

First Sunday of Lent
Sunday 18th February 2018

Entrance Antiphon : When He calls on me, I will answer Him; I will deliver Him and give Him glory, I will grant Him length of days.

First reading from the book of Genesis. 9: 8 - 15.

Responsorial Psalm : Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep Your covenant.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Peter. 3: 18 - 22.

Gospel Acclamation : Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! No one lives by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel : According to Mark 1: 12 - 15.

Communion Antiphon : One does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Catholic Care

Short-term Foster carers urgently needed. CatholicCare supports a team of foster carers who can look after children for a few weeks or months when they cannot live safely at home. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a short-term foster carer, come to our free open evening on Thursday 1st March at 6pm in Lewisham.

Call our CCareline Team on 13 18 19 to find out more.

The Bishop's Blend:

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on Tuesday, 27th February 2018 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals.

For more information and to purchase tickets contact us at :

bisopsblend@sydneycatholic.org or go to:

<https://thebishopsblendthirdedition.eventbrite.com>

All Saints Catholic College - Open Day

Enrolling for 2019 & 2020—Saturday 17 March 10am - 1pm

53 Bigge Street, Liverpool. Ph: 9602 4555

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

Administrator : Rev. Fr. Andrew James
Assistant Priest : Rev. Fr. Thomas Alukka Varghese
Assistant Priest : Rev. Fr. Nicholas Rynne
Permanent Deacon : Rev. Mr. Al Salu
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First Sunday of Lent - (Year B)

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Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us. Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a rainbow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example. The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship. © Dianne Bergant CSS

Parish Collections : 11th February 2018

First: \$1,089.90

Second: \$1,246.60

Parish News:

St Christopher's Parish Lenten Program

The Lenten Program continues each Friday at 10.30am in the Parish Hall until Palm Sunday. For details contact the Office or Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

Sacramental Program 2018

Information for parents & caregivers regarding this year's sacramental program is available at the back of the Church. Children from other schools will receive their letters shortly.

Ladies Weekend Gathering 02 - 04 March, 2018

This special weekend retreat for women has been running for over 40 years. The invitation is extended to women from all parishes to join in a weekend of prayerful, relaxed time out. This is an opportunity to refresh yourself, both spiritually and physically, as you embrace the company, experiences and love of other women in a prayerful environment.

Venue; Mt Carmel Retreat centre, St Andrews Rd Varroville. Cost \$225 person. For info contact Ann-Marie Green on 0416 051 206 or amtg4@hotmail.com

200 Club Cash Raffle

Tickets for this year's 200 Club Cash Raffle will be available again this week at the back of the church. Please contact Ray Villarica on 0400 353 531 for more information.

Project Compassion

CARITAS Australia (Project Compassion) will continue through the six weeks of Lent. Collection boxes and envelopes are available in the church foyer.

Sacred Music Workshop

On Saturday 3 March, (2.00pm—5.30pm) the Australian Sacred Music Association is conducting the first of a series of workshops in Sacred and Church music. You will learn something of the history and spirituality of Gregorian Chant, Sacred Polyphony, English Chant and hymns. All forms of Sacred Music, its performance and use in the liturgy will be discussed. These workshops are not limited to choir members but are open to any parishioner with a musical interest, even if you'd just like to improve your singing during Mass or join one of our choirs. Each workshop is \$10 per person. All welcome.



Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	17th Feb 5.30 pmParish Intentions
Sunday	18th Feb 8.00 amBill Carnegie (RIP)
Sunday	18th Feb 9.30 amBibiana Abayhon (RIP)
Monday	19th Feb 9.15 amThanksgiving Mass
Tuesday	20th Feb 9.15 amParish Intentions
Wednesday	21st Feb 9.15 amVocations
Thursday	22nd Feb 9.15amMass Intentions
Friday	23rd Feb 9.15 amSouls in Purgatory
Saturday	24th Feb 11.00 amLatin Mass

Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:30 pm. // Vigil Mass : 5:30 pm.

Baptisms : Second & Third Sunday of the month after 9:30am Mass. By appointment only.

Syro - Malabar Liturgies:

Wednesday Mass : 7.00pm

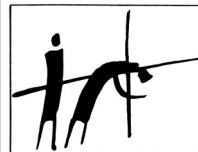
Thursday Mass : 7.00pm followed by Adoration (in English)

Friday Mass : 7.30pm (except on the First Friday of the Month)

Saturday Mass : 9.30am

Sunday Mass : 11.30am (Third Sunday is held in the School Hall)

The Samoan Community celebrates Mass in the Church on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at 11.30am.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held during Lent in the Church on Friday evening's at 7pm.

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Thursday 22nd Feb - The Chair of St. Peter

We Pray For The Sick : Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere

Recently deceased: Mrs. Chris Hodgins (16th Feb) Mary Scarola

Anniversary: Bill Carnegie (18/2) Bibiana Abayhon (18/2) Edgar & Trudy Baumann

