

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year (B)
Sunday 11th February 2018

Entrance Antiphon : Be my protector O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

First reading from the book of Leviticus. 13: 1 - 2, 44 - 46.

Responsorial Psalm : I turn to You, Lord, in time of trouble, and You fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 10: 31 - 11: 1

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia! Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. Alleluia!

Gospel : According to Mark 1: 40 - 45.

Communion Antiphon : They ate and had their fill, and what they craved, the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Days of Fasting and Reparation

The Australian Catholic bishops have proclaimed the days from Ash Wednesday until the following Saturday (14-17 February) Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and the healing of victims. In addition to the work that has been undertaken in the area of the protection of children and vulnerable adults, the Days of Fasting and Reparation are an authentically Catholic response to supplement those efforts. Resources can be accessed at: www.catholic.org.au/fastingandreparation

Technology

The Xt3 Lent Calendar 2018 App is available for download on Apple and Android devices and can be viewed from the website: www.xt3.com/lent. The calendar will run from Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday. Each day will unlock a new video, meditation or podcast, to help you prayerfully journey through Lent.

-The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has released a Smartphone App for parishioners in the Archdiocese featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP.

The App is available to download for free – search for “Archdiocese of Sydney” in the Google Play and App stores.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order. Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God. In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

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Parish Collections : 4th February 2018

First: \$841.90

Second: \$1,102.60

Parish News:

St Christopher's Parish Lenten Program

The Lenten Program will commence this Friday 16th Feb at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. This program is about reflection and discussions on the readings for the following Sundays of Lent. The program will continue weekly until Palm Sunday. It is a guided reflection following a program from the Diocese of Wollongong titled "Surrender." The cost of the book used is \$10. For more details please contact the Office on 9825 1679 or Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.



Cake Stall

The parish is holding a fundraising Cake stall this weekend after all Masses. Come along and enjoy the freshness of a home baked taste sensation while contributing to a worthy cause. Thankyou to all who donated ingredients and helped preparation.



Ladies Weekend Gathering 02 - 04 March, 2018

This special weekend retreat for women has been running for over 40 years. The invitation is extended to women from all parishes to join in a weekend of prayerful, relaxed time out. This is an opportunity to refresh yourself, both spiritually and physically, as you embrace the company, experiences and love of other women in a prayerful environment.

When 2nd - 4th March, 2018.

Where Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, St Andrews Rd Varroville.

Cost \$225 per person. For more details please contact Ann-Marie Green on 0416 051 206 or email amtg4@hotmail.com

200 Club Cash Raffle

Tickets for this year's 200 Club Cash Raffle will be available again this week at the back of the church. Please contact Ray Villarica on 0400 353 531 for more 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 this Sunday.

The newly refurbished Lourdes Grotto will be opened and blessed.

Project Compassion

CARITAS Australia (Project Compassion) begins this **Wednesday 14th Feb** and continues through the six weeks of Lent. The annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Collection boxes and envelopes are available in the church foyer.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday 10th Feb 5.30 pm.....Rita Kolster (RIP)
Sunday 11th Feb 8.00 amParish Intentions
Sunday 11th Feb 9.30 am.....Florabel Cadiente (RIP)
Monday 12th Feb 9.15 am.....Vocations
Tuesday 13th Feb 9.15 am.....Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday 14th Feb 9.15 am.....**Ash Wednesday**
Wednesday 14th Feb 7.00 pm.....**Ash Wednesday**
Thursday 15th Feb 9.15 am.....Mass Intentions
Friday 16th Feb 9.15 am.....Australian troops serving overseas
Saturday 17th 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:

Ash Monday Mass: 7:00pm

Wednesday Mass : 7:00pm

Thursday Mass : 7:00pm followed by Adoration (in English)

Friday Mass : 7:00pm (except on the First Friday of the Month)

Saturday Mass : 9.30am

Sunday Mass : 11.30am (Third Sunday is held in the School Hall)

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



ASH WEDNESDAY will be celebrated this Wednesday 14th Feb with Mass at 9.15am & 7.00pm.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held during Lent in the Church on Friday evening's at 7pm commencing 16th Feb.

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Tuesday 13th Feb - Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14th Feb - Ash Wednesday

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



Recently deceased: Mary Scarola
Anniversary: Presca Lucero (10/2) Rita Kolster (10/2)
Florabel Cadiente (11/2)