

The Third Sunday in Ordinary time - YC

27th January 2019

Entrance Ant: O sing a new song to the Lord: sing to the Lord, all the earth. In His presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in His holy place.

First reading : from the Book of Nehemiah 8: 2, 8 –10.

Responsorial Psalm : Your words Lord are spirit and life.

Second Reading : from the letter to 1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 20.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to give good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 1: 1 - 4, 14: 14 - 41

Communion Antiphon: Look forward to the Lord and be radiant;

Sydney Archdiocese News

Pro-Life Training Day with Brendan Malone

Internationally renowned speaker Brendan Malone will run workshops on how to effectively participate in campaigns to defeat anti-life parliamentary bills and how to spread the pro-life message with clarity and compassion. We are expecting a new abortion up to birth bill in NSW parliament soon. We must prepare to combat this. \$30 per head includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Saturday February 16, 9am to 5pm at an inner West location to be disclosed on registration. RSVP essential: www.trybooking.com/ZZAZ

St Bakhita's Day

Ethical Sourcing Seminar and Expo (8th February)

Take action to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking from our world. About this Event. To commemorate the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Trafficking in Persons on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Anti-Slavery Task Force is sponsoring this event. It is part of a larger Archdiocesan programme directed at eradicating modern slavery announced by the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP in March of 2017. You will hear from church, business, government and community leaders about the reality of slavery in our world today, including in Australia, and what can be done to address it in our homes, workplaces & communities. The Feast Day Mass of St. Bakhita will commence in St. Mary's Cathedral at 1:10 PM. Register here: <https://bit.ly/2FiEROT>

Can 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 on Tuesday 5th February 2019, 5.30-8pm. Family Spirit, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown Call CCareline13 18 19 or 13 18 19 to find out more.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth is divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazareth would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'. But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to relax!! Holiness is not a matter of our striving, but of accepting that we are accepted by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God. How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is. We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.



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Parish News

Liturgy Changes

Beginning this week, there will be no Morning services on a Monday. Weekday Masses from Tuesday - Friday will change from 9:15am to 7:00am. Please take note of Bulletin for any further changes.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH 50TH Celebration

Is on this Sunday 27th January, 2019 at 9.30am Mass followed by a sausage sizzle and drinks. As the Church was built by the Defence Forces Engineers, there will be some Army involvement on the day, as well as a number of distinguished guests, past Clergy and previous parishioners.

We look forward to as many people as possible taking part on the day. 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, nibbles, soft drinks/water if the can. For info contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842

Trash & Treasure

The 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 and Treasure stall for our next Fete on the 14th September, 2019 will commence this weekend. 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 information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

Parish Ministry - Volunteers Required

The ongoing operation of our Parish would not be possible without the support of our Parish Community. As we begin the new calendar Year, we are in need of volunteers to ensure our Parish continues to operate efficiently. To that end, we are looking for Volunteers to assist with the day to day running of our Parish. At present we require additional support in a number of areas including Ministers of the Eucharist, Church Cleaners, Readers, Catechists, Linen cleaners, If you can spare the time to be involved in any of the above Ministries, please speak to Fr. Xiang or contact the Parish Office.



Catechist Meeting

The next Catechist meeting will be held on 3rd February. We are in desperate need of volunteers for this very important ministry with all training provided.

Sacramental Program

The dates for the Sacramental program for 2019 have not yet been finalised. Please take note of the bulletin for further updates

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	26th Jan	5 : 30 pm.....	Australian Troups Serving overseas)
Sunday	27th Jan	8 : 00 am.....	David Brady (RP)
Sunday	27th Jan	9 : 30 am	Mass Intentions
Monday	28th Jan	No service.....	No Service
Tuesday	29th Jan	7 : 00 am.....	Shirley Villa (RIP)
Wednesday	30th Jan	7 : 00 am.....	Vocations
Thursday	31st Jan	7 : 00 am.....	Roy Mascareigne
Friday	1st Feb	7 : 00 am.....	Valentine Varmadevan

Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:15 pm. .

Baptism & Preparation meetings by appointment stchris@tpg.com.au

Adoration - Thursday 7:30pm (except before first Friday of each month)

Reminder :

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH CHURCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

This Sunday beginning with 9:30am Mass



Saints of the Week / Feasts

Saturday 26th - Australia Day
Monday 28th - St Thomas Aquinas
Thursday 31st - St. Joh Bosco
Saturday - 2nd The Presentation on the Lord

We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener, Jenny Price
Lie Sau Hian, Shirley Villa

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Gabriel Do Pao, David Brady, Shirley Villa, Roy Mascareigne



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