

## Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time - YB

16th September 2018

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Here the prayers of your servant and your people Israel.

**First reading:** from the prophet Isaiah 50: 5 - 9.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

**Second Reading:** from letter of St. James 2: 14 - 18.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** according to Mark 8: 27 - 35

### 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)

#### 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](http://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 here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver. Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

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**Parish Collections : 09/09/2018 - First:** \$1,110.60 **Second:** \$1,152.40

## **Parish News**

### **First reconciliation**

A meeting will be held this Sunday 16th at 4:00pm in the Church for the Parents (Only) of children enrolled in the upcoming Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you are unable to attend, please send a Godparent, grandparent or close relative in your place. No children please unless there is no other alternative.

### **Fete / Fundraising**

Our next Family Bingo Day will be on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. Tickets to play Bingo are now on sale at all weekend Masses with cost being 1 ticket for \$10 and 3 tickets for \$20. These tickets are for the whole day. A raffle ticket is attached to each Bingo card. There will be a variety of stalls, food stalls and a Raffle on the day. We are currently looking for donations of suitable prizes, e.g., gift cards, 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.. 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.

### **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.

### **RCIA**

A meeting will be held at St. Josephs Church next Thursday 20th at 7:00pm in the church for all person interested in this years RCIA program.

### **Planned Giving envelopes**

Planned giving envelopes that have not been collected are now in the Parish Office. If you missed the opportunity to collect yours, make contact with the Office.

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Is held on the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the Month following the 9.30am Mass. Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years old. There must be at least one Catholic Godparent, a non-Catholic may act as a Christian witness. Parents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction. Please see the website for more information or contact the parish office 9825 1679.

### **Adoration and Benediction (in English)**

Every Thursday evening at 7:30pm in the Church\*



\* Except Thursday before first Friday of Month

## **Mass Times / Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>15th Sep</b>	<b>5 : 30 pm</b> .....Sue Morris (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16th Sep</b>	<b>8 : 00 am</b> .....Special Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16th Sep</b>	<b>9 : 30 am</b> .....Fahme Abdul Ahab (RIP)
Monday	17th Sep	9 : 15 am... .....Yves Zacaropoulos (RIP)
Tuesday	18th Sep	9 : 15 am.....Abraham Payyanimandapathil
Wednesday	19th Sep	9 : 15 am .....Vocations
Wednesday	19th Sep	7 : 00 pm (TLM).....The Sick
Thursday	20th Sep	9 : 15 am.....
Friday	21st Sep	9 : 15 am.....The Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	22nd 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:**

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) Wednesday of the Month 7pm.

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

**Monday 17th - St Bellarmine**

**Wednesday 19th - St Januarius**

**Thursday 20th - St Andrew Kim Ta-gon, Pau Chong**

**Friday 21st - St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist**

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

*Recently deceased:*

*Anniversary:* Sue Morris, Fahme Abdul Ahab, Yves Zacaropoulos

Abraham Payyanimandapathil



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