

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary time - YB

26th August 2018

Entrance Antiphon: Turn Your ear, O Lord and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord for I cry to You all the day long.

First reading : from the book of Joshua 24: 1 - 2, 15 -18.

Responsorial Psalm : Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading : from letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5: 21 - 32.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Your words Lord are spirit and life: You have the Words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to John 6: 60 - 69.

Communion Antiphon The Earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O Lord: You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Sydney Archdiocese News

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

Memorial Mass for the Unborn

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn on Wednesday 29th of August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 74 candles will be brought forward in remembrance of the 74 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8400 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

World Rosary

Countries are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world on 7th Oct, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady. The World Rosary will start with a '54-day Novena' on 15th Aug (Feast of the Assumption) until the feast of the Holy Rosary on the 7th Oct. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection. The link to register your involvement for the world rosary is holyleagueofnations.com.

To Register in Australia: <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence.

There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life.

But our ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy.

The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries. Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

Fr Michael Tate

Parish Collections : 19/8/2018 - First: \$694.70 **Second:** \$1,061.45

Parish News

Fete / Fundraising

Thank you to all who assisted at our Bunnings BBQ on Saturday, 11th August. We had a very busy but successful day and have decided to make a donation in line with the Bunnings initiative to the Farmers of NSW on behalf of St Christopher's Parish, Holsworthy. Our net figure for the day was approx. \$.2,000 The donation will be sent to the Parish Priest of Dubbo and then directly to the families of Gilgandra & Condobolin through St Vincent de Paul & the CWA. The Committee would like to thank the very generous parishioners who have contributed to our request for drinks. Well done to all.

To start preparing for our next fete on the **14th September, 2019**, we will be asking parishioners to start clearing out unwanted good items (in good order) for our Trash & Treasure stall. Collection start date and further information will be available shortly.

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

Mary McKillop gift of education.

To coincide with the feast of Mother Mary Mackillop, the Mary Mackillop foundation has been established to help transform the lives of the underprivileged with the gift of education. Envelopes and flyers are available at the back of the church with more information.

First Holy Communion Photos

Could all persons who would like to view and / or purchase photographs from our FHC celebration in July please attend the Parish Office on Sat 1st Sep 8:30am - 10:30am or speak to Mrs. Tania Kristen directly after 3:30pm during the week on 0412 317 766.

Prayers for Community Intentions

Catholics believe strongly in the benefit for regular dialogue with our Lord. As well as having the special ability to offer Mass Intentions for the Souls, memories, thanks and good intentions of our of Loved ones, it is important to remember the tangible effects communal prayer has in the lives of those outside of our immediate circle of influence. It is for this reason that this week one of our parishioners has asked for the prayers of those affected by heavy flooding in his home town of Kerala, India. May the Lord bless and protect all peoples like these, who are in need of His care. Amen.

Catholic Mission Appeal

Could all Catholic Mission Appeal enveloped please be returned as soon ASAP

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	25th Aug	5 : 30 pm	Gordon Leenan (RIP)
Sunday	26th Aug	8 : 30 am	Special Intentions
Sunday	26th Aug	9 : 30 am	Santo Smirolodo
Monday	27th Aug	9 : 15 am... ..	V.K. Mathew Vayalumkal
Tuesday	28th Aug	9 : 15 am.....	Norma P. Mezentsef
Wednesday	29th Aug	9 : 15 am	Vocations
Thursday	30th Aug	9 : 15 am.....	Thomas. Kutty Parackal (RIP)
Friday	31st Aug	9 : 15 am.....	The Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	1st Sep	11 : 00 am.....	Latin Mass

Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:30 pm.

Baptisms : Second & Third Sunday of the month after 9:30am Mass.

Baptism & Preparation meetings by appointment only. stchris@tpg.com.au

Syro - Malabar Liturgies:

Friday	Mass	7 : 00 pm (Except on the First Friday of Month)
Sunday	Mass	11. 30 am (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: 00 pm first Friday of the month (Samoan)

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

Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help -1st Wed of month 7:00pm. No Mass.

No Morning Mass on 1st Tuesday of Month

Traditional Latin Mass - Sat 11:00am and each 2nd, 3rd, 4th (&5th)

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Monday 27th - St Monica

Tuesday 28th - St. Augustine

Wednesday 29th - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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

Recently deceased: Irene O'Neill, Cezar Ibasco, Florencio Sison Jr

Anniversary: Flaczynski Chloe Delmo, Francesco Corso, Santo Smirolodo, Thomas Parackal, Margaret Gainsford, Norma, Mezentsef, V.K. Mathew Vayalumkal



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