

## ***The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - 24th June 2018***

**Entrance Antiphon** : **Vigil**: He will be great in the sight of the Lord and will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mothers womb; and many will rejoice at his birth.

**Day**: A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

**First reading** : **Vigil**: from the prophet Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10.

**Day**: from the prophet Isaiah 49: 1 - 6.

**Responsorial Psalm** : **Vigil**: Since my mothers womb, You have been my strength. **Day**: I praise You for I am wonderfully made.

**Second Reading** : **Vigil**: from the 1st letter of Peter 1:8 - 12.

**Day**: from the Acts of the Apostles 13:22 - 26.

**Gospel Accl** : **Vigil**: Alleluia, alleluia! He came to bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord. Alleluia!

**Day**: Alleluia, alleluia! You child will be the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways. Alleluia!

**Gospel** : according to Luke **Vigil** : 1: 5 - 17. **Day** : 57 - 66, 80.

**Communion Antiphon** : **Vigil** : Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited His people and redeemed them. **Day**: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

### **Sydney Archdiocese News**

#### **Mt Carmel Retreat - Lord, what do you want of me?**

Am I being called to the priesthood or the religious life? Should I remain single, or get married? Presenter: Br Emmanuel Noel, OCD. July 6: 6:00 pm – July 8: 1:30 pm. Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville. Cost: \$250 (concessions apply) Contact: 8795 3400 Email: [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com) [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)

#### **Women's Day Retreat 2018**

We are delighted to invite you to our Women's Day Retreat 2018, a day for young women to discover more about the Consecrated Life. This day retreat will be an opportunity for young women (Single – 18 to 35) to meet and have conversations with consecrated women from various communities. You will also have time for silent prayer, confession and adoration during a Holy Hour. Date: Saturday 14 July 2018 Time: 9am – 3:30pm Location: St Benedict's Broadway Hall, 104 Broadway, Chippendale NSW 2008. RSVP by Wed 11/7/18. Contact [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org) or 02 9307 8424

## **St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy**

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

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## ***The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Year B*** ***24th June 2018***

Like the feast of the nativity of Jesus, this feast falls on one of the solstices, a hinge point in the cosmos. Some of the patristic writings tell us that the birth of Jesus was placed in the calendar when, in the northern hemisphere, the days began to lengthen. So this day was chosen to celebrate the birth of John precisely because the days were getting shorter. 'He must increase while I must decrease' (John 3:30). This is the time of seasonal change, of cosmic reversal. The entire universe has been alerted. Something new is about to happen. John the Baptist is the hinge between the old age and the new eschatological age of fulfilment. John himself was never a disciple of Jesus; he did not enter the age that he heralded. He was the trumpet that sounded the coming of the king; he was the rooster that announced the dawning of the new day. He brought the people to the threshold of the new age, but he himself never stepped over into it. The idiosyncratic character of his life caught the attention of the crowds, but he did not keep this attention upon himself. Instead, he used it to point to Jesus, who appears to have been so commonplace that he might have been overlooked had not John cried out. It was John's prophetic destiny to be the sharp-edged sword, the polished arrow. He was the voice that cried in the wilderness: Hear me! Listen! Behold, he is coming! © Dianne Bergant CSS



## **Parish Collections : 17th June 2018**

**First:** \$1,063.80

**Second:** \$1,207.75

## **Parish News :**

### **200 Club**

The first ticket in the 200 Club draw will commence this week. A ticket will be drawn every week for 5 weeks for a prize of \$20. All tickets drawn in those 5 weeks will go back into the main draw and on the 6th week, one winner will collect \$1,000. Thanks to all parishioners who have contributed to the 200 Club to raise funds to help support our Parish, and thank you for your patience. Fete/ Fundraising committee

### **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

A solemn Mass in the Latin form will be held on Wednesday 27th June at 7:00pm to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

### **St Vincent De Paul**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank our parishioners for their generosity in last weekend's Winter Appeal. To date, donations totaling \$1,155 have been received and will go a long way to add comfort, dignity and hope to many in need.

### **Our Missionary**

Marie Teriana has returned from her Missionary work in Ireland and will be speaking at 9:30am Mass this weekend. A car boot sale will be held at St. Christopher's on 8th July to raise funds for the next phase of her journey.

### **2018 Holy Father's Appeal**

Our parish will hold the **Holy Father's Appeal** next weekend for which we'll ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

### **Parish Planned Giving Envelopes 2018/2019**

To ensure the parish is able to budget for ongoing expenses and provide for the future of our community, your continued support through the planned giving envelope scheme is required and very much appreciated. From this weekend, envelopes are available at the back of the church.

If you are a new parishioner, or would like to begin contributing to the weekly planned giving program, forms are available in the foyer.

### **A call to service**

The Parish relies heavily on the support and commitment of its community to function effectively. Some of the many activities include :

# Commentators # Proclaimers of the Word # Catechists # Cleaners / General helpers # Servers # Special Minsters. If you feel that you are called to serve in any capacity, please speak to Father or contact the parish office. 9825 1679

### **Black and White High Tea - St Joseph's Moorebank**

Come along and join in the fun for our High Tea on 8th July at 2.30pm. It is a black and white theme. So start talking to your friends and make up a table. Ph. Janet or Julie at the Parish Office on 9602 1083.

## **Mass Times / Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23rd Jun</b>	<b>5. 30 pm</b> .....Bernice Fernando (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24th Jun</b>	<b>8. 00 am</b> .....Parish Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24th Jun</b>	<b>9. 30 am</b> .....Rogelia Balbastro (RIP)
Monday	25th Jun	9. 15 am.....Thanksgiving Mass
Tuesday	26th Jun	9. 15 am.....Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday	27th Jun	9. 15 am.....Yolande Zacaropoulos (RIP)
Thursday	28th Jun	9. 15 am.....Thanksgiving Mass
Friday	29th Jun	9. 15 am.....Thanksgiving Mass
Saturday	30th 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:**

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

**No Morning Mass** on 1st Tuesday of Month

**Traditional Latin Mass** - every Sat 11:00am and each 2nd, 3rd, 4th (&5th) Tuesday of the Month 7pm.

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

**Wednesday 27th - Our Lady of Perpetual Succour**

**Wednesday 27th - St. Cyril of Alexandria**

**Thursday 28th - St. Irenaeus**

**Friday 29th - St's. Peter and Paul - Apostles**

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

*Recently deceased:* Edward Francis Rodrigues

*Anniversary:* Bernice Fernando 23rd, Rogelia Balbastro 23rd  
Yolande Zacaropoulos 27th, Francis Paragundram



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