



St Christopher's Cathedral Parish, Forrest, ACT

(Incorporating St Peter Chanel's,
Cnr Weston & Loch Sts, Yarralumla)

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

PARISH LITURGIES

Weekend Masses

St Peter Chanel's (SPC)

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

St Christopher's Cathedral (SCC)

Sunday - 8.00am

St Peter Chanel's (SPC)

Sunday 9.30am

St Christopher's Cathedral (SCC)

Sunday 11:00am (sung)

Sunday 5.30pm

Weekday Masses at St Christopher's Cathedral

Mon-Sat – 12.15pm

Tues-Fri – 7.30am

Weekday Masses at St Peter Chanel's

Tuesday - 5:30pm

Thursday - 10am (9.30am Anointing Mass
first Thursday of the month)

Adoration SCC—First Friday of the month 12.45-2pm

Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance)

St Christopher's Cathedral

Wed 11.30am-12pm, Thur 6-6.30pm, Sat 11am-12pm

St Peter Chanel's

Tues 6-6.30pm, Sat 5.15-5.45pm

Baptisms and Marriages

By appointment only. Contact Parish Office

Parish Office shut down—closed 24 Dec
2018 & reopens 2 Jan 2019.

The Nativity of the Lord (C) 2018

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

*A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his
sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his
name will be called Messenger of great counsel.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our
God.*

Next Week's Readings:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph/C

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

PARISH NEWS



**Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra & Goulburn**

Christmas Message | December 2018

CHRISTMAS JOY

In his Christmas message this year, Archbishop Christopher Prowse emphasised that giving love is the greatest love there is.

“It is certainly true to say at Christmas – ‘Isn’t it great to be loved!’,” the Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn said.

“But it is even greater to say ‘Isn’t it great to love!’.”

“Jesus is always found in the latter. Jesus is forever the guiding and saving light that scatters the darkness of sin.

“If this is what Jesus does, so must we do the same this Christmas.”

Archbishop Christopher drew upon the symbolism of light and darkness at Christmas Time.

“It seems that Jesus was born in the middle of the night. People were sleeping,” Archbishop Christopher said.

“Yet, it was not simply the absence of the sun that caused this midnight. Another type of “darkness” was at play: inhospitality.

“The Holy Family, at least at this crucial moment of salvation history, were homeless due to the absence of hospitality in Bethlehem.”

Reinforcing that the giving of love and the shining of light are not simply an academic or a sentimental exercise, Archbishop Christopher highlighted the practical charity done by groups such as St Vincent de Paul and others in the Canberra community. They help relieve homelessness, hunger and anguish for “the lost, the least and the last,” especially at Christmas Time.

“Darkness will not have the last word,” he said.

“There is hope. There is light. For Christians that LIGHT IS JESUS, our hope, and glory. This is our Christmas joy!”

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn December 2018

Archbishop: Most Rev Christopher Prowse DD STD
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OTHER NEWS

St Vincent de Paul - Urgent Call for Summer Holiday Volunteers.

Vinnies Centres need volunteers able to work about 5, 4 hour shifts between the 22 Dec and 1st of Feb. Most Centres are open Monday – Saturday, public holidays excepted. If you know someone who would be interested or if you are interested, please contact us by phoning 6234 7348 or by emailing volunteer@svdp-cg.org.au.

CCR New Year's Eve Adoration Vigil—31 Dec, 8pm-2am, St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla with Holy Mass at midnight. Come and adore Jesus in the Blessed sacrament. For more information call Susanna on 0419 902 293.

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil—31 Dec, 8.30pm, St Michael's Church, 2 Tyrrell Circuit, Kalen. The Marian Movement of Priests invites parishioners and their friends to the 12th Annual Prayer Vigil. The First Cenacle will be prayed at 8.45pm (Joyful Mysteries), the Second Cenacle at 9.45pm (Luminous Mysteries), the Third Cenacle at 10.45pm (Glorious Mysteries) with Exposition from 8.30pm until 11.45pm followed by Midnight Mass. For further inquiries phone Judy & Joe Mewburn, 6254 6202.

Summer School of Evangelisation—6-13 Jan 2019. A week long retreat into the powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, opening up possibilities for deepening faith, peace, healing, joy, freedom and passion for the Gospel of Jesus. An outreach of the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community. St Stanislaus College, Bathurst and other locations around Australia. Email bathurst@summerschool.org.au or Visit https://summerschool.org.au for more information.

Change The Heart Prayer Service—17 Jan 2019, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 6pm regarding the 26th of January. Light refreshments provided. Contact: Rev Kathrine Rainger, k_rainger@hotmail.com, Hazel Davies, hazeldavies@gmail.com, Rev Tracey Matthews, traceyann.matthews@gmail.com. During the service an offering will be taken up to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian ministry through the Grasstree Gathering www.grasstreegathering.org.au.

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2017 will be conducted at all Christmas Masses across the Archdiocese. Donations will variously support

- The ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal for works in Australia and beyond—Vanuatu, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Syria and Pakistan.
- Wilcannia Forbes and Broome Dioceses, and globally with the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria.
- Rural parish of St Joseph's, Battambang in Cambodia, La Salette Matha Province in India and those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

Thank you in anticipation of your support which will help spread the good news of Christmas.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Lectors

MASS	25 Dec	MASS	29/30 Dec
6.00pm (SCC)	D Arasmith S Rogers	6.00pm (SPC)	Damien Balachandran Marcelle Disanayake
9.00pm (SPC)	J Longland W Kaucz	8.00am (SCC)	Jessica Neubeck Wanda Kaucz
M/Night (SCC)	S Pobihun C Matthews	9.30am (SPC)	Colliss Parrett
8.00am (SCC)	Christmas readers	11.00am (SCC)	Edwina Hyman Mark Hyman
9.30am (SPC)	M Kent A Basas	5.30pm (SCC)	Aoife Connors Arnel Basas
11.00am (SCC)	M Hyman E Hyman		

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

MASS	25 Dec	29/30 Dec
6.00pm (SPC)	Any available EMHC	Any available EMHC
8.00am (SCC)	Any available EMHC	Any available EMHC
9.30am (SPC)	Any available EMHC	Any available EMHC
11.00am (SCC)	Any available EMHC	Any available EMHC
5.30pm (SCC)	Any available EMHC	Any available EMHC

Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased: Tiziano Colbertaldo, Sr Marie Duffy, Alexandre Arekion, Noel Ryan, Reg Chapman, Nigel Bates, Daryl Powell, Maureen Mays, Garry O'Donnell, Tan Roberts, Teresa De Marco, Luigi Martinello, John Robertson,

Anniversaries: Constantino Salza, Nola Palisi, Domenico Marando, Madeleine Marsh Wright, Domenico Virgara, Nuala Kelly, John McLennan Duffy, Giuseppe Bonfini, Philomena Burke, Fr Thomas Wright, Raymond Noonan, Eva Kotthoff, Kathleen Moriarty, Olga Knight, Margaret Wilson, Federick Howley, Edith Dorn, Ellen Fenner, Anna Italiano, Judy Foschia, Bruna Romano, Anne Merner

Sick: Mary Pini, Lois Billings, Fr Peter L'Estrange SJ, David Cusack, Peter Sutherland, Stella Lazar, Betty O'Brien, Rod Duncan, Bruce Kennedy, Joan Joshua