

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time - 29th July 2018

Entrance Antiphon: God is in His holy place, God who unites those who dwell in His house; He Himself gives might and strength to His people.

First reading : from the Second book of Kings 4: 42 - 44.

Responsorial Psalm : The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.

Second Reading : from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4: 1 - 6.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to John 6: 1 - 15.

Communion Antiphon : Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Vocations Awareness Week

From the 5th -12th August our parish unites with the catholic community in Australia to celebrate Vocations Awareness Week. During this week we concentrate our prayers in praying for more vocations to marriage, the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. What else can you do to pray for Vocations that week?

- Attend an extra Mass that week for the vocation of your children
- Pray the Rosary for vocations from your parish
- Visit St Mary Mackillop's Tomb and pray there
- Visit Eileen O'Connor's tomb and offer a prayer there
- Make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in St Mary's Cathedral to pray for Vocations
- Pray for Vocations as a family before dinner throughout the week
- Say a prayer for more vocations when you stop at the Red Traffic Light
- Be patient with others and offer your emotions to God

The Bishop's Blend

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Rev Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Syd on Mon, 6th Aug 2018 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a qtrly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. Go to: <https://thebishopsblendfifthedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at: bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

Catholic Communications Congress

Communicating Hope and Trust: How can we share the message of Christ and his Gospel in contemporary Australia? Speakers from here & abroad will challenge delegates at the Australian Catholic Comms Congress to take up Pope Francis' call for Catholics to "communicate hope and trust". September 5-7 in Brisbane. All are welcome. Find out more and register at www.catholic.org.au/accc

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

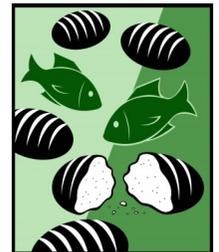
*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,
love and commitment*

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Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times. Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community. As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.



Parish Collections : 22/7/2018 - First: \$1,042.50 **Second:** \$1,135.55

Parish News

Fete / Fundraising

To enable the parish to continue with planned refurbishments, our next Bunnings BBQ at Bankstown Airport Store will be on the 11th Aug, 2018. 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. To date we have about 460 cans of drink and need to make it to 600 plus bottled water. Work will commence shortly on the refurbishment of the crying room at the rear of the church. To start preparing for our next fete on the 14th Sep 2019, we will be asking parishioners to start clearing out unwanted goods or items for our Trash & Treasure stall. Collection start date and further information will be available shortly. For further info please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

200 Club

Congratulations to M. Fernandez who won the final prize in the 200 club cash raffle. Thankyou to everyone who participated, and well done to all our winners.

Safeguarding Workshop

The Safeguarding workshop scheduled for Tues 31st July has been cancelled.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The next monthly Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be on this Wednesday 1st August at 7:00pm.



RCIA Program 2018/19

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

Sacramental Programs.

Dear parishioners, my name is Marielle Martens, I have the privilege of being the Sacramental Co-ordinator for the children in the parish of St. Christophers. The Church was blessed by so many visitors at our recent First Holy Communion celebration. I thank God for Fr. Rynne and the children for a lovely service. The children were all beautifully dressed and behaved very reverently. After receiving Jesus for the first time, I pray that they will continue to grow in Gods love and presence. To the parents and caregivers, the journey is now up to you. Please set a good example and keep the Spirit alive in your children. To everyone who has volunteered their time in preparing our candidates, I would like to say thankyou. The journey continues. Confirmation preparations begin this week. There is a meeting this Sunday at 4:00pm in the Church for the parents/caregivers of children making their Confirmation in September. Reconciliation forms will be available on the website from 3rd August. I am in need of another 2 or 3 volunteers for Reconciliation to help in the program. Once again, thankyou all and God Bless. MM

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	28th	Jul	5. 30 pm	Shayne Kolster
Sunday	29th	Jul	8. 00 am	Gabriel do Pao (RIP)
Sunday	29th	Jul	9. 30 am	Parish Intentions
Monday	30th	Jul	9. 15 am.....	Paul Thomas Parackal
Tuesday	31st	Jul	9. 15 am.....	The Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	1st	Aug	9. 15 am.....	Valentine Vamadevan (RIP)
Thursday	2nd	Aug	9. 15 am.....	Angelina Gonzales (Birthday)
Friday	3rd	Aug	9. 15 am.....	C. Peter (RIP)
Saturday	4th	Aug	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 30th - St. Peter Chrysologus

Tuesday 31st - St. Ignatius of Loyola

Wednesday 1st - St. Alphonsus Liguori

Thursday 2nd - St. Eusebius, St. Peter Julian Eymard

Friday 3rd - St. Dominic

Saturday 4th St. John Vianney

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

Recently deceased: Malcolm Antao
Anniversary: Shayne Kolster, Gabriel Do Pao,
Valentine Vamadevan,
Paul Thomas Parackal, C. Peter



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