

Second Sunday of Easter— Sunday 8th April 2018

Entrance Antiphon : Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 4: 32 - 35.

Responsorial Psalm : Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

Second Reading from the first letter of St. John. 5: 1 - 6.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy are those who have not seen Me, but still believe. Alleluia!

Gospel : According to John 20: 19 - 31.

Communion Antiphon : Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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

CatholicCare Sydney

Do you have time to help people in your community? We need volunteers to provide much needed companionship to elderly people who feel lonely and isolated in South West and Inner West Sydney. If you have time to spend with someone who would truly appreciate it, please call us on 13 18 19 and become a volunteer. Visit us on the web at www.catholiccare.org

World Meeting of Families – 21-26 August 2018

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

For further information: <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Second Sunday of Easter - (Year B)

Sunday 8th April 2018

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith. Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ.

Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God. Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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Parish Collections : 11th March 2018

First: \$2,075.35

Second: \$1,689.95

Parish News:

Fundraising / Fete Committee

The sale of tickets for the 200 Club is yet to be completed with 60 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. Please come along and support your parish community by buying a sausage s/w. For details please contact Helen Carter on 9824 1773 or 0418 403 842.



Hammondville Mass

The Hammondville Nursing Home monthly Mass will be held this Tuesday 10th at 11:00am

Holy Water

Water blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass is 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.



Project Compassion Boxes

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

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	7th Apr	5.30 pmParish Intentions
Sunday	8th Apr	8.00 amThanksgiving Mass
Sunday	8th Apr	9.30 amMass Intentions
Monday	9th Apr	9.15 amFor the Sick
Tuesday	10th Apr	9.15 amVocations
Wednesday	11th Apr	9.15 amParish Intentions
Thursday	12th Apr	9.15 amSouls in Purgatory
Friday	13th Apr	9.15 amAustralian Troops serving overseas
Saturday	14th 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

Monday 9th April - Feast of The ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Wednesday 11th April - St. Stanislaus

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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary: Mark Cavallaro 31st Mar



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