

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year (B)
Sunday 28th January 2018**

Entrance Antiphon : Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to Your Holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

First reading from the book of Deuteronomy. 18: 15 - 20.

Responsorial Psalm : If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 7: 32 - 35.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia! Alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Gospel : According to Mark 1: 21 - 28.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Have you ever considered that what you buy may actually be contributing to modern slavery? From what we wear to what we eat, many of our commonplace purchases are tainted by modern slavery, including forced labour and human trafficking. Pope Francis has called on all of us to eliminate all forms of modern slavery. Thursday 8th Feb 18 is the international Catholic day for victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

Sydney Catholics are warmly invited to join the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, at St Mary's Cathedral at 5.30pm on 8 February to celebrate the **Feast Day of St Bakhita**.

St Bakhita is the patron saint of South Sudan and Human Trafficking. The Archbishop will also launch the Archdiocese's Anti-Slavery Taskforce, its strategy and initiatives in respect to supply chains, education and wider community engagement, all directed toward the eradication of modern-slavery and human trafficking.

The announcement of the taskforce and its initiatives follows the Archbishop's evidence before the NSW Legislative Council inquiry into human trafficking last year and calls from Pope Francis for increased efforts to end human trafficking and slavery-proof supply chains. The Archbishop is encouraging every parish to mark the feast day of St Bakhita with a Mass on the day for those who cannot attend the cathedral.

Please join us in prayer for the eradication of modern slavery and human trafficking, and by shopping ethically. See: <http://www.ethical.org.au/theguide/>

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit. Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in His healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels.

We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!



Parish Collections : 21st January 2018

First: \$1,062.15

Second: \$1,384.40

Parish News:

Syro Malabar Mass times

There will be **NO** weekday Syro Malabar Masses or Eucharistic adoration until 12th Feb.

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

St Christopher's Parish Lenten Program

The next Lenten Program, "Surrender" will begin on the 16th February 2018 at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. The program will run each Friday until Palm Sunday. Cost of the Booklet is \$10. For further information please contact either Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 or the parish office on 9825 1679.



Cake Stall

The parish is holding a Cake stall on the 10/11 February after the weekend Masses. To help make this initiative a success, we are asking for donations of Flour (S/R and Plain), Sugar (Brown & White), Butter, Eggs, Dates, Walnuts, Copha, Bananas, Carrots, crushed Pineapple and Philadelphia Cream Cheese. All donations are to be left in the church foyer no later than Monday 5th Feb. Any ingredients requiring refrigeration can be left at the parish office on Monday 5th Feb between 10:00am-3:30pm.



Mass intentions

Do you know someone who is sick, has passed away, or just in need of spiritual support? Mass intentions are a very unique way to harness the power of intercessional prayer.

Envelopes can be found in the church foyer and must be placed in the collection baskets, or delivered to the office no later than one week before the proposed date.



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 9825 1679 or speak with Father after Mass.

160th Anniversary of Lourdes

To commemorate the 160th anniversary of the Marian Apparitions at Lourdes, France in 1858, there will be a rosary procession of the "Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary" following 9:30am Mass on the 11th Feb. The newly refurbished Lourdes Grotto will be opened and blessed.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	27th Jan 5.30 pmMass Intentions
Sunday	28th Jan 8.00 amParish Intentions
Sunday	28th Jan 9.30 amDomingo & Presca Lucero (RIP)
Monday	29th Jan 9.15 amThanksgiving Mass
Tuesday	30th Jan 9.15 amThanksgiving Mass
Wednesday	31st Jan 9.15 amMass Intentions
Thursday	1st Feb 9.15 amValentine Vamadevan (RIP)
Friday	2nd Feb 9.15 amVocations
Saturday	3rd Feb 11.00 amLatin Mass

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

Baptisms : Second & Third Sunday of the month after 9:30am Mass. By appointment only.

Syro - Malabar Liturgies: (Change to regular schedule)

Sunday Mass at 11.30am only.

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

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

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

Recently deceased: Domingo & Presca Lucero
Anna Varghese
Anna Flaczynska

Anniversary: Eliata Ramalinga (28th Jan)
Flaczynski & Malkiewicz Families
Valentine Vamadevan (1st Feb)



Anointing of the sick.

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