

The ASCENSION of the LORD - 13th May 2018 (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon : Vigil : You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; His majesty and might are in the skies.

Day : Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw Him go, alleluia.

First reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 1: 1-11.

Responsorial Psalm : God mounts His throne with shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading from letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians. 4: 1 - 13.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people My gospel, I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel : According to Mark 16: 15 - 20.

Communion Antiphon : Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Sydney Archdiocese News

CatholicCare Sydney

To help Seniors live independently at home, we support all 4 levels of Home Care Packages in South West Sydney. Call us on 13 18 19 and we can assist you to arrange an assessment through My Aged Care.

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

St. Teresa of Avila speaks to us today

Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD

When: May 18 – 20

Cost: \$250 per person (concessions apply)

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 approx. 3.30pm in the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. The event will conclude at approximately 4:30pm. The procession will help mark the 200th anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament, for the priestless Catholics of the Australian colony. Please look for the Books of Life in your parish to write your prayer intentions that will be offered at the end of the procession.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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



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The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Parish Collections : 6th May 2018

First: \$1,268.40 **Second:** \$1,429.25

Parish News :

Fete / Fundraising Committee

The FRC would like to thank all who helped at last weekends Bunnings BBQ. The event raised approx. \$1,700.

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. On 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 join the girls in the procession. Speak to Fr Nicholas if you would like to participate.

First Holy Communion

Parents / caregivers are reminded that their first meeting will be held on May 20th at 4:00pm in Church. Unless advised to the contrary, choice of Group Leader and Mass times were allocated as requested. Please contact the parish Office for further information.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The CWF has 3 appeals each year in May, August and November. Parishes in the Sydney Archdiocese are allocated a quota at each appeal. Our parish quota is \$2,800.00 per appeal. There are envelopes on the church pews. & donations over \$2.00 are 100% tax deductible. Your generous donation will contribute towards the amount required. We thank you in advance for your continued support of this Appeal.

Adult Musicians

Octave8 are offering a special discount to St. Christopher's Parish to any adults who'd love to be able to play a musical instrument! Ric and his team of teachers are giving parishioners the opportunity to learn Guitar, Piano, Bass guitar or Drums. During May and June receive a 50% discount on 1 - 1 tuition. This means you will only pay \$18.75 per lesson! Call us to make an appointment for a free trial lesson on: (02) 9731 0263

Cake Stall

The parish is holding a Cake stall on 26th & 27th May after weekend Masses. Come along and enjoy a home baked delicacy in support of our Church.

Feast of Corpus Christi

On Sunday 3rd June at 2:30pm there will be a procession at St Christopher's Holsworthy to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. The procession will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

*Happy Mothers Day to all our Mothers,
Grandmothers, Godmothers and nurturers*



Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	12th May	5. 30 pm	Mass intentions
Sunday	13th May	8. 00 am	Parish Intentions
Sunday	13th May	9. 30 am	Thanksgiving Mass
Monday	14th May	9. 15 am.....	For the Sick
Tuesday	15th May	9. 15 am.....	Special Intentions
Wednesday	16th May	9. 15 am.....	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	17th May	9. 15 am.....	Vocations
Friday	18th May	9. 15 am.....	Aust troupes serving overseas
Saturday	19th May	11. 00 am.....	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 Month)
Saturday	Mass	:	
Sunday	Mass	:	11.30am (Third Sunday 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 Succour

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

Monday 14th - St. Matthias - Apostle
Friday 18th - St. Pope John 1

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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary:

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

