

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

28th Apr 2019

Entrance Ant: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, Spiritual milk, that in Him you may grow to salvation, Alleluia!

First reading : from the Book of Acts 5:12 - 16

Responsorial Psalm : Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

Second Reading : from Letter to the Revelation 1: 9 - 13, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel : according to John 20: 20 - 29

Communion Antiphon: Bring you hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, Alleluia.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Complete your family picture with adoption

Family Spirit is a new agency that unifies the expertise and compassion of CatholicCare and Marist 180. We are the only Catholic adoption agency in NSW. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out how reforms enable more adoptions in NSW.

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 & 5 May. People will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details go to:

<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Reaching out to all who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Enquiries: Ph (02) 6239 9813. Email: tribunal@cg.org.au

Right to Life Australia

Right to Life Australia will be having an Information Night on "Upholding the dignity of life from the beginning until life's natural end" on Mon, 29th April, 7.30pm at St Kevin's Parish Hall (Haseler Centre, 36 Hillview Rd., Eastwood). For more info contact Michael/Mary (03) 9385 0100 or see poster for details. ALL WELCOME. Refreshments to follow. For catering purposes, RSVP to: www.righttolife.com.au/event or email: rtl@rtlaust.com or 9874 2533.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them. Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story. Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us. How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress. We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.



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Parish News

Project Compassion (Caritas)

Could parishioners who have generously taken home project compassion boxes and Easter dues please return them ASAP. They can be left on the collection plates.

Parish council news

A grateful thanks go to all who contributed in any way to the preparation and services at St Christopher's Parish over the Easter weekend. Too many to mention by name.

Crying room

Some work is required for the crying room at the rear of the Church to remove the carpet and steps. The plan is to replace the steps with a church pew and replace the carpet with laminated timber. The timber is already available. The flooring in the Confessional will also need to be replaced with the laminated timber. Enquiries are being made in regards to the large glass window to either be replaced or a safety tinting cover to be put on the glass. If you are able to assist in please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

Maintenance of the Grotto and surrounds

Unfortunately the Grotto areas and surrounds are no longer able to be maintained by our current gardener and we are seeking volunteers to assist with the maintenance of the Grotto area and surrounds.

The Parish thanks Justine for all her hard work she has put in to keep St Christopher's garden and lawn areas maintained for several years.

The Grotto area in particular is due to her and her family's contribution and hard work and has now become a place of peace and prayer. If you are able to assist in anyway please contact the Parish Office on 9825 1679

Trash and Treasure Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work. We have a continued request for: homeware goods, children's toys, CD's, DVD's and books. All contributions would be greatly appreciated. We also have a request for gardeners to start preparing for the plant stall so that plants are ready to sell on the day. 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. For any further info please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

Novena to our Lady of perpetual Help

The Novena will resume at St Christopher's this Wednesday, 1st of May, 2019 at 7pm. Please forward all your Petitions and Prayers of Thanksgiving to Faustino Parcasio on fparcasio@hotmail.com

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St Christophers Primary School

A whole school Mass will be held to celebrate Easter at 9:00am on Fri 3rd May and Mothers Day at 9:00am on Fri 10th May in the school playground. All are welcome.

Mass Times

Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm (6:00pm Easter Vigil)
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

Adoration : Thurs 7:00pm (except before first Friday of month)

Reconciliation : Sat 4:30 pm.

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals

By appointment.

Charitable Works Fund 2019 Pastoral Appeal - 5th May 2019

In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting a key initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours.

Each Parish is allocated a qtrly target.

Donations of over \$2 are 100% tax deductible, and your contributions go along way to helping our Parish reach this years target.

The Catholic Weekly

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We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener, Johny Price, Jeffery Crouche, Babies Tahlia & Sierra

Recently Deceased

Rene Rovillos

Anniversaries

Peter Wang, Rosa Wang, Agnes Chang, Vincent Chang, Margaret Reynolds, Narcisa & Lawrence Parcasio, Leonides Bagoir, Gabriel do Pao, Valentine Vamadevan



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