

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary time - YB

28th October 2018

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

First reading : from the book of Jeremiah 31: 7– 9.

Responsorial Psalm : The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading : from letter to the Hebrews 5: 1 - 6.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through His gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Mark 10: 46 - 52

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of the Lord.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Pray for the Plenary Council

Across Australia, Catholics are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith and the Church. Many parishes within the Archdiocese have commenced their journey towards the Plenary Council 2020, sharing and reflecting on the future of the Catholic church in Australia. Please continue to pray for the community of the Sydney Archdiocese that we will respond well to the call of the Holy Spirit, by engaging in the preparatory phase of the Plenary with open and humble hearts, listening to what the Spirit is saying to each one of us as we share our experiences of faith towards the preparation of the agenda of the Plenary Council. The Plenary Council Prayer:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pray/>. Want to know more or get involved please contact 9390 5147 or email plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org

CatholicCare Sydney

Counselling can support you and your family to face life's challenges. Our caring team provides services for individuals, couples and families that are affordable. For more information contact CCareline on 13 18 19.

Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. Healing retreats are held regularly in the Sydney area offering women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. A brochure can be downloaded at the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au The next healing retreat will be held 16-18 November. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non judgmental environment.

Cantors Wanted

St Mary's Cathedral has three Masses every weekend led by a solo cantor. This is a vital part of the Cathedral's liturgy and is carried out by volunteer singers. If you think you would like to serve the Cathedral in this important role as part of our team of cantors please contact the music department on 9220 0481 or music@stmaryscathedral.org.au

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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St Christopher's Catholic School — *Through faith and love we serve*

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Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective. Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity). You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision. This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. He knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do. We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.



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Parish Collections : 21/10/2018 - First: \$1,125.25 Second: \$1,130.55

Parish News

Fete / Fundraising

The current Fete/Fund Raising Committee has been together as a group for approx. 6 years and in recent times we have also been consulting with Fr Andrew about Parish matters. As a result it has been decided to formalise our title to the Parish Council whilst continuing with our fund raising efforts.

As a result of this decision we are advertising for expressions of Interest from Parishioners to nominate themselves to be part of the Parish Council.

There are sheets at the rear of the Church for interested parishioners to leave their name and contact details. Our next fund raising day will be the Bingo Family Day on the 18th Nov starting about 11.00am. Cards for the Bingo will be on sale after weekend Masses. The cost is 1 card for \$10 and 3 cards for \$20. The cards can be used for the whole day and a raffle ticket is also attached to the card. There are great prizes to be won on the day for the Bingo games and we will be having a BBQ with sausages on a roll for \$2.50 or steak rolls for \$3.00. Soft drinks and water are available for \$1.50. There will also be a stall for Philippino food, showbags and a 'nik-nak' stall with a variety of products and activities for the younger members of the community. Tea, coffee and cake will also be available on the day. Volunteers and donations of cake on the day will be greatly appreciated and we look forward to sharing another great community day with Parishioners.

For further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Next week we have been asked to play an important role in supporting the Syd Archdiocese' premier charity, the Charitable Works Fund Appeal (CWF) Envelopes will be provided, so please consider showing our Christian solidarity by sharing what we can with our neighbours who are less fortunate.

Confirmation Photo's

Photos will be available for viewing/purchasing on Saturday 3rd November in the Parish Office between 8.30 - 10.30am.

Any enquiries please contact Tania on 0412 317 766

November Mass Offerings and the Book of remembrance

All names provided have been printed in the Book of Remembrance.

Each weekend in November, this book will be brought to the altar during the Offertory. Any new intentions this month will be included in all the November Masses and added to the Book of Remembrance for next year.

There will be no individual Mass intentions published in the Church bulletin.

Fr. Nicholas on annual leave

Fr Nicholas will be on annual leave for the month of November. Fr. Brendan Lee will undertake all of Fr. Nicholas's regular services in his absence.



Mass Times / Intentions

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| Saturday | 27th Oct | 5 : 30 pmParish Intentions |
| Sunday | 28th Oct | 8 : 00 am Lolita Parcasio & George Mezentsef (RIP) |
| Sunday | 28th Oct | 9 : 30 amSpecial Intentions |
| Monday | 29th Oct | 9 : 15 am.....James Mascurine (RIP) |
| Tuesday | 30th Oct | 9 : 15 am.....The Sick |
| Wednesday | 31st Oct | 9 : 15 amVocations |
| Wednesday | 31st Oct | 7 : 00 pm (TLM).....Mass Intentions |
| Thursday | 1st Nov | 9 : 15 am..... All Mass Intentions in the |
| Friday | 2nd Nov | 9 : 15 am..... month of November are for |
| Saturday | 3rd Nov | 11 : 00 am (TLM)..... our Dearly Departed |

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 (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) Wednesday of the Month 7pm.

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Thursday 1st - All Saints Day

Friday 2nd - All Souls Day

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



Recently deceased: Lolita Parcasio, George Mezentsef

Anniversary: James Mascurine, Lolita Parcasio, George Mezentsef

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