

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday 11th March 2018

Entrance Antiphon : Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First reading from the book of Chronicles. 36: 14 - 16, 19 - 23.

Responsorial Psalm : Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget You.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. 2: 4 - 10.

Gospel Acclamation : Glory and praise to You Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, He gave us His only Son. That all who believe in Him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to You Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel : According to John 3: 14 - 21.

Communion Antiphon : Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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@lifefadfamily.com.au

Private Movie Screenings: Paul, Apostle Of Christ

Paul, Apostle of Christ is the new and highly anticipated film which explores Saint Paul's final days. Starring Jim Caviezel, Olivier Martinez and James Faulkner in the title role. You are invited to 3 special screenings on Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at Dendy Opera Quays. Choose between the 12pm, 3pm or 6pm sessions with tickets selling for only \$12 each. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Priests' Retirement Foundation. To reserve your seat phone the Development and Fundraising Office on 1800 753 959. No tickets sold on the day.

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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How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us. "We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it." Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended! Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter. Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light. Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation. We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

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Parish Collections : 4th March 2018

First: \$1,186.35 **Second:** \$1,043.80

Parish News:

Sacramental Program 2018

Information 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. Completed enrolment forms can either be handed into the parish office (Mon, Wed & Fri) or left in the box marked Sacraments in the church foyer.

Palm Sunday 25th March

The parish is asking for donations of palms for this years celebration. Please phone the Parish Office on 9825 1679 if you are able to assist.



Palms can be left in the church foyer on Friday 23rd March 2018.

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 goal for the Fete / Fund Raising Committee Fund for a new sound system and overhead screens is currently underway with the 200 Club which still has 93 tickets available. Parishioner support to date is very much appreciated, but we will be unable to draw a winner until all have been sold. Our next venture is the Bunnings Airport Bankstown BBQ on Saturday 14th April from 8am – 4pm .

On the day we expect to sell at least 700 sausages and need approx. 600 cans of drink (eg. coke, lemonade, diet cola, solo, lemon/lime and fanta) plus at least 100 bottles of water. It will be greatly appreciated if parishioners are able to assist in helping us with donations of cartons of drink or water. Please leave any donations in the container provided in the foyer of the Church. Volunteers on the day are also very welcome. For further details contact Helen Carter on 9824 1773 or 0418 403 842.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday 10th Mar 5.30 pm.....Parish Intentions
Sunday 11th Mar 8.00 amSpecial Intentions
Sunday 11th Mar 9.30 am.....Mass Intentions
Monday 12th Mar 9.15 am.....Thanksgiving Mass
Tuesday 13th Mar 9.15 am.....Vocations
Wednesday 14th Mar 9.15 am.....Parish Intentions
Thursday 15th Mar 9.15 am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 16th Mar 9.15 am.....Australian Troops serving overseas
Saturday 17th Mar 11.00am.....Latin Mass

Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:30 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

Saturday 17th March - St. Patrick

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:



Anointing of the sick.