

## The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time - YC

3rd Feb 2019

**Entrance Ant:** Save us O Lord our God ! And gather us from the nations to give thanks to Your Holy name, and make it our glory to praise You.

**First reading :** from the Book of Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19.

**Responsorial Psalm :** I Will sing Your salvation.

**Second Reading :** from the letter to 1 Corinthians 12: 31

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

**Gospel :** according to Luke 4: 21 - 30

**Communion Antiphon:** Let your face shine on you servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord let me never be put to shame, for I call on You.

### Sydney Archdiocese News

#### **St Bakhita's Day Friday 8th February**

Parishioners invited to the Ethical Sourcing Expo as part of the St Bakhita's Day at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall. "As a mother of a large family, I have always tried to shop by looking for the best dollar value. Now, knowing more about the exploitation of many workers, I want to make sure that the products I purchase are made under ethical working conditions. Viewing my purchases as a faith decision is now more important than simply getting something cheaply." We can all make a difference to end slavery by changing to ethical brands for everyday consumer items such as tea, coffee, chocolate and sugar. Parishioners will be able to meet the producers and sample ethical tea and coffee at the Expo. All welcome to this free event, goodie bag, morning tea and lunch provided. Register your RSVP online: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-bakhitas-day-ethical-sourcing-expo-tickets-54391584694> The 8th of February is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Trafficking in Persons on the feast day of St Josephina Bakhita (1869-1947) the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Anti-Slavery Task Force is sponsoring this event. For more information please contact Alison Rahill 9307 8464 or email: [alison.rahill@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:alison.rahill@sydneycatholic.org) 13 18 19 to find out more.

**Religious Freedom** – what does it all mean and how will it affect my family?

How will the new proposed bill effect your children and grandchildren?

What impact will it have on educating our children in Catholic schools?

What can you do to protect your religious freedom? Listen to Monica Doumit speak about where this is heading & what we can do about it. Date: Sunday 17 February 2019. Time: 4-5pm Where: All Hallows' Catholic Church 2 Halley Street, Five Dock. Child minding by Children's Liturgy members will be available. As Catholics we have a responsibility to act now and protect our religious freedom.

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God. Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow. The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love. © Dianne Bergant CSA

## 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.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Speakers will be talking at this weekend's Masses to highlight the importance of this Ministry.

### Sacramental Program

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

### Events in the wider community

There are a number of brochures in the foyer providing information from child support to marriage counselling and other Diocesan events. Please make a point of keeping an eye out for the many various initiatives being undertaken in the wider Archdiocese.

## Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	2nd Feb	5 : 30 pm.....	Gabriel Do Pao (RIP)
Sunday	3rd Feb	8 : 00 am.....	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	3rd Feb	9 : 30 am .....	Mass Intentions
Monday	4th Feb	No service.....	No Service
Tuesday	5th Feb	7 : 00 am.....	Shirley Villa (RIP)
Wednesday	6th Feb	7 : 00 am.....	Vocations
Thursday	7th Feb	7 : 00 am.....	Roy Mascareigne
Friday	8th Feb	7 : 00 am.....	The Sick

**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)

### ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH CHURCH 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

HEARTFUL THANKS TO **ALL** WHO CONTRIBUTED IN ANYWAY TO OUR CHURCH'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY. TOO MANY NAMES TO MENTION, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK FR ANTHONY MIFSUD FOR HIS SUPPORT FOR THE DAY AND DEACON MICK FLEW FROM THE HOLSWORTHY ARMY BARRACKS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION BOTH DURING THE PLANNING TIME AND HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS.

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE SO MANY PARISHIONERS COME TOGETHER FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY AND CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF OUR CHURCH WHICH HAS STOOD STRONG FOR FIFTY YEARS.

## Saints of the Week / Feasts

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - St. Agatha

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - St Pail Miki

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - St. Jerome, St. Bakhita

### We Pray For The Sick

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

### Recently Deceased

Lie Sau Hian, Shirley Villa

### 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.*