

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year (B)
Sunday 21st January 2018**

Entrance Antiphon : Oh sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

First reading from the prophet Jonah. 3: 1 - 5, 10.

Responsorial Psalm : Teach me Your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 7: 29 - 31.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel : According to Mark 1: 14 - 20.

Communion Antiphon : Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 11 February 2018 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church entrance via St. James Avenue) commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m.

The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Walk with me", this Lent, through a guided silent retreat given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries on Sunday 11th February 9.30am - 3pm. It will be held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville and cost \$30. Please BYO lunch as no food will be provided. For more information contact Kylie 040345362 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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When Jesus says to Simon, Andrew, James and John 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel 29:3-5.

Jesus was telling them that he was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. This would involve struggle against powerful elites, the pharaohs of this world, who oppress and enslave people. It would be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

Yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Because of the call of Jesus? No. At least, not that alone. We read 'He saw Simon and his brother Andrew . . . He saw James and his brother John.' They were responding not to his voice alone but to his eyes. His is like the attentive gaze of a parent loving a baby into a beautiful future. Jesus looks at you and at me wanting to love us into a barely imaginable future.

We could pause for a moment to remember that when His call comes, demanding an 'aye' or a 'nay', the Eyes have it.

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Parish Collections : 14th January 2018

First: \$866.45

Second: \$757.30

Parish News:

Syro Malabar Mass times

Fr. Thomas will be on annual leave from 15th January to the 10th Feb. There will be **NO** weekday Syro Malabar Masses or Eucharistic adoration during his absence.

Sunday Mass at 11.30am will still be on as usual.

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.



New Parish Office Hours

Please be advised that the Parish Office will now be staffed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Become a Catechist

A catechist is a person willing to teach children in our State Schools about God and His love for all.

Catechists do not need to have any previous teaching experience and can be from any walk of life.

If you can spare an hour or two each week during the school term to help spread the Word of God to the children of His Kingdom, you are invited to consider the Ministry of a Catechist.

The current team will be speaking at all Masses this weekend.

For further information please speak to one of the team after Mass or contact the parish office on 9825 1679.

Childrens Liturgy

As yet, there has been no response for calls of parental support for the Childrens Liturgy.

The children's Liturgy is held at the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.30pm during the school term.

If you can help, please contact the parish office on 9825 1679 or speak with Father after Mass.



Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	20th Jan 5.30 pm	.....	Mass Intentions
Sunday	21st Jan 8.00 am	.....	Special Intentions
Sunday	21st Jan 9.30 am	.....	Anna Flacznska (RIP)
Monday	22nd Jan 9.15 am	.....	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	23rd Jan 9.15 am	.....	Parish Intentions
Wednesday	24th Jan 9.15 am	.....	Mass Intentions
Thursday	25th Jan 9.15 am	.....	Special Intentions
Friday	26th Jan 9.15 am	.....	Vocations
Saturday	27th Jan 11.00 am	.....	Latin Mass

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

Syro - Malabar Liturgies: (Change to regular schedule)

Sunday Mass at 11.30am only.

(Third Sunday will be celebrated in the School Hall from Feb18)

** N.B. Mass on Sunday 21st Jan will be in the Church.

The Samoan Community celebrates Mass in the Church on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at 11.30am from Feb18.

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Mon	22nd	:	St Vincent
Fri	26th	:	Australia Day
Sat	27th	:	St Timothy, St Titus,
		:	St Angela

We Pray For The Sick : Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana,
Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere
& Mrs Chris Hodgins

Recently deceased: Anna Varghese
Barbara Field (nee Parish)
Molly Goldsworthy
Anna Flaczynska



Anointing of the sick.

Anniversary: Gregory Sweeney (20th January)

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