

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time - 22nd July 2018

**Entrance Antiphon:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First reading :** from the Prophet Jeremiah 23: 1 - 6.

**Responsorial Psalm :** The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

**Second Reading :** from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 2: 13 - 18.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice; says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** according to Mark 6: 7 - 13.

**Communion Antiphon :** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

### Sydney Archdiocese News

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

I wish to assure all families considering a Catholic education for their children of the following 3 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 3 years, increases across the system will be on average 3 to 4 %, with lower increases in the areas of greatest need. The Arch Catholic Education Foundation provides significant fee assistance (bursaries) to eligible Catholic families who require fee relief. Some criteria 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, contact the school Principal who will be pleased to talk to you about a Catholic school education for your child.

#### **St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship: Applications now Open**

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close Monday 23 July 2018. Details and application: [www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-layministry.html](http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-layministry.html)

#### **CatholicCare Sydney**

Join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team to raise funds for CatholicCare Sydney's HOPE program in this year's City2Surf on Sunday 12 August. We're aiming to raise \$75,000 to help vulnerable young mothers and their babies. Challenge yourself and run or walk for HOPE! Register online at <https://fundraise.catholiccare.org/city2surf> and join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team today! For further information please contact Ashleigh Green on 0419 954 839 or at [community@catholiccare.org.au](mailto:community@catholiccare.org.au)

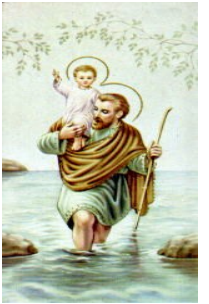
#### **Parish Bulletin**

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](mailto:stchris@tpg.com.au)

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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<b>Principal:</b>	Mr. Tony Boyd



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Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them. There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

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**Parish Collections : 15/7/2018 - First:** \$984.50 **Second:** \$1,193.40

### Parish News

#### **Fete / Fundraising**

A number of small maintenance items in the Church are underway. There is a new notice board in the foyer and a pathway beside the grotto. Many thanks to our volunteer decorators and the Michael Family.

The Church will be 50 years old on 26th Jan 19. It was originally opened by the Army, and we are consultation 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. To enable the parish to continue with these improvements, our next BBQ at Bunnings Bankstown Airport Store will be on the 11th Aug and **the support of volunteers for this day would be greatly appreciated as some of the Fete/Fund Raising Committee are unable to attend.** Your generous support is also needed with the donation of cans of drink/bottles of water or cash donations.

**There is a container in the foyer of the church for drink donations.**

For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

#### **200 Club**

Week 4 lucky winners are S. Skaria, A. Cerrine, U. Korembekis, E. Martin and R. Asuit. Each has won the cost of their ticket back and their ticket goes back into the barrel for the final and major draw where one lucky person will win \$1,000.

#### **Liturgy Changes**

Due to Fr. Nicholas being on a clergy conference this week, Fr. Andrew will be covering both St. Christophers Holsworthy and St. Josephs Moorebank.

Morning Mass schedule as follows:

(Mon - 9:15am St. Christophers) / (Tues 9:15am St. Josephs) / (Wed 9:15am St. Josephs) (Thurs 9:15am St. Josephs) / (Fri 9:00am St Christopher's School Hall)

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

To comply with Parish ordinance, could all Special Ministers of the Eucharist taking the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, advising details of who/when/where you are currently exercising this very important ministry. [stchris@tpg.com.au](mailto:stchris@tpg.com.au) or Ph. 9825 1679.

#### **Right of Christian Initiation of Adults. (RCIA) Program 2018/19**

RCIA is a program of Christian formation designed for adults seeking to join the Catholic faith. Known also as the Catechumenate, the RCIA programs take place within a parish environment giving aspirants the opportunity to share in the life of the Church expressed in a local faith community. Run via a series of regular meetings, the schedule offers a way to grow in knowledge of Christ and the Catholic faith in the company of others on a similar journey. The next RCIA program for the Parishes of St Josephs, Moorebank and St Christophers, Holsworthy will commence in Sep 2018. Anyone who is interested in attending, or would simply like more information please contact David Moore on Ph 0412 405 792 or email [davemo@bigpond.net.au](mailto:davemo@bigpond.net.au)

#### **Sacramental Programs**

Reconciliation - Application forms for this years Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on the Parish website from Friday 3rd August.

Confirmation - Group Leaders meeting will be this Tuesday evening at 7:00pm with instruction classes for applicants beginning the following week.

### Mass Times / Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21st Jul</b>	<b>5. 30 pm</b> .....Parish Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22nd Jul</b>	<b>8. 00 am</b> .....Ivan Rubesa (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22nd Jul</b>	<b>9. 30 am</b> .....Marie-Anne Sayegh (RIP)
Monday	23rd Jul	9. 15 am.....Somy Parackal (RIP)
Tuesday	24th Jul	9. 15 am.....No Mass
Wednesday	25th Jul	9. 15 am.....No Mass
Thursday	26th Jul	9. 15 am.....No Mass
Friday	27th Jul	9. 15 am.....Whole School Mass
Saturday	28th 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.

### Saints of the Week / Feasts

**Monday 23rd - St. Bridget**

**Tuesday 24th—St. Sharbel**

**Wednesday 25th - St. James (Apostle)**

**Thursday 25th - St. Joachim, St. Anne (Parents of BV Mary)**

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

*Recently deceased:* Danielle Porteous, Danilo Cruz,  
Nunzio Di Agostino

*Anniversary:* Rosa Lavorato, Santa Smirolodo, Mathew Parackal,  
E. Biviano, Francesco Corsi



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