

Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday 4th March 2018

Entrance Antiphon : My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First reading from the book of Exodus. 20: 1 - 17.

Responsorial Psalm : Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. 1: 22 - 25.

Gospel Acclamation : Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, He gave His only Son, that all who believe in Him may have eternal life.

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Gospel : According to John 2: 13 - 25.

Communion Antiphon : The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in Your house, for ever singing Your praise.

Sydney Archdiocese News

18 March - The Day of the Unborn Child

The Day of the Unborn Child marks the day Our Lord became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion.

The Day of the Unborn Child will be held on 18th March and will be led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Join us to witness the sanctity of human life !

For more information: Call Life and Family Institute: (02) 9002 0354

www.lifeandfamily.com.au or email: info@lifenadfamily.com.au

The Benedict XVI Retreat Centre now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement and enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership challenge, communications challenge, camp craft, environmental programs and more. Contact Reception on (02) 4572 2899 email bxvi@sydneycatholic.org to find out more or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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St Christopher's Catholic School — *Through faith and love we serve*

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Third Sunday of Lent - (Year B)

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Israel believed that the temple was built over the navel of the universe, the axis mundi, that spot where the world above and the world below met the world of history, thus enabling the three worlds to communicate. When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe, the spot where three-way cosmic communication occurs, the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it? Although some consider the law a rigid set of precepts, it is really more a collection of directives that have grown out of the experience of life. To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law. Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?

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Parish Collections : 25th February 2018

First: \$1,032.95

Second: \$1,235.25

Parish News:

Sacramental Program 2018

Information for parents & caregivers regarding this year's sacramental program, including First Holy Communion application forms are available on the Parish website at stchristophers.org.au/. A limited number of forms are available in the foyer of the Church or by request.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

The next monthly Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be held this TUESDAY 6th March at 7:00pm. Following the devotion, a votive Mass will be celebrated using the form of the Traditional Latin Rite of 1962. All are welcome.



St Joseph's morning tea

Dear Friends of St Christopher's.

Here at St Joseph's Parish we are having morning tea once a month on a Thursday at 10.00am in our Parish Hall. The idea is to bring together people who are feeling lonely, perhaps are grieving the loss of a spouse or partner or just want to enjoy other people's company. We would love you come and join us if you have the time.

For more details contact Sr Anne on 9602 1083.

Dates: 22 Mar, 26 Apr, 31 May, 28 Jun, 26 Jul, 30 Aug, 27 Sep, 29 Nov

Fundraising

The Fete / Fund Raising committee would like to advise that due to the possible building of a new parish / school hall, we will be unable to hold a Fete this year. After successfully raising enough funds to cover air conditioning in 2017 it was hoped that another Fete could help achieve our new goal of updating the sound system and installing an overhead screen in the church. Notwithstanding this setback, our goal remains unchanged and fund raising will continue.

We currently have the 200 Club running and future fund raising includes:

- * Bunnings Bankstown Airport BBQ's booked for Sat 14th April and Sat 5th May. In trying to keep our costs down we are asking Parishioners to donate cartons of soft drinks eg. Coke, Solo, Lemonade etc?
 - * Family Bingo Day and BBQ in the Parish in July. Date T.B.A
 - * Further cake stalls
 - * Possible major Raffle in Aug & drawn at the Christmas Carols in Dec.
 - * Possible Cabaret with dinner and dancing later in the year.
- Any assistance Parishioners could give would be greatly appreciated.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	3rd Mar 5.30 pmParish Intentions
Sunday	4th Mar 8.00 amSpecial Intentions
Sunday	4th Mar 9.30 amMass Intentions
Monday	5th Mar 9.15 amThanksgiving Mass
Tuesday	6th Mar 9.15 amParish Intentions
Wednesday	7th Mar 9.15 amVocations
Thursday	8th Mar 9.15 amSouls in Purgatory
Friday	9th Mar 9.15 amAustralian Troops serving overseas
Saturday	10th Mar 11.00amLatin 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:

Wednesday Mass : 7.00pm

Thursday Mass : 7.00pm followed by Adoration (in English)

Friday Mass : 7.30pm (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.



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

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Weekdays in Lent

Catholic Schools Week commences on Sunday 4 March.

St Christopher's Catholic Primary School will hold an Open Day for NEW FAMILIES on ; **Friday 16 March.**

8.40am - 9 .00am

Prayer Liturgy & Performance

9:30am - 1:00pm

Stalls, tours & open classrooms

10:40am

Picnic morning tea in playground

We Pray For The Sick : Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana,
Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere

Recently deceased:

Anniversary:

