

## Sixth Sunday of Easter — 6th May 2018

**Entrance Antiphon** : Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

**First reading** from the Acts of the Apostles. 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48.

**Responsorial Psalm** : The Lord has revealed to the nations His saving power.

**Second Reading** from the first letter of St. John. 4: 7 - 10.

**Gospel Acclamation** : Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel** : According to John 15: 9 - 17.

**Communion Antiphon** : If you love Me, keep My commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

### **Sydney Archdiocese News**

#### **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal**

The CWF is the premier charity of the Sydney Archdiocese, covering social, pastoral, education, training and advocacy services to the community. CWF needs your financial help. Donating is easy: Use the appeal envelope provided or Ph the Office on 1800 753 959. For secure credit card donation, visit [www.cwf.org.au](http://www.cwf.org.au). Donations \$2 or more are tax deductible. Your gift will give someone in your community a helping hand. Please give generously. Thank you.

#### **Bishop Vincent Long**

You are invited to hear Bishop Vincent Long, an ardent supporter of Pope Francis, speaking about “the New Dawn of the Church” at ‘Winbourne’, the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11.00 am to 1.00 pm on Saturday 16th June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am. For information contact Dennis Farrar 0425 209 840. Organised by the Passionist Family Group Movement.

#### **Walk with Christ – 3 June 2018**

All are invited to participate in this year's Walk With Christ Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018. Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St & Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction. If you are unable to join us for the Procession, you are more than welcome to join us for Adoration and Benediction from approximately 3.30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm.

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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



**Administrator** : Rev. Fr. Andrew James  
**Assistant Priest** : Rev. Fr. Nicholas Rynne  
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**St Christopher's Catholic School** — *Through faith and love we serve*

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A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth. 'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.' In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death. This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation. We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

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## **Parish Collections : 29th April 2018**

**First:** \$879.00

**Second:** \$1,243.30

## **Parish News:**

### **Catechists**

There is a meeting this Monday at 10:00am in the Hall for all Catechists.

### **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.

### **First Holy Communion**

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

### **Charitable Works Fund Appeal**

The CWF has 3 appeals each year May, August and November. Parishes in the Sydney Archdiocese at each appeal have a quota. Our parish quota is \$2,800.00 per appeal. Donations over \$2.00 are 100% tax deductible. There are envelopes on the church pews for you to take home and return next weekend.

Your generous donation will contribute towards the amount required. We thank you in advance for your continued support of this Appeal.

### **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. Please note there is a temporary change to Syro Malabar Mass times until further notice.

### **The Culture Project**

Representatives from The Culture Project, a new missionary organisation of young people who believe in restoring our society to one where every human being is treated with the love and dignity they deserve, will be speaking after Masses on the weekend of the 5/6 May. Sharing the beauty & truth of sexual integrity and human dignity with over 5000 young people per year they are the hands and feet of our Church in the world. Your financial and prayerful support are much appreciated and essential to their mission to restore culture. For information check out [www.thecultureproject.com.au](http://www.thecultureproject.com.au) Facebook @Culture Project Australia

### **Hammondville Nursing Home Mass**

Will be held this Tuesday at 11.00am

## **Mass Times / Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5th May</b>	<b>5.30 pm</b>	.....Mass intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6th May</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	.....Parish Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6th May</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	.....Mr/s Jacob (RIP)
Monday	7th May	9.15 am	.....The Sick
Tuesday	8th May	9.15 am	.....Special Intentions
Wednesday	9th May	9.15 am	.....Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	10th May	9.15 am	.....Vocations
Friday	11th May	9.15 am	.....Aust troops serving overseas
Saturday	12th 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 :

Thursday Mass :

Friday Mass : 7.30pm (except on the First Friday of the Month)

Saturday Mass :

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

### **Our Lady of Perpetual Succor**

Every Tuesday in May at 7:00pm, Mass will be celebrated to honour Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in the Extraordinary (Latin) form. English / Latin booklets will be provided.



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

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

*Recently deceased:*

*Anniversary:* Gabriel do Pao, M Jacob



Anointing of the sick.

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