

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary time - YB

18th November 2018

Entrance Ant: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First reading : from the prophet Daniel 12: 1 – 13.

Responsorial Psalm : Keep me safe, O God; You are my hope.

Second Reading : from letter to the Hebrews 10: 11 - 14, 18.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man! Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Mark 13: 24 - 32

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the 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, at: www.trybooking.com/YRQW or call Roberta on 02 8204 4189.

A Choral Christmas Celebration Concert

On Friday 14 December, St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate with carols and an overwhelming feeling of Christmas joy for the annual, and much anticipated "A Choral Christmas Celebration concert." There will be two performances at 11am & 7pm with tickets starting from \$20. Visit www.cathedralchoir.sydney/acc for more information.

The Benedict XVI Retreat Centre now offers a series of fun, innovative facilitated activity programs to complement & enrich any group retreat. Whether you are looking for adventure, team building, opportunities for reflection or simply to have fun with your group, our specially trained facilitators can tailor a program to meet your needs and budget. Activities include flying fox, archery, bushwalking, leadership and communication challenges, camp craft, environment programs & more. Ph (02) 4572 2899 email : bxvi@sydneycatholic.org or visit www.benedictxvicentre.org.au.

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St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God. In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful. We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.



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Parish Collections : 11/11/2018 - First: \$1,11630 **Second:** \$1,607.65

Parish News

Bingo Day this Sunday

The Family Bingo Day has finally arrived starting at approximately 11am this Sunday, 18th in the Church grounds. 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.

Thank you to those who have already purchased tickets.

There are great prizes to be won on the day for the Bingo games food and drinks will be on sale. There will be showbags and a 'nik-nak' stall with a variety of products and activities for the younger members of the community.

We thank those for their generous donations are still hoping for volunteers to get involved to lighten the load. Donations of cake on the day will be greatly appreciated. For further information contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842

Parish Pastoral Council

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in becoming members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Applications will close this weekend and those who have expressed an interest will be notified in early December. The new Parish Pastoral Council will be combined with the current Fete/Fund Raising Committee. There are sheets at the rear of the Church for interested. For any further information please contact David Moore, Parish Secretary on 9825 1679.

Book of Remembrance

There are no individual Mass intentions in November. Each weekend in Nov, 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 Masses and added to the Book of Remembrance for next year.

Carols by Candlelight

Parishioners are invited to Carols by Candlelight in the grounds of the Liverpool Catholic Club on Sunday 2nd Dec. Program starts at 6.45pm, carols 7.30pm. There will be a Nativity scene and a pen with nursery animals. A Fireworks display will conclude the evening. All welcome. Free admission.

Parish Ministry Vacancies

Our Parish community would not be viable without the valuable support of its members. We are very grateful for all who have and continue to respond to the various needs of Parish life. In recent months, a number of positions have become vacant and we are in urgent need of volunteers.

At present we are looking for: counters for Mass offerings on a Sunday after Mass and Eucharistic Ministers to deliver the Blessed Sacrament to Catholics at Hammondcare. If you can spare some time to assist with the Pastoral needs of our community, please make contact with the Parish Office.

St Vincent De Paul Society

Regrettably we will not be distributing Christmas hampers and gifts this year. We have come to this decision due to: 1) Having few members whose age/physical condition make the task difficult without the significant help we receive from volunteers; 2) Rules introduced requiring any volunteer to have a Police Criminal History Check plus a 'Working with Children' clearance' check.

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday 17th Nov 5 : 30 pm.....

Sunday 18th Nov 8 : 00 am.....

Sunday 18th Nov 9 : 30 am

Monday 19th Nov 9 : 15 am.....

Tuesday 20th Nov 9 : 15 am.....

Wednesday 21st Nov 9 : 15 am

Wednesday 21st Nov 7 : 00 pm (TLM).....

Thursday 22nd Nov 9 : 15 am.....

Friday 23rd Nov 9 : 15 am.....

Saturday 24th 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

Wednesday 21st - The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 22nd -St Cecilia

Friday 23rd - St. Clement 1, St. Columban

Sat 24th - St. Andrew Dung-Lac

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



We remember T.M. Scaria, James Mascunne, Clem Noiette, Gabriel do Pao,

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