

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time - YC 10th Feb 2019

Entrance Ant: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.

First reading : from the Prophet Isaiah 6: 1- 8.

Responsorial Psalm : In the sight of the angels I will sing Your praises, Lord.

Second Reading : from the 1st Letter to the Corinthians 15: 1 - 11

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of My people. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 5: 1 - 11

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with Good things.

Sydney Archdiocese News

The Bishop's Blend

Bishop Richard Umbers is hosting the seventh edition of a series of breakfast events for young professions, titled The Bishop's Blend, on Monday, 11 March 2019 at 7:00am. The purpose of these events is to bring young Catholic professionals together for a quarterly breakfast, and for them to hear from a well-versed professional in a chosen field how they personally live their faith in the workplace.

The Catholic Weekly

Want to know what is happening in the Catholic Church here in Sydney, around the country and abroad? Then log on to the website : <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au>

The site has daily updates of breaking news, features, commentary and video from Australia and the world. The Catholic Weekly online has built a proud reputation as a news-breaking brand that sets the agenda on Catholic discussion. It is also mobile compliant so can be read anywhere, anytime at your convenience.

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 – which could be introduced this year - and how to spread the pro-life message with clarity and compassion. 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 Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch. Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them? Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water. We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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Parish News

Office Hour Changes

The Parish Office will now be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Trash & 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 are currently collecting 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

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

Thankyou to those who have made contact with the intent to become part of the various Ministries in the Parish

Our Parish would not be possible without the ongoing support of our Parish Community. As we begin the new calendar Year, we are still 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, and Linen cleaners. We are also preparing for Holy Week and people to assist with the Easter Ceremonies - (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday). 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.

Catholic School Support

Would you like to receive a quality Catholic Education for your child?

Is the cost of sending your child to a Catholic School holding you back from this? We are here to assist you however we can. Do you live in government housing? Do you hold a current Health Care Card? Is your only source of income Centrelink? You could be eligible for heavily reduced fees.

If you don't satisfy the above eligibility no need to panic, you still may be eligible for a reduction in your child's school fees, if you are a low income worker. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Simon Wilson at the Regional office on 9772 7000 or simon.wilson@syd.catholic.edu.au

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	9th Feb	5 : 30 pm.....	Rita Kolster (RIP)
Sunday	10th Feb	8 : 00 am.....	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	10th Feb	9 : 30 am	Mass Intentions
Monday	11th Feb	No service.....	No Service
Tuesday	12th Feb	7 : 00 am.....	The Unborn Child
Wednesday	13th Feb	7 : 00 am.....	Vocations
Thursday	14th Feb	7 : 00 am.....	The Sick
Friday	15th Feb	7 : 00 am.....	Australian Defence Forces

Reconciliation : Saturdays : 4:15 pm. .

Baptism & Preparation meetings by appointment through the Parish office
Ph 9825 1679 or stchris@tpg.com.au

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

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 and two opportunities to engage with a variety of workshops with on the ground practitioners.

Normal rate \$75. Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe. Tuesday 26th February
2019/9.30am to 4.30pm.

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Monday 11th - Our Lady of Lourdes

Thursday 14th - St's. Cyril and Methodius

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

Phillip Riley

Anniversaries

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

