

## ***Easter Sunday - 1st April 2018***

**Entrance Antiphon** : I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me,  
this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**First reading** from the Acts of the Apostles. 10: 34, 37 - 43.

**Responsorial Psalm** : This is the day the Lord has made; let us  
rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading** from the letter to the Colossians. 3: 1 – 4.

**Gospel Acclamation** : Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our  
Paschal sacrifice, let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel** : According to John 20: 1 - 9.

**Communion Antiphon** : Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,  
alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread  
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

## **Sydney Archdiocese News**

### **One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies, 4, 5 and 6 May**

The 2018 **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies** is scheduled for **4, 5 and 6 May**. Persons participating in this multinational pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details and to register go to:

<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

**WYD Panama** : Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City.

Register your interest and find out more [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd)

### **Sex, Power and Pastoral Care.**

Stephen Crittenden, Principal Policy Officer with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and lead writer on the Religious Institutions volume of the final report, will facilitate a workshop to support priests, chaplains, church workers and pastoral carers in responding to the growing pastoral care need of victims, survivors, families and perpetrators in parishes, church agencies, schools and hospitals. What can we do to support and protect people from abuse and strengthen the integrity of our institutions and work places? This Forum offers vital awareness for us to be professional in our duty of care. Wednesday 2 May 2018 - 5.00pm -7.30 pm Cost: \$40 (includes light meal), RSVP Essential by 27 April; Mary Pearson: 0413 149 600 email: [marypearson@gmail.com](mailto:marypearson@gmail.com) Willoughby Uniting Church (onsite parking) 10 Clanwilliam Street, Willoughby. Info: [transformingpractices.com.au](http://transformingpractices.com.au)

## **St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy**

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

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<b>Assistant Priest :</b>	Rev. Fr. Thomas Alukka Varghese
<b>Assistant Priest :</b>	Rev. Fr. Nicholas Rynne
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**St Christopher's Catholic School** — *Through faith and love we serve*

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## **Easter Sunday - (Year B) 1st April 2018**

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy. This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.' The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen. Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation. We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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**Parish Collections : 25th March 2018**

**First:** \$1,597.00      **Second:** \$1,354.25

**Parish News:**

**First Holy Communion**

The due date for applications for First Holy Communion has been extended until 6th April. Please return forms to the Office.

**Fundraising / Fete Committee**

The sale of tickets for the 200 Club is yet to be completed with 69 tickets still available. The drawing of prizes cannot commence until all tickets are sold. The cost of each ticket is \$20 and there are 5 weeks of draws. Winner gets their \$20 back and tickets go back in the main draw. At the end of the 5 weeks one ticket is drawn with a prize of \$1,000.



The continued support of Parishioners is greatly appreciated.

**Bunnings BBQ.** Our next Fund Raising day will be the Bunnings BBQ at Bankstown Airport Bunnings on Sat 14th April from 8am – 4pm. We have acquired about 600 cans of drink and contributions of further cans of drinks / cash donations will help us achieve our needs.



Thank you to all who have contributed so far.

For details please contact Helen Carter on 9824 1773 or 0418 403 842.

**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.

**Holy Water**

Water blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass will be available at the back of the church. Please bring along a small container to fill if you would like to take some home.



**On the move**

After just over 2 years at St. Christopher's, Father Thomas Alukka has been appointed to Sacred Heart Parish at Villawood. He will take up his new position on 27th April. He will be greatly missed by our community, and we wish him all the very best.

For the immediate future, he will continue to support the Syro Malabar community, so will remain a regular visitor to our Church.



**Mass Times / Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>31st Mar</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	.....Mark Cavallaro (R.I.P)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st Apr</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	.....Thanksgiving Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st Apr</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	.....Mass Intentions
Monday	2nd Apr	9.15 am	.....For the Sick
Tuesday	3rd Apr	9.15 am	.....Vocations
Wednesday	4th Apr	9.15 am	.....Parish Intentions
Thursday	5th Apr	9.15am	.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday	6th Apr	9.15 am	.....Australian Troops serving overseas
Saturday	7th Apr	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.

**Saints of the Week / Feasts**

**N / A**

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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary: Hazel Sweeny 19th Mar  
Thomas Mendes 25th Mar  
Mark Cavallaro 31st Mar



*Attending of the sick.*

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

**HAPPY EASTER!**

*Dear Parishioners, We wish you a very Happy Holy Easter—May the Risen Lord shower on you and your families Joy, Hope and Love.*

From Fr. Andrew, Fr Thomas, Fr Nicholas & Deacon Al Salu