

## Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary time - YB

2nd September 2018

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all we call You.

**First reading :** from the book of Deuteronomy 4: 1 - 2, 6 - 8.

**Responsorial Psalm :** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading :** from letter of St. James 1: 17 - 18, 21 - 22, 27.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us life by His message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of His creation. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** according to Mark 7: 1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23.

**Communion Antiphon** How great is the goodness Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

### 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](mailto:plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org)

#### Memorial Mass for the Unborn

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual Memorial Mass

#### 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

SILENT RETREAT

**MORE ALIVE. MORE HUMAN.**

"Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace."  
(Pope Francis, on the Call to Holiness in Today's World)

**28-30 SEPT**

**\$240**  
inclusive of accommodation and meals

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Hartzer Park, Bowral  
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## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-person. On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them body mind & spirit, holistically, making them holy. The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'. We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this? By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society & overseas. We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

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**Parish Collections : 19/8/2018 - First:** \$1,110.60 **Second:** \$1,152.40

## **Parish News**

### **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Next weekend is the big celebration for our Confirmation Candidates. Over 60 children will be anointed by His Grace, Bishop Anthony Randazzo at one of two Masses at 11:30am or 3.00pm  
Reminder for all candidates that your retreat day is on Friday 7th Sep 8:40 - 2:40 in the school library.

### **Novena - To Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Will not be held this Wed 5th, being the 1st Wed of month 7:00pm. No Mass  
**There will be no morning Mass this Tuesday**, being the first of the month.

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**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.

### **RCIA**

Application forms are available at the back of the church. The program starts shortly, so please return these ASAP.

### **Clergy Retirement fund**

This week we are collecting for the Priests retirement fund, Please place your generous conations in the envelopes provide.

### **First reconciliation**

A reminder to all Group Leaders that a meeting for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at 7pm in the Parish office on 11th September

### **Fete / Fundraising**

Thank you to all who assisted at our Bunnings BBQ on Saturday, 11th August. To help support the Farmers of NSW, the Parish of St Christophers, Holsworthy sent a Cheque for \$2,000 to the Parish Priest of Dubbo to distribute to the families of Gilgandra & Condobolin through St Vincent de Paul & the CWA.

### **Bingo**

Our next Bingo Day will be on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. Tickets to play Bingo will be on sale from next week at all Masses with cost being 1 ticket for \$10 and 3 tickets for \$20. These tickets are for the whole day.

There will be a variety of food stalls and a Raffle on the day. We are currently looking for donations of suitable prizes for the Bingo and the Raffle. If you are able to assist in any way on the day your help or donation will be greatly appreciated.

There will be a delay in the collection of Trash & Treasure for our Fete next year as we are waiting for the delivery and installation of a new shipping container. Please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842

## **Mass Times / Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1st Sep</b>	<b>5 : 30 pm</b> .....	Gabriel Do Pao (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Sep</b>	<b>8 : 30 am</b> .....	Special Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd Sep</b>	<b>9 : 30 am</b> .....	Pierre Severe (RIP)
Monday	3rd Sep	9 : 15 am... ..	Valentine Vamadevan (RIP)
Tuesday	4th Sep	First Tuesday.....	No Mass
Wednesday	5th Sep	9 : 15 am .....	Vocations
Wednesday	5th Sep	7 : 00 pm .....	Vocations
Thursday	6th Sep	9 : 15 am.....	Joseph Karapallil Family (RIP)
Friday	7th Sep	9 : 15 am.....	The Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	8th 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

## **Saints of the Week / Feasts**

**Monday 3rd - St Gregory the Great**

**Friday 7th - Spring Ember Day**

<i>We Pray For The Sick :</i>	Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft
<i>Recently deceased:</i>	Irene O'Neill, Cezar Ibasco, Florencio Siton Jr
<i>Anniversary:</i>	Vernon Pereira 26/8, Maria Sakorn Knigkaew 26/8, Rodelio Suarez 30th, Gabriel Do Pao 31/8 , Valentine Vamadevan 1/9, Pierre Severe 2/9,



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