

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary time - YB

4th November 2018

Entrance Ant: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God: be not far from me.

First reading : from the book of Deuteronomy 6: 2– 6.

Responsorial Psalm : I love You, Lord, my strength

Second Reading : from letter to the Hebrews 7: 23 - 28.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia

Gospel : according to Mark 12: 28 - 34

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Women's advent retreat

On Saturday, 8th Dec 18, you are very welcome to attend the Women's Advent Retreat Day entitled "My spirit rejoices in God my saviour." The day will see many women gather on the Notre Dame Broadway campus for Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, Holy Hour, morning tea and lunch, and inspiring talks. This year we are graced with three speakers who will present sessions:

*Sister Susanna Edmunds, OP (Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia, USA)

* Karina Lemos, MCR (Marian Community of Reconciliation)

* Mrs Anna Krohn (Special Faith Advisor, University of Notre Dame Australia)

The event is free, but registration is essential. Please register online at:

www.trybooking.com/YRQW or call Roberta on 02 8204 4189.

"Family Spirit" (by CatholicCare Sydney and Marist180)

Could you provide short-term help for long-term memories? As a new agency combining the strengths of Marist180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care.

To learn more, come to our information night: Tuesday 13th Nov 18, 5.30-8pm, CatholicCare 2C West St (cnr Thomas St) Lewisham NSW 2049. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

St Vincent de Paul Society - Night Patrol

The St Vincent de Paul Society's, Liverpool Night Patrol is a homeless food service operating Tuesday-Saturday night, within the Liverpool local Government Area and is a part of the Sydney Vinnies Van Services. It provides sandwiches, blankets, toiletries, hot beverages and most importantly, companionship to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Liverpool Night Patrol is currently in need of volunteers to join our teams on an ongoing basis to help make our service possible. Volunteers make a once a month commitment and shifts run from 8pm until 10.30pm. If you are interested in joining, we have a training session coming up on 19 November in Liverpool. For more Info liverpoolnightpatrol@sydneyvinnies.org

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!' It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others. © Dianne Bergant



Parish Collections : 28/10/2018 - First: \$1,167.40 **Second:** \$1,1179.35

Parish News

Fete / Fundraising

Following last weeks announcement about the Parish Council, we are looking for expressions of Interest from Parishioners who may be interested in being part of the group. There is a sheet at the back of the church for those who would like to nominate to join the council. 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 Phillipino 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 info contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The CWF has 3 appeals each year May, August and November. Parishes in the Sydney Archdiocese at each appeal have a quota. For the November appeal our parish quota is \$2,800.00. Donations over \$2.00 are 100% tax deductible. Your generous donation can contribute towards the amount required. There are envelopes on the church pews this weekend for you to take home and return next weekend.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of this Appeal.

Liturgical Changes

There will be no Mass this Tuesday morning

There will be no Adoration / Holy Hour this Thursday evening.

Adoration / Benediction with the Samoan Community Friday 7:30pm

Novena - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

This Wednesday evening at 7:00pm

November Mass Offerings and the Book of remembrance

There are no individual Mass intentions in November

Each weekend in November, the book of remembrance containing the names of our dearly departed 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.

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.

Mens Night

The next gathering of the St. Josephs Mens group is on Sat 17th at 6:00pm in the Presbytery of St. Josephs Church. Men of St Christophers are welcome. For information contact David Moore 0412 405 792

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday 3rd Nov 5 : 30 pm.....

Sunday 4th Nov 8 : 00 am.....

Sunday 4th Nov 9 : 30 am

Monday 5th Nov 9 : 15 am.....

Tuesday 6th Nov 9 : 15 am.....

Wednesday 7th Nov 9 : 15 am

Wednesday 7th Nov 7 : 00 pm (TLM).....

Thursday 8th Nov 9 : 15 am.....

Friday 9th Nov 9 : 15 am.....

Saturday 10th Nov 11: 00 am (TLM).....

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

Friday 9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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



Recently deceased: Jeff Voges

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