

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary time - YB

9th September 2018

Entrance Antiphon: You are just O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First reading : from the prophet Isaiah 35: 4 - 7.

Responsorial Psalm : Praise the Lord my soul.

Second Reading : from letter of St. James 2: 1 - 5.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Mark 7: 31 - 37

Communion Antiphon Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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

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

Check Out The Archdiocese Of Sydney's New Website

The Archdiocese has launched a fresh new-look website with all the latest news and information from across the archdiocese and the Church in Australia. The new site incorporates a number of new features and has been designed with the user experience firmly in mind to provide a more intuitive and efficient navigation. From video to podcasts to links to social media where you can have your say on Catholic issues and share richer online content with friends and family, the new site also promotes major events across the archdiocese, regular updates and practical information for Catholics on Mass times, the sacraments and locating clergy and Catholic schools. Visit the new-look site at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>

RISE 30 Day Challenge: Brothers, do you want tomorrow to be better than today? Are you willing to do what it takes to become a better man for yourself, your family, and those around you? When you take the RISE 30-Day Challenge, you will gain the tools you need to take your life and relationships to the next level. Journey with men all over the world as we RISE to claim our true identity. menriseup.org/p/australia

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world. There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present. Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.

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Parish Collections : 19/8/2018 - First: \$1,137.40 **Second:** \$1,566.75

Parish News

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Is being celebrated this Sunday 9th September by His Grace Bishop Randazzo. Masses are at 11:30am and 3:00pm.

RCIA

The next RCIA program will commence in 2 weeks. It is not too late to be involved. If there are any adults that you feel may be interested in joining the Catholic Church, application forms are available at the back of the church.

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

Our next fundraiser will be a Bingo Day on Sun, 18th November, 2018. Tickets will be on sale from next week at all Masses with cost being 1 ticket for \$10 and 3 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

Father Factor

Robert Falzon will be visiting All Saints Parish Liverpool on Tuesday 18th Sept from 7pm - 9pm to discuss his book "Father Factor."

If you are interested in attending contact All Saints Parish office.

Hammondville Nursing Home

The Monthly Mass at Hammondcare will be held this Tuesday at 11:00am.

Lost Property

A reasonable collection of children's toys, water bottles and glasses etc have been handed in to the office over the last couple of months.

These will be destroyed / donated if not claimed by the end of September.

Happy Birthday

The 8th of September is the date the Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Magnificat from Luke's Gospel is Marys song of praise.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.



Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	8th Sep	5 : 30 pmSue Morris (RIP)
Sunday	9th Sep	8 : 00 amSpecial Intentions
Sunday	9th Sep	9 : 30 amFahme Abdul Ahab (RIP)
Sunday	9th Sep	11 :30 amConfirmation Mass 1
Sunday	9th Sep	3 : 00 pmConfirmation Mass 2
Monday	10th Sep	9 : 15 am...Francesco Corsi (RIP)
Tuesday	11th Sep	9 : 15 am.....Annamma Karapalil
Wednesday	12th Sep	9 : 15 amSteven Aboud
Wednesday	12th Sep	7 : 00 pm (TLM).....George Maroun
Thursday	13th Sep	9 : 15 am.....Mota Family (RIP)
Friday	14th Sep	9 : 15 am.....The Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	15th 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.

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Saturday 8th Sept—Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 12th - The Most Holy Name of Mary

Thursday 13th—St. John Chrysostom

Friday 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Recently deceased: Salwa Kassar

Anniversary: Sue Morris, Fahme Abdul Ahab, Francesco Corsi,
Annamma Karapalil, Steven Aboud, George Maroun,
Maria Sakorn Knigkaew, Pierre Severe



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