaney, Kathleen Bennett, Frances Riordan, Allan Read, Max Bradley, Jean Sunner, Mary O'Brien, Mary Hehir, Jennifer Gowing, David Crossin, Sr Leonie Crotty, Peter Xavier, Michael Rheinberger, Marcus Mumford, Anthony Sullivan, Margaret Gillespie, Sandra Altrin, Robert Porra, Carmel Pickard, Thomas Clowry, Denis Hogan, Joyce Cook, Katarina Kish, Rita O'Connor, Stephen Brooks, Iluminada del La Rosa

Recently Deceased: Domenico Barbatano, Sam Catanzariti, Maria Gallo, Victims of the Bondi Junction attack, Ian "Bob" McPherson, Tom Greally, Keith Drury, Ger-Jan Bruins OSA, John Morrison, Maria Gelones, Theresia Beli Naijes (mother of Fr Joseph Neonbasu), Archbishop Francis Carroll, Thomas Fernando (Father of Fr Rembert Fernando), Marie Docherty (sister of Fr Mick Burk), Anthony Kelly, CsrR,

6th Sunday of Easter—Year B — 4/5 May



Cathedral QR code

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia

Responsorial: The Lord has revealed to the nations of his saving power

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

READERS ROSTER MAY

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Lectors			Eucharistic Ministers	
Mass	4/5 May	11/12 May	4/5 May	11/12 May
5.00pm (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman	Dorilyn Desuyo Crystal Lavien		
8.00am (SCC)	Phil Pocock Becky Langworthy	Joe Zavone Louise Zavone		
9.30am (SPC)	Dominic Chin Clarice Poh	Raphael Molu Fiona Wheeler		
11.00am (SCC)	Jacqui Ramesh Bronwen Grey	Les Buszynski Bianca Goh	Jacqueline Hipwell Leeann Galloway	Bronwen Grey Mark Hyman
5.00pm (SCC)	Francilia Gomes Rebekah O'Meagher	Anthony Brierley Liz Porra		

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