

## ***Fifth Sunday of Easter — Sunday 29th April 2018***

**Entrance Antiphon** : O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

**First reading** from the Acts of the Apostles. 9: 26 - 31.

**Responsorial Psalm** : I will praised You Lord, in the assembly of Your people.

**Second Reading** from the first letter of St. John. 3: 18 - 24.

**Gospel Acclamation** : Alleluia, alleluia! Live in Me and let Me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

**Gospel** : According to John 15: 1 - 8.

**Communion Antiphon** : I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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/>

#### **Mass to mark 200 yrs of the Blessed Sacrament in Australia**

200 years ago, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn – the unofficial Catholic chaplain to Australia – was arrested and deported because his official credentials had not arrived. By accident or design, he left behind a pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament. Next Sunday, 6 May 12:00pm at St Patrick's Catholic Church in The Rocks, the Australian Catholic Bishops will concelebrate a Mass marking the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament being preserved in Australia. All are welcome.

#### **CatholicCare Sydney**

There are almost 20,000 children and young people living in Out-of-Home-Care in NSW. We urgently need short or long-term foster carers who can provide safe and loving homes for children and young people. To find out more call our CCareline team on 13 18 19 or drop us an email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

#### **Maltese Community**

Inviting the Maltese Community and their friends to celebrate the feast of San Ġorġ Preca on Sunday, 6th May at 5.00pm  
Holy Family Church Lot 1 Willowdene Ave Luddenham

## **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
<b>Permanent Deacon :</b>	Rev. Mr. Al Salu
<b>Parish Secretary :</b>	Mr. David Moore
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**St Christopher's Catholic School** — *Through faith and love we serve*

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## ***Fifth Sunday of Easter - (Year B)***

***Sunday 29th April 2018***

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer. The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world. Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance. © Dianne Bergant CSS

## **Parish Collections : 22nd April 2018**

**First:** \$969.50

**Second:** \$1,095.30

## **Parish News:**

### **Fundraising / Fete Committee**

Apologies for the oversight in last week's bulletin to thank those who donated cartons of drinks and water. All efforts to assist the Fete / Fund Raising Committee are greatly appreciated.

As well as a good community experience we also did well financially and a profit of approx. \$1,200 was made. Although still a fair way off, we are on our way towards a new sound system and overhead screens.

Our next Bunnings BBQ at Bankstown Airport (on Milperra Road) will be held on the 5th May from 8am - 4pm. Again, if parishioners would like to donate cartons of drink / water etc or to volunteer your services we would love to hear from you. Alternatively, we would love your support on the day. Come along and buy a sausage. For more information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 or 9824 1773

### **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. Ladies are also invited to wear white and walk with the girls in the procession. Please let Fr Nicholas know if you would like to participate.

### **Monthly Novena**

The Monthly Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held this Tuesday at 7:00pm. It will be followed by Mass in the Traditional Latin Rite. All are welcome.

### **First Holy Communion**

Group leaders for FHC are reminded that there is a meeting this Tues 1st May at 7:00pm in the Presbytery.

Parents (only) are reminded that their first meeting will be held on May 20th at 4:00pm in Church.

### **Become a Catechist**

As we commence term 2, we are looking to fill some vacant catechist positions. If you can spare an hour or two each week during the school term to help spread the Word of God to the children of His Kingdom, you are invited to consider the Ministry of a Catechist.

For information please contact Louise Hartin via the Office on 9825 1679.

### **Father Thomas's Farewell**

To wish Fr. Thomas a fond farewell, Parishioners are invited to join us for Lunch on Sunday 6th May at 12:30pm. Bring along a plate to share.

## **Mass Times / Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28th Apr 5.30 pm</b>	.....Gabriel do Pao (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th Apr 8.00 am</b>	.....Parish Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th Apr 9.30 am</b>	.....Mass Intentions
Monday	30th Apr 9.15 am	.....Special Intentions
Tuesday	1st May 9.15 am	.....Valentine Vamadevan (RIP)
Wednesday	2nd May 9.15 am	.....Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	3rd May 9.15 am	.....Vocations
Friday	4th May 9.15 am	.....Aust troops serving overseas
Saturday	5th May 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.

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

## **Saints of the Week / Feasts**

**Monday 30th April - St. Pope Pius V**

**Wednesday 2nd May - St. Athanasius**

**Thursday 3rd May - St. Philip & St. James (Apostles)**

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



*Recently deceased:*

*Anniversary:* Ray Boyce, Narcisa & Lawrence Parcasio,  
Patricia & Rex Hartin, Gabriel do Pao,  
Valentine Vamadevan

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