

**The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST
(Corpus Christi) 3rd June 2018 (Year B)**

Entrance Antiphon : He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First reading : from the book of Exodus 24: 3 –8.

Responsorial Psalm : I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Second Reading : from the letter to the Hebrews 9: 11 - 15.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Mark 14: 12 - 16, 22 - 26..

Communion Antiphon : Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him, says the Lord.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Bishop Vincent Long Talk

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 Sat 16th June 2018. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00 am. For further information contact Dennis Farrar 0425209840. Organised by the Passionist Family Group Movement.

Plenary council 2020 - Listen to what the Spirit is saying

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops’ decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God’s people are invited to reflect on the question: “What do you think God is asking for us in Australia at this time?” Find out more at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Position Vacant

Diocesan Director Archdiocese of Sydney / Community Participation Leader Eastern Region NSW. The role is to promote social justice action in the Arch of Sydney, through prayer, reflection, formation, education awareness, Advocacy and volunteering. As Diocesan Director, the person will be required to develop and lead the Mission of Caritas Australia in the Archdiocese of Syd by building strong relationships and partnerships with the Clergy, parish communities, Diocesan agencies, volunteers, parishes and schools in the Archdiocese. Details of the position can be located at - <https://www.caritas.org.au/about/jobs/positions-vacant> or call Fr. George Sigamony on Ph. 0499 022 915.

St Christopher’s Parish Holsworthy

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



Administrator : Rev. Fr. Andrew James
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In the Jewish tradition, blood plays a very interesting double role – being both sacred and impure. As we see from this week’s first reading, blood was used as a sign of sealing a covenant and so took on a very sacred significance. Blood was held to be sacred due to its relationship with life and thus God. However, in other circumstances, blood was regarded as forbidden and impure. The Torah forbids the eating of blood and so for meat to be regarded as kosher (ritually proper) it must be drained of all blood at the time of slaughter. This prohibition has to do with an ancient pagan practice of eating blood and was designed to distinguish the Jews from such pagan practices. In the parable of the Good Samaritan we see the two Temple officials avoiding the beaten and bloodied man because to touch him would have made them ritually impure and unable to perform their duties. So we have this interesting contrast that blood was both very sacred as well as impure. It is in the context of sealing a covenant that Jesus used blood at the Last Supper. Jews would have been very familiar with the notion that a covenant with God was sealed with blood and so for Jesus to describe his blood as being ‘the blood of the covenant’ would have been immediately significant to his disciples and the first audience of the Gospel. Jesus is marking a new covenant between God and God’s people – a covenant in blood like the covenants of old. He is making it clear that God is prepared to start over again with the people – a new covenant for a new phase of the ever developing relationship.

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Parish Collections : 27th May 2018

First: \$1,065.20 **Second:** \$1,186.05

Parish News :

Feast of Corpus Christi

This Sunday at 2:00pm there will be a procession at St Christopher's to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. The procession will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

Candles

Votive candles in church are not free. Wax candles are sometimes placed at the shrine inside the church and at the grotto outside the church. There is a box for offerings on the wall near the shrine inside the church and a box for offerings inside the grotto wall. Your gold coin donation (or more generous offerings) contribute not only to the candles but also to the flowers, candle covers, laundry expenses, decorations and numerous other expenses associated with beautifying God's house.

First Holy Communion

St Christopher's have 49 children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year. To help these children, parishioners are asked to take home one of the "pray for me" cards at the back of the Church. Your prayers will go a long way to ensure that their preparation will be effective.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is fast approaching. Registration forms should now be available on the website www.stchristophers.org.au. The allocation of preferences will be determined by the order of submission. If you require a hard copy of the forms, a limited number will be available in the foyer, or visit the parish office.

Monthly Novena

To Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held this Tuesday at 7:00pm

Cake Stall

Thankyou for your support at last weekends Cake Stall. Your generous support helped raise \$875.

200 CLUB

Last chance to purchase tickets for the 200 Club will be on sale this weekend. Each ticket will cost \$20.

There will be a weekly draw with a prize of \$20, a chance to win your money back and the lucky number drawn will go back into the draw.

At the end of five weeks there will be a main draw and the lucky winner will receive \$1,000.

Parish Office will be closed this Wednesday

Mass times this week

Morning Mass on Friday 8th will be held in the School Hall of St. Christopher's at 9:00am, and at 7:00pm in the evening, Mass to The Sacred Heart of Jesus will be in the Church. All are welcome.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	2nd	Jun	5. 30 pm	Mass Intentions
Sunday	3rd	Jun	8. 00 am	Parish Intentions
Sunday	3rd	Jun	8. 00 am	Vocations
Monday	4th	Jun	9. 15 am.....	The Sick
Tuesday	5th	Jun	9. 15 am.....	Special Intentions
Wednesday	6th	Jun	9. 15 am.....	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	7th	Jun	9. 15 am.....	Mr. Estanislao Gonzales (RIP)
Friday	8th	Jun	9. 00 am.....	Armed Forces serving overseas
Saturday	9th	Jun	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.

Adoration / Holy Hour - Thursday evening 7:30pm (in English) except Thursday before first Friday of Month.

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

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Tuesday 5th June - St. Boniface

Friday 8th June - The Most SACRED HEART of Jesus

Saturday 9th June - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



Recently deceased:

Anniversary:

Mr. Estanislao Gonzales 7th June

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