

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time - YB 23rd 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 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

Of Life And Love Pre-Marriage Course in October

This excellent course for engaged couples gives particular emphasis to the spiritual and sacramental dimensions of marriage, while also paying due attention to the practical elements as well. It highlights the importance of God's grace and human love in building a happy relationship, and it suggests ways in which married love can grow over the years. Topics include the beauty of Christian marriage, openness to life, family of origin, communication and the nuptial paradigm. An approved course for marriage preparation in the Catholic Church.

Illuminated by Joy

Frassati Retreat and Bush Ball: October 13 - 14. Young adults are welcome to attend the Frassati Group's retreat reflecting and praying on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's example of living a life "illuminated by joy". The retreat will be led by Fr Daniele Sollazzo and Br Daniel Drum (Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity). There will be a bush ball with a live band on the Saturday evening. Families are welcome to attend and there will be activities for children. To book and for more details contact Frassati Group: frassatisydney@gmail.com

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

Parish Collections : 16/09/2018 - First: \$890.35 **Second:** \$1,315.60

Parish News

Fete / Fundraising

Our next Family Bingo Day will be on Sunday, 18th 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

No Holy Hour this Thursday

Being the last Thursday before the first Friday of the month

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.

First Reconciliation

This weekend, the First Reconciliation children are placing their "Pray for me" cards in the basket at the back of the church. Next week, Parishioners are asked to take home a card and pray for the child and their family as they prepare for their Sacrament. We pray that their journey of faith will grow and deepen with the help our thoughts and prayers.

Mt Carmel Retreats October

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well".

Guided retreat: A week with St Therese of Lisieux

Oct 8: 6:00 pm – Oct 14: 9:30 am . 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD Cost: \$750.00. Concessions apply

Ph: 02 8795 3400 - retreats@carmelite.com - www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

Catholic School Support

Would you like to receive a quality Catholic Education for your child?

Is the cost of sending your child to a Catholic School holding you back from this? We are here to assist you however we can.

Do you live in government housing?

Do you hold a current Health Care Card?

Is your only source of income Centrelink?

You could be eligible for heavily reduced fees.

If you don't satisfy the above eligibility no need to panic, you still may be eligible for a reduction in your child's school fees, if you are a low income worker.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Simon Wilson at the Regional office on 9772 7000 or by email at simon.wilson@syd.catholic.edu.au

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	22ndSep	5 : 30 pm	World Peace
Sunday	23rd Sep	8 : 00 am	Special Intentions
Sunday	23rd Sep	9 : 30 am	Mass Intentions
Monday	24th Sep	9 : 15 am... ..	Yves Zacaropoulos (RIP)
Tuesday	25th Sep	9 : 15 am.....	Sarkis Family (RIP)
Wednesday	26th Sep	9 : 15 am	The Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	26th Sep	7 : 00 pm (TLM).....	The Sick
Thursday	27th Sep	9 : 15 am.....	Sebastian Payyanimandapathil
Friday	28th Sep	9 : 15 am.....	Armed forces stationed o/s
Saturday	29thSep	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

Wednesday 26th - St Cosmas & St Damian

Thursday 27th - St. Vincent De Paul

Friday 28th - St Wenceslaus & St Lawrence

Saturday—Sts Michael, Raphael, Gabriel

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, Sebastian Payyanimandapathil



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