

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time - YC

17th Feb 2019

Entrance Ant: Be my protector O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name.

First reading : from the Prophet Jeremiah 17: 5 - 8.

Responsorial Psalm : Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading : 1st Letter to the Corinthians 15: 12, 16 - 20.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 6: 17, 20 - 26.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Bishop Manning Lecture - The Catholic Community in the 21st Century

Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going? Who's going with us? Listen to priest, academic, author and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn, Father Anthony Percy speak on this topic of critical importance to the future of our Church. Named in honour of the Emeritus Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Kevin Manning, this annual lecture is hosted by the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations. Thursday 21 March 2019, 6-8:30pm, Kirribilli Club (Grand Ballroom), 11 Harbourview Crescent Lavender Bay. Cost: Free. Registrations essential: ccercatholic.org.au/register

Women's retreat - 1st - 3rd March 2019

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. 1st - 3rd March at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, St Andrews Rd Varroville. \$280 pp includes all meals and accommodation. From 4pm on Friday. Fee assistance is available. For more details please contact Ann-Marie Green on 0416 051 206 or email amtg4@hotmail.com

Day of the Unborn Child: "I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49. The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on **Sun March 24**. This is a day of celebration & remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life! **10.30am Mass** at **St. Mary's Cathedral**, **12pm Angelus**, followed by a peaceful procession through the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. **1.30pm Benediction** at **St. Mary's Cathedral**

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,
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Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith. Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

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Parish News

Lenten Program 2019

This years St. Christophers Lenten Program will commence on Friday 8th March, 2019 and will continue weekly on a Friday until Palm Sunday. This year the program is from the Broken Bay Dioceses. "Discerning the Way of Jesus" with the first session titled "The Way Through the Desert." The cost of the program will be borne by the Parish to encourage as many participants as possible. Lessons will be held in the Parish Hall from 9.45am. A sheet will be placed on the table at the rear of the Church to register your interest. Please contact Helen Carter for further details on 0418 403 842.

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.



Deanery Men's Breakfast Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other good men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in Sydney archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by St. Christopher's Parish Panania, hear from Robert Haddad from Sydney Catholic Schools on his experience of Catholic brotherhood and what helped him connect with his faith as a young man. Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Anthony Randazzo. Saturday March 16, 8am Exposition and Adoration, 8.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Randazzo, 9.30am BBQ breakfast. St. Christopher's Parish, 233 Tower St. Panania. \$10 per person. Register: www.trybooking.com/BAACH More Info: christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org Ph: 9307 8402

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

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	16th Feb	5 : 30 pm.....	Mass Intentions
Sunday	17th Feb	8 : 00 am.....	Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	17th Feb	9 : 30 am	James Mascurine (RIP)
Monday	18th Feb	No service.....	No Service
Tuesday	19th Feb	7 : 00 am.....	The Unborn Child
Wednesday	20th Feb	7 : 00 am.....	Vocations
Thursday	21st Feb	7 : 00 am.....	The Sick
Friday	22ndFeb	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)

Sacramental Program 2019

Although we are still awaiting to hear from the Bishops Office about final dates for Confirmation, we have agreed to a proposed timetable for the Sacrament of the Eucharist, First Holy Communion. Barring any unforeseen changes, the timetable for the FHC program for Year 3 students and above will be available in the week following 22nd Feb and will be published in the bulletin and on the website accordingly.

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Thursday 21st - St Peter Damian
Friday 22nd - The Chair of St. Peter Apostle
Saturday - St Polycarp

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



Recently Deceased

David Wastie, Joel White & Phillip Riley,

Anniversaries

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