

Pentecost Sunday - 20th May 2018 (Year B)

Entrance Antiphon : (Vigil) The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

(Day) The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First reading : (Vigil) from the book of Genesis 11: 1-9.

(Day) from the Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11.

Responsorial Psalm : Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading : (Vigil) from letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:22 - 27.

(Day) from letter of St. Paul to the Galatians 5: 16-25.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia!

Gospel : (Vigil) According to John 7: 37 - 39. (Day) 15: 27 - 27, 16: 12 - 15

Communion Antiphon : (Vigil) On the last day of the festival, Jesus stood and cried out: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink, alleluia." (Day) They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke to the marvels of God, alleluia.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Prayer to Protect the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution

On 25 May, Ireland will vote in a referendum to repeal the 8th amendment to their constitution. The 8th amendment gives equal rights to the mother and the child during pregnancy.

If successful in repealing the 8th amendment the Irish govt will bring forward legislation to allow abortions unrestricted up to 12 weeks gestation. Between 12 & 24 weeks, abortion will be allowed if two doctors agree on a physical or mental health risk to the mother. The Irish Catholic Church has reached out to Catholics over the world to ask us to participate in a prayer campaign to protect the 8th amendment. Parishes are asked to remember this intention during Masses, rosaries, prayer vigils, adoration and fasting. More information on the prayer campaign can be found at:

www.massandfastforireland.com or on facebook : www.facebook.com/ir

Here is a prayer of intercession that can be read out during Mass in the lead up to 25 May 2018.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to protect the 8th amendment to the constitution in Ireland which protects the innocent lives of the unborn in that country. Please help the citizens of Ireland to remember the dignity and value of all human life, especially vulnerable unborn children when they vote in their referendum on 25 May.



St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion.

The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement. If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed? The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst. © Dianne Bergant



Parish Collections : 13th May 2018

First: \$1,119.15

Second: \$1,498.90

Parish News :

Litany of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sat 26th after 5:30pm Vigil Mass, Fr. Nicholas will lead a candlelight procession with the girls of the Parish to crown the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Grotto. Girls are encouraged to wear white dresses with flowers in their hair. Ladies are also invited to wear white & join the girls in the procession.

Speak to Fr Nicholas if you would like to participate.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thankyou to everyone who has contributed to the CWF appeal. If there are any outstanding envelopes, could you please return them ASAP.

First Holy Communion

Parents / caregivers are reminded that their first meeting will be held this Sunday at 4:00pm in Church.

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 fundraising 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.

Weekday Masses

Parishioners are reminded to check the bulletin for changes to weekday Mass schedules. Next Friday 25th, morning Mass to celebrate Mary



Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	19th May	5. 30 pm	Eliza Maravillas (RIP)
Sunday	20th May	8. 00 am	Parish Intentions
Sunday	20th May	9. 30 am	Gordon Leenan (RIP)
Monday	21st May	9. 15 am.....	Mass Intentions
Tuesday	22nd May	9. 15 am.....	Special Intentions
Wednesday	23rd May	9. 15 am.....	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	24th May	9. 15 am.....	Vocations
Friday	25th May	9. 00 am.....	(School Hall).....The sick
Saturday	26th 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

Tuesday 22nd - St. Rita

Thursday 24th - Our Lady Help of Christians

Friday 25th - St. Bede, St. Gregory V11, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

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

Recently deceased: Eliza Maravillas
Anniversary: Gordon Leenan, Domingo Maravillas



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