

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time - YB

5th August 2018

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First reading : from the Second book of Exodus 16: 2 - 4, 12 - 15.

Responsorial Psalm : The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading : from letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4: 17 - 20 - 24.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to John 6: 24 - 35.

Communion Antiphon : You have given us O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Write To Senators To Oppose Euthanasia

The Senate will soon vote on a Bill, which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message

<http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

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. Information & register at www.catholic.org.au/accc

Plenary Council

Did you know that the 2020 Plenary Council is different to Parish 2020? Parish 2020 is an Archdiocese of Sydney project looking at how parishes can continue to operate and collaborate together. The 2020 Plenary Council is a national project providing a platform for a broad scale discussion among parishes and Catholics across the country concerning the future of the Church in Aust and what you think God is asking of us at this time. If you are interested in getting actively involved to discuss the 2020 Plenary Council, speak with your parish priest or contact us directly at plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul. Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways. Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.' That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation. We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.



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Parish Collections : 29/7/2018 - First: \$1,010.20 **Second:** \$1,006.40

Parish News

Mass times

There will be no morning Mass this Tuesday being first of the Month.

Holy Day of Obligation - The Assumption

The Aust Catholic Bishops' Conference has decreed that, in addition to all the Sundays in the year, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wednesday 15th of August, is an annual Holy Day of Obligation - Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on this day as they are on all Sundays in the year. To fulfil your obligation the following Masses shall be offered at St C:
Tuesday 14th August 7:00pm Vigil of the Assumption
Wednesday 15th August 9:15am Ordinary Form Mass.
Wednesday 15th August 7:00pm Extraordinary Form Missa Solemnis with Candlelight Rosary Procession.



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. Support of volunteers for this day would be greatly appreciated as some of the Fete/Fund Raising Committee are unable to attend. The Committee would like to thank the very generous parishioners who have contributed to our request for drinks. Our quota is in sight. There is a container in the foyer of the church for donations. Work will also 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 September, 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 information contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

In need of a Candelabra

We have no candelabra for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament! St Christopher's ought to have a proper set of candlesticks when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. To this end, I have begun asking people at the Perpetual Succour Novena to make donations towards our goal of \$1,500. Deacon Al has begun taking donations during other devotion evenings. There will be a basket on the offertory table in the middle of the church. Please place donations (notes only please) there or give them in a marked envelope to me, Deacon Al or Faustino Parcasio. Thankyou - Fr. Rynne



Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The next quarterly CWF appeal will be held this weekend. Please use the envelopes supplied and place in the bags during the collections. please contact David Moore on Ph 0412 405 792 or davemo@bigpond.net.au

Sacramental Programs

Enrolment forms for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are now available on the website www.stchristophers.org.au/. Please refer all enquiries to the Parish Office on 9825 1679 or stchris@tpg.com.au

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	4th	Aug 5. 30 pm	Mass Intentions
Sunday	5th	Aug 8. 00 am	Cezar Ibasco (RIP)
Sunday	5th	Aug 9. 30 am	Special Intentions
Monday	6th	Aug 9. 15 am.....	The Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	7th	Aug 9. 15 am	No Mass
Wednesday	8th	Aug 9. 15 am.....	Vocations
Thursday	9th	Aug 9. 15 am.....	George Parackal
Friday	10th	Aug 9. 15 am.....	Armed Forces Serving overseas
Saturday	11th	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 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday 7th - St. Sixtus 2

Wednesday 8th - St. Mary of the Cross

Thursday 9th - St. Teresa Benedicta

Saturday 4th St. Clare

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

Recently deceased: Malcolm Antao, Cezar Ibasco

Anniversary: Gabriel Do Pao,
Valentine Vamadevan,
George Parackal, C. Peter



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