

## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time - YB

30th September 2018

**Entrance Antiphon:** Within Your will O' Lord all things are established, and there is none that can resist Your will. For You have made all things, the heavens and the earth and all that is held within the circle of heaven. You are the Lord of all.

**First reading :** from the book of Genesis 2: 18 - 24.

**Responsorial Psalm :** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Second Reading :** from letter to the Hebrews 2: 9 - 11.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us with perfect love. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** according to Mark 10: 2 - 16

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

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

#### New-Look Catholic Weekly

Today begins a new chapter in The Catholic Weekly with a redesign to provide a more contemporary look and feel. Buy your copy of the new-look Catholic Weekly newspaper available here at the church for \$2. take out a 12-month subscription and go into the draw to win an iPad. See the paper for details.

#### Be Awake National Catholic Men's Conference

MenAlive and the Young Men of God Movement (YMG) have united to host a life changing event for men. The conference will bring the very best of MenAlive's hugely successful MAX conference, and the unrivalled strength of the Young Men of God National Conference. There will be great speakers, worship, prayer, sacraments, sports and brotherhood time.

Be inspired, be transformed.

This will be an extraordinary event that is not to be missed! To register go to [menalive.org.au](http://menalive.org.au) or [ymgmovement.org](http://ymgmovement.org)

Promotional Link: <https://youtu.be/e19HV5mUW2Q>

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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## Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time Year B 7th October 2018

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness. We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters. Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

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**Parish Collections : 23/09/2018 - First:** \$1,127.00 **Second:** \$1,500.60

### **Parish News**

#### **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

#### **Liturgy Changes**

Monthly Mass at Hammondcare will be celebrated on Tues 9th at 11:00am  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will now begin at 4:15pm on a Saturday

#### **November Intentions**

There are brochures in the foyer detailing the services for All Souls Day Masses at local cemeteries this year.

#### **St Josephs at Moorebank**

Will be celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary after the Italian Mass next Sunday with a Rosary procession, Come along and enjoy an afternoon of adoration, entertainment and food. ALSO—do not forget the St Josephs Fete on Saturday 20th Oct. There is something for everyone.

#### **First Reconciliation**

This weekend, the First Reconciliation children have left their “Pray for me” cards in the basket at the back of the church. Parishioners are asked to take home a card and pray for the child and their family as they prepare for their Sacrament.

Any Parent/Grandparents willing to help at school on retreat day, please contact the school on 9825 3251. Thankyou.

#### **Defending the faith**

As our children prepare for their first reconciliation in a few weeks, have you taken the time to consider when you last availed yourself of this most glorious sacrament? The Catechism of the Catholic Church advises that the faithful should attend confession at least one a year, hopefully around Easter. (CCC 1457) But according to academics only 2% of Catholics will enter a confessional box this year. Many Catholics consider Reconciliation an event filled with fear and trepidation, as if they are going to be punished for telling God something he already knows. Certainly contrition is required for absolution, but we don't go to confession to be punished, we go to be healed by the Grace of Gods infinite mercy. Way too many people avoid the opportunity to be filled with Gods abundant Grace due to guilt, (and we all know where guilt comes from) So - Do yourself a favour and stop dragging around a bag of useless guilt and let the Holy Spirit replace your burden with a life filled with sanctifying Grace that is freely given in Reconciliation.

### **Mass Times / Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6th Oct</b>	<b>5 : 30 pm</b> .....	Rita Kolster (RIP)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7th Oct</b>	<b>8 : 00 am</b> .....	Special Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7th Oct</b>	<b>9 : 30 am</b> .....	Gabriel Do Pao (RIP)
Monday	8th Oct	9 : 15 am.....	Fame Abdul Ahad
Tuesday	9th Oct	9 : 15 am.....	Steven Aboud (RIP)
Wednesday	10th Oct	9 : 15 am .....	Mathew Vellukunnell (RIP)
Wednesday	10th Oct	7 : 00 pm (TLM).....	Abnes Biviano
Thursday	11th Oct	9 : 15 am.....	Noel Jebanasam (RIP)
Friday	12th Oct	9 : 15 am.....	Corsi Francesco (RIP)
Saturday	13th Oct	11 : 00 am.....	Latin Mass

**Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:15 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 Sunday (Every 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**

**Tuesday 9th - Sts Denis and John Leonardi**

**Thursday 11th - St John 23**

*We Pray For The Sick :* Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Steven Aboud



*Recently deceased:*

*Anniversary:* Gabriel Do Pao, Rita Kolster, Fame Abdul, Corsi Francesco, Mathew Vellukunnell, Biviano,

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