

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary time - 8th July 2018

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like Your name, reaches the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First reading : from the Prophet Ezekiel 2: 2 - 5.

Responsorial Psalm : Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.

Second Reading : from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12: 7-10.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Mark 6: 1 - 6.

Communion Antiphon : Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Statement on Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Fees by Dan White

As Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS), I wish to assure all families considering a Catholic education for their children of the following three key priorities. As a system of schools, we are committed to maintaining low-fee affordability for all families seeking an enrolment in a systemic school in the Archdiocese. The Board of Sydney Catholic Schools has determined to keep fee increases to a minimum. We anticipate that over the next three years, increases across the system will be on average three to four per cent, with lower increases in the areas of greatest need. The Archdiocesan Catholic Education Foundation provides significant fee assistance (bursaries) to eligible Catholic families who require fee relief. Some criteria for low income families could include those who live in government housing and are on a Centrelink health card. Bursaries are also available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and refugee families. To enquire about enrolment at your local Catholic school, or to find out more about our bursary and fee assistance program, please contact the school Principal who will be pleased to talk to you about a Catholic school education for your child.

2018 Holy Father's Appeal

Our thanks go to all of you who opened your hearts and gave generously towards the Holy Father's Appeal. Because you chose to give, you have given hope to those who are in most need of our generosity and compassion. If you missed appeal weekend, you can still give by phoning the Office on 1800 753 959. Thank you.

Pro-Life Training LifeChoice Australia

LifeChoice Australia is running pro-life training for young people on Saturday 25th August. Two international speakers will run the workshops - Brendan Malone from New Zealand and Lia Mills from Canada. This will be a great opportunity for young people to learn how to argue against abortion with intelligence and compassion. Tickets are only \$30 and the event will be held in Sydney. More information and to register: www.LifeChoice.org.au

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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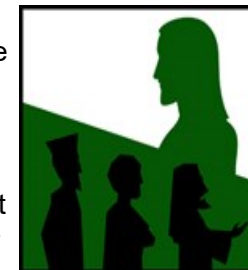
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It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

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Parish Collections : 01/7/2018 - First: \$1,193.15 **Second:** \$1,016.45

Parish News

Fete / Fundraising

The Church will be 50 years old on 26th Jan 19. A number of small maintenance items in the Church are being undertaken. You may have already noticed the new notice board in the foyer of the church and the pathway down the side of the Grotto. This will enable parishioners to walk safely from the outside footpaths into the church grounds. The Church was originally opened by the Army & consultation is being made with them in regards to celebrating the day. Work will commence shortly on the refurbishment of the crying room at the rear of the church. At a future date a new sound system and overhead screens will be installed. To enable the parish to continue with these refurbishments our next Bunnings BBQ will be held at the Bankstown Airport Store on the 11th Aug. **Support of volunteers for this day would be greatly appreciated as some of the Committee are unable to attend.** Your generous support is also needed with the donation of cans of drink/bottles of water or cash donations. Further fund raising activities later in the year include Bingo & BBQ (date in Nov TBA) For information contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

Call to Service

The Parish would not function without the ongoing support of our volunteers. Due to normal attrition, we are in genuine need of persons who are willing to offer a small portion of their time to serve in various ministries. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please speak to Fr. or call / email the Parish Office.

Local Seminarian

This weekend we will be taking up a collection for Parishioner Noel Custodio who is studying for the Priesthood at the Seminary of the good Shepherd in Sydney.

Catholic Apologetics 101

On Sat 21st July, St Josephs Mens Group will be hosting a speaking event by renowned Apologist and Head of New Evangelisation for the Archdiocese of Sydney, Mr. Robert Haddad. Following 5pm Mass in the Parish Hall, Mr. Haddad will be discussing current attitudes to the Christian faith; providing key insights into how Catholics can become better equipped to answer the challenges of increased secularisation in our society. All are welcome to come along and enjoy an evening of great interest with one of our countries most qualified speakers and Catholic author. Spaces are limited. Please register your expected attendance on the form in the foyer or contact David Moore on 0412 405 792.

Car boot sale this weekend

Our Missionary Marie Teriana will be holding a car boot sale this Sunday after 9:30am Mass to help raise funds for her next Missionary journey to Ireland.

Monthly Hammondcare Mass

The monthly celebration of Mass at Hammondville Nursing home will be held this Tuesday at 11:00am.

Liturgy Changes - Weekly Adoration

There will be no Adoration Service this coming Thursday at 7:30pm.

Annual Catechist Mass

The 2018 Catechist Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Parish Cabramatta on Friday 13 July at 11:00am.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	7th	Jun	5. 30 pm	Sue Morris (RIP)
Sunday	8th	Jul	8. 00 am	Parish Intentions
Sunday	8th	Jul	9. 30 am	Nunzio DiAgostino (RIP)
Monday	9th	Jul	9. 15 am.....	The Sick
Tuesday	10th	Jul	9. 15 am.....	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	11th	Jul	9. 15 am.....	Vocations
Thursday	12th	Jul	9. 15 am.....	Clara Parackal
Friday	13th	Jul	9. 15 am.....	Special Intentions
Saturday	14th	Jul	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 / Benediction—7:00pm first Friday of the month (Samoan)

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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - 1st Wed 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) Wednesday of the Month 7pm.

Parish Bulletin

If you would like to receive a copy of the Bulletin by email, please fill out the form at the back of the Church or contact the Office on 9825-1679 or stchris@tpg.com.au

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Monday 9th - St. Augustine Zhao Rong
Wednesday 11th - St. St. Benedict

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

Recently deceased: Nunzio DiAgostino

Anniversary: Sue Morris 7th, Clara Parackal, Joseph Boulous 7th,
Vincenzo-Anna Germano-Serafina



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