

Fifth Sunday of Lent — Sunday 18h March 2018

Entrance Antiphon : Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for You, O God, are my strength.

First reading from the prophet Jeremiah. 31: 31 - 34.

Responsorial Psalm : Create a clean heart in me , O God.

Second Reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 5: 7 - 9.

Gospel Acclamation : Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve Me, follow Me, says The Lord; and where I am, My servant will also be. Glory and praise to You Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel : According to John 12: 20 - 30.

Communion Antiphon : Amen, Amen I sat to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Holy Week Timetable 2018



Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) Saturday 24th March

Vigil Mass : *5.30pm (*Palm Procession)
Reconciliation : 4.30pm - 5.15pm

Sunday 25th March

Mass: 8.00am, *9.30am (*Palm Procession)



Mon 26th, Tues 27th, Wed 28th

Mass : 9.15am
Reconciliation : 9.45am – 10.15am

Thursday of Holy Week 29th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper : 7.00pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday : 30th March

Stations of the Cross : 10.00am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion : 3.00pm

Holy Saturday 31st March

The Easter Vigil : 7.00pm

Easter Sunday 1st April

Mass : 8.00am & 9.30am



St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - (Year B)

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I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response. This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response. And there was a response full of allusions to the future. Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground. Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene? People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life. We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.



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Parish Collections : 11th March 2018

First: \$1,140.75

Second: \$1,119.40

Parish News:

Sacramental Program 2018

First Holy Communion application forms must be returned by 23rd March. Forms can be handed in to 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.

St Joseph's Parish 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 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, 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.

WYD — Panama 2019

The Archdiocese of Sydney is offering a 'fear of missing out' experience leading to WYD Panama for young adults aged 18 - 35. Join us at St Christopher's Parish Centre in Panania for an information night.

This is your chance to learn about the pilgrimage being offered, costs, what to expect in Panama, how to register and how to get prepared in this pilgrimage of a lifetime!!

Date: 23rd of March / Time : 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Address: 235 Tower Street, Panania NSW 2213. Afternoon tea provided.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	17th Mar	5.30 pm	.....Parish Intentions
Sunday	18th Mar	8.00 am	.....Thanksgiving Mass
Sunday	18th Mar	9.30 am	.....Mass Intentions
Monday	19th Mar	9.15 am	.....For the Sick
Monday	19th Mar	7.00 pm	.....Mass Intentions
Tuesday	20th Mar	9.15 am	.....Vocations
Wednesday	21st Mar	9.15 am	.....Parish Intentions
Thursday	22nd Mar	9.15am	.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday	23rd Mar	9.15 am	.....Australian Troops serving overseas
Saturday	24th 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.

Project Compassion Boxes

Please return your Caritas Project compassion boxes next weekend. These can be placed on any of the collection plates. Thank you for your generosity.

Saints of the Week / Feasts

**Monday 19th March - Feast of St. Joseph
(Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary)
Mass 7:00pm**

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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary: Anna Flaczynska 11/3/18
Parcasio Family 18/3/18



Anointing of the sick.