

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year (B)
Sunday 4th February 2018

Entrance Antiphon : O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

First reading from the book of Job. 7: 1 - 4, 6 - 7.

Responsorial Psalm : Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 9: 16 - 19, 22 - 23.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia! Alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Gospel : According to Mark 1: 29 - 39.

Communion Antiphon : Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

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 mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease. Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world. At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world.



For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do. We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

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Parish Collections : 28th January 2018

First: \$982.45

Second: \$983.70

Parish News:

St Christopher's Parish Lenten Program

The next Lenten Program, "Surrender" will begin on the 16th February. For more information 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 10th & 11th February after the weekend Masses. To help make this initiative a success, if you would like to donate ingredients - butter, eggs, flour (plain & self raising) and cream cheese, all ingredients can be left in the church no later than Tuesday 6th Feb. Thank You.



St Bakhita Feast Day.

Please join us at 9:15am Mass on 8th Feb to commemorate St Bakhita's Day (the International Catholic day for victims of slavery and human trafficking. (more information in the foyer.)

200 Club Cash Raffle

Tickets for this year's 200 Club Cash Raffle will be available for sale from this week. How it works: 200 tickets are sold for \$20 each. After all are sold, each week for four weeks 5 tickets are drawn and the winners each receive \$20 (money back). All tickets go back into the barrel for the draw each week giving you a chance to win more than once. At the end of the 4 weeks there is a draw of one ticket for a major cash prize of \$1,000. Open to parishioners, family and friends. Contact Ray Villarica 0400 353 531 for tickets and information.



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.

Project Compassion

CARITAS Australia Project Compassion is only 2 more weeks away! Beginning on **Wednesday Feb 14 (Ash Wednesday)** and running through the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion raises both funds and community awareness about important global issues, empowering our neighbours across the world to build a brighter future. Project Compassion boxes and envelopes will be in the church foyer from next weekend for collection.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	3rd Feb 5.30 pm	.....	Mass Intentions
Sunday	4th Feb 8.00 am	.....	Parish Intentions
Sunday	4th Feb 9.30 am	.....	Mass Intentions
Monday	5th Feb 9.15 am	.....	Souls In Purgatory
Tuesday	6th Feb 9.15 am	.....	Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday	7th Feb 9.15 am	.....	Mass Intentions
Thursday	8th Feb 9.15 am	.....	World Intentions
Friday	9th Feb 9.15 am	.....	Vocations
Saturday	10th Feb 11.00am	.....	Latin 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

Monday 5th Feb - St Agatha

Tuesday 6th Feb - St Paul Miki

Thursday 8th Feb - St Josephine Bakhita

St Jerome Emiliani

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: Lydie Lebon (4th Feb)
Flaczynski & Malkiewicz Families
Wayne Sweeny



Anointing of the sick.

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