

## The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### 30th December 2018

**Entrance Ant:** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

**First reading :** from 1 Samuel 1: 20 – 22, 24 - 28.

**Responsorial Psalm :** How happy they who dwell in Your house, O Lord.

**Second Reading :** from 1st John 3: 1 - 2, 21 - 24.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** according to Luke 2: 41 - 52

**Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

### Sydney Archdiocese News

**An Advent App for Christmas!** – Meet Me in the Silence.

Walk the journey to Advent on your mobile device. Each day delivers a new video, podcast or written feature to assist you prepare for Christmas and meet Jesus in the silence, despite the busyness of the Christmas season. The Advent Calendar App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent)

**Drawing and Giving Life** – NSW Pastoral Ministry Conference 2019

How do we renew our pastoral structures to draw and give life in the post Royal Commission Church? In what ways are we called to move forward and strengthen our ministries to serve the mission of Jesus Christ? The day includes networking with ministry leaders around NSW & two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners who offer strategies for renewing and strengthening our pastoral mission. Conference Rates: Early Bird \$65 (booking prior to 17 Dec). Normal rate \$75 (bookings after 17 Dec). Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe.

Tuesday 26th February 2019 / 9.30am To 4.30pm

**Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings.**

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support.

Ph:(02) 9646 6908 / [bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au](mailto:bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au)

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty & fear. Even more real, & occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?' Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt. By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos & heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?' What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys. But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church. We could take a moment to pray for the integrity to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'. © Fr Michael Tate

## Parish News

Collections : 23/12/2018 1) \$814.95 2) \$1,130.30

### Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) next event

Plans to celebrate our Church turning 50 next year are well under way. We are currently looking for any memorabilia available from the early years until now. All photos/documents will need to be copies to avoid losses. The celebration will be on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at the 9.30am Mass. As the Church was built by the Defence Forces Engineers there will be Army involvement and other dignitaries. There will be a BBQ after the Mass in the grounds of the church and parishioners are invited to bring a plate, e.g., sandwiches, cakes, nibblys, soft drinks/water. For catering purposes could you please indicate your attendance on the forms available in the new noticeboard in the foyer of the church.

For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842

### Trash & Treasure

A new shipping container compliments of St Joseph's Parish, Moorebank has been delivered. The collection of quality saleable goods including books, CD's, children toys and homewares for the Trash & Treasure stall for our Fete on the 14th Sept, 2019 will commence on the 5th Jan, 2019. All goods to be left in the crate in the foyer of the Church. At this stage we are unable to accept electrical goods or heavy furniture.

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### Parish Flower Ministry

Do you have a spare 1 to 1-1/2 hours once every 5 to 6 weeks to help the small group of ladies who look after the flower arranging in our Parish. If you could spare some time to assist in this Ministry please contact Lorraine on 0428 894326. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



### A call for Catechists.

Thank you to all the hard working Catechists from our Parish who have just completed another year of bringing the Word of God to our State School Students. Currently about 300 children from Hammondville, Holsworthy and Wattle Grove Public Schools benefit from the work of about 18 Catechists who conduct Scripture classes every week from Kindergarten to Year Six. If you would like to become a part of this Ministry as a Catechist/Helper there is a lot of support and training available to assist you with the lessons and for enquiries about this next year please contact the Parish Office on 9825 1679.

## Mass Times / Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>29th Dec</b>	<b>5 : 30 pm</b> .....Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30th Dec</b>	<b>8 : 00 am</b> .....The Sick
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30th Dec</b>	<b>9 : 30 am</b> .....Mass Intentions
Monday	31st Dec	9 : 15 am.....Souls in purgatory
Tuesday	1st Jan	9 : 15 am.....Valentine Varmadevan
Wednesday	2nd Jan	9 : 15 am .....Mass Intention
Thursday	3rd Jan	9 : 15 am.....Thanksgiving Mass
Friday	4th Jan	9 : 15 am.....Australian Troups serving overseas

**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

The new Liturgical timetable will be issued in due course

**Farewell morning tea for Fr Nicholas on Sunday, 30th December after the 9.30am Mass in the hall. All parishioners are invited to attend and a donation of a plate of food would be greatly appreciated.**

## Saints of the Week / Feasts

**Tuesday 1st - Mary, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD**  
**Wednesday 2nd - Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**  
**Thursday 3rd - The most holy name of Jesus**

### **We Pray For The Sick**

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney,  
Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez,  
Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan,  
Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener



### **Recently Deceased**

### **Anniversaries**

T.M. Scaria, James Mascunne, Clem Noiette,  
Gabriel do Pao, Valentine Varmadevan

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