

The EPIPHANY of The LORD
Sunday 7th January 2018

Entrance Antiphon : Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the Sun.

First reading from the prophet Isaiah. 60: 1-6.

Responsorial Psalm : Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3: 2 -3, 5-6.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia! Alleluia! We have seen His star in the East; and have come to adore The Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel : According to Matthew. 2: 1-12.

Communion Antiphon : We have seen His star in the East; and have come to adore The Lord.

Sydney Archdiocese News

The Archdiocese of Sydney App

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. **The App is available to download for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores**

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse.

The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018.

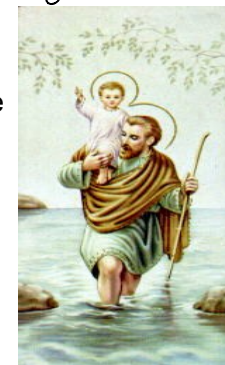
To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGrace.org.au or phone 0407 704 539.

For more information visit www.griefftoGrace.org

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,
love and commitment*

Administrator : Rev. Andrew James
Assistant Priest : Rev. Thomas Alukka Varghese
Assistant Priest : Rev Nicholas Rynne
Permanent Deacon : Rev. Mr. Al Salu
Secretary : Mr. David Moore
Parish Office Hours : Mon. 10.00 am - 3.30 pm
(During school Hols) Tues. 9.30 am - 3.30 pm
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The EPIPHANY of The LORD (Year B)
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Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem. They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child. Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger?

In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth. As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth. We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.



Parish Collections : 31st December 2017

First: \$594.25 **Second:** \$929.60

Parish News:

St Christopher's Parish Lenten Program

The next Lenten Program, "Surrender" will commence in the Parish Hall on Friday, 16th February, 2018 from 10.00am for 10.30am. This program on a Friday will continue until Palm Sunday. Cost of the Lenten Program Booklet will be \$10. For further information please contact either Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 or the Parish Office on 9825 1679.

Office Hours

Please note on the front of the bulletin that there will be a temporary change to Parish office hours over the school holiday period

Childrens Liturgy

Parents of children between the ages of 5 -10 are requested to consider volunteering for this special ministry when it returns in the New Year. The Childrens Liturgy is held at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm during the school term. Ongoing support is given and you can try before you commit by being a helper with a Group Leader. Please contact the parish office on 9825 1679 or speak with Fr. after Mass.



A call to service

As the New Year begins, the Parish is once again in the process of preparing the various Rosters for its many activities. To all who have previously and those who currently give generously of themselves and their time, your assistance is valued and greatly appreciated. The Parish relies heavily on the support and commitment of its community to function effectively.



Some of the many activities include :

- # Commentators
- # Proclaimers of the Word of God
- # Catechists / assistants
- # Children's Liturgy Leaders
- # Cleaners / General helpers (Church / working bees etc)

Do you consider yourself called to service?

For further information, please contact the Parish Office on 9825 -1679.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	6th Jan 5.30 pmThanksgiving Mass
Sunday	7th Jan 8.00 amParish Intentions
Sunday	7th Jan 9.30 amThanksgiving Mass
Monday	8th Jan 9.15 am.....Mass Intentions
Tuesday	9th Jan 9.15 am.....Mass Intentions
Wednesday	10th Jan 9.15 am.....Mass Intentions
Thursday	11th Jan 9.15 am.....Special Intentions
Friday	12th Jan 9.15 am.....Australian Troops serving overseas
Saturday	13th Jan 11.00 am.....Latin Mass

Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:30 pm. // Vigil Mass : 5:30 pm.

Syro - Malabar Liturgies:

Wednesday Mass at 7.00 pm
Thursday Mass at 7.00 pm followed by Adoration (in English)
Friday Mass at 7.00 pm (except on the first Friday of the Month)
Saturday Mass at 9.30 am
Sunday Mass at 11.30am (Third Sunday will be celebrated in the School Hall)

The Samoan Community celebrates Mass in the Church on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at 11.30am.

Saints of the Week / Feasts

The Baptism of the Lord (Mon 8 Jan)

We Pray For The Sick : Molly Goldsworthy, Anna Varghese, Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney & Cyril Ferriere

Recently deceased:

Anniversary:



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen.*