

Third Sunday of Easter— Sunday 15th April 2018

Entrance Antiphon : Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name. O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

First reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 3: 13 - 15, 17 - 19 .

Responsorial Psalm : Lord, let Your face shine on us.

Second Reading from the first letter of St. John. 2: 1 - 5.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make Your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when You speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel : According to Luke 24: 35 - 48.

Communion Antiphon : The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in His name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all nations, Alleluia.

Sydney Archdiocese News

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies, 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/>

Healing after Abortion : Jessica Lockhart

Rachel's Vineyard, Sydney is hosting a workshop with Jessica Lockhart, author of The Woman at the Tomb, Abortion and Redemption. Come to Rachel's Vineyard Retreat ministry to hear about spiritual and emotional healing after an abortion. All welcome - priests, pastoral carers, parish teams, professional health practitioners and those suffering post abortion stress in their own life.

Sat 12 May, 10am - 3.30pm. Good Samaritan Centre, 2 Avenue Rd. Glebe.

Free - Limited numbers, RSVP essential. Dets: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or Ph. 0400 092 555

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

Visiting Rome? Stay at Domus Australia.

Domus is a 32-room Boutique Pilgrim Guesthouse established by the Australian Catholic Church offering comfortable accommodation from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Complete with a magnificent Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome. reservations@domusaustralia.org www.domusaustralia.org

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Third Sunday of Easter - (Year B)

Sunday 15th April 2018

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require? Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread. In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible. © Dianne Bergant

Parish Collections : 8th April 2018

First: \$884.55

Second: \$1,259.95

Parish News:

Fundraising / Fete Committee

The sale of tickets for the 200 Club is still running. 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 for a final prize of \$1,000. The committee would like to thank all those who donated to, and helped with the running of the Bunnings BBQ this weekend. Parishioner support is greatly appreciated.

St. Josephs Moorebank - Men's Group

St Josephs are inviting the men of St Christopher's to join them at their monthly get together on Sat evening 21st April at 6:00pm in the parish hall at Moorebank. The gathering is an opportunity to meet with other men who share an interest in community and faith.

For more information speak to David Moore in the Parish Office.

Litany of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Following all 5:30pm Masses on a Sat evening in May, Fr Nicholas will lead a Rosary and Litany of Loreto with a brief spiritual reflection recited at the Grotto in Holsworthy. On the final Sat (26th) there will be a candlelight procession and crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary led by the girls of the parish. Girls are encouraged to wear white dresses with flowers in their hair if they wish. Other vestments will be provided. Ladies are also invited to wear white and walk with the girls in the procession.

Could you please advise Fr Nicholas if you would like to participate.

Marie Teriana's Update from Ireland

Our Local Missionary Marie has sent an Easter update to the Parish Community with news from her year in Ireland.

Parishioners are invited to log on to our website for the full story.

Defending the faith

The Catholic Church is not just Roman (i.e. Western); we are a communion of different churches including the Eastern traditions of Armenia, Greece, Russia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Ethiopia, India and others with their own customs, theology, ecclesiology & liturgy. The word "catholic" is not meant to indicate exclusivity; it is actually by definition - inclusive. The word comes from a Greek phrase often translated as being "all-embracing" or, more commonly "universal." In the Nicene Creed, most Christians (Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant etc) profess their belief in the "one, holy, catholic & apostolic church." The word catholic with a small "c" in this case does not refer to **one** specific theology or culture; it's use is intended to be more "Universal." That is, it is a belief in a church respecting **all** apostolic Christian traditions. When the word "catholic" is spelled with a capital "C," its meaning is specific. In this case it refers to our Holy Roman Catholic Church.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	14th Apr	5.30 pmShayne Kolster (R.I.P.)
Sunday	15th Apr	8.00 amParish Intentions
Sunday	15th Apr	9.30 amMargaret Reynolds (R.I.P.)
Monday	16th Apr	9.15 amSpecial Intentions
Tuesday	17th Apr	9.15 amVocations
Wednesday	18th Apr	9.15 amMass Intentions
Thursday	19th Apr	9.15 amSouls in Purgatory
Friday	20th Apr	9.15 amWorld Peace
Saturday	21st Apr	11.00amLatin 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.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 1st Tues of the month 7:00pm

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Saturday 21st April - St. Anselm

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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary: Shayne Kolster 14/4, Margaret Reynolds 19/4 (3y),
Patricia Hartin, Amala



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