

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time - YC
24th Feb 2019

Entrance Ant: Oh Lord, I trust in Your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First reading : from 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7- 9, 12 - 13, 22 - 23.

Responsorial Psalm : The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading : 1st Letter to the Corinthians 15: 45 - 49.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! I give You a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 6: 27 - 38.

Communion Antiphon: I will recount all Your wonders, I will rejoice in You and be glad, and sing psalms to Your name, O Most High.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Scholarship at the Cathedral

The Archdiocese of Sydney, together with Notre Dame University's Institute for Ethics & Society have a number of engaging lectures featuring eminent international and Australian intellectuals coming up in 2019. Please join us as the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP delivers his second instalment of "The Godless Country? Part II, Christian Australia". "Are we living in a Christian country? Certainly, Christianity is the largest religious group in Australia. But where is the Church situated in the mind of modern Australia?" – Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Thurs, 7 Mar 19, Chapter Hall, St Mary's Cathedral. Refreshments provided. RSVP's Essential <https://www.satcathedral.org/events/the-godless-country-part-ii/> Info events@sydneycatholic.org, 9390 5100

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 24/3**. 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. Details **12pm Angelus**, followed by a peaceful procession through the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo and **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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Seventh Sunday in ordinary time YC 24th February 2019

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear. Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality. Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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Parish News

Lenten Program 2019

This years Lenten program is titled "Discerning the Way of Jesus" with the first session titled "The Way Through the Desert." It is a program released from the Broken Bay Dioceses. There is no cost involved to join this program and the meetings will be held in the Parish hall. There is a sheet on the table at the rear of the Church to register your interest or please contact Helen Carter if further details are required 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

Catechists Required

We thank you to those who volunteered their time to either be a Helper or a Catechist to assist with this Ministry. Parishioner help is still required at the three schools we cover, Holsworthy, Hammondville and Wattle Grove. Classes are held every week excluding school holidays and go for about half an hour. There is some preparation time required and Lesson Manuals plus the children's workbooks are available to assist. If you would like to assist in this important Ministry in our Parish please contact the Parish Secretary, David Moore on 9825 1679.

Cleaners Required

If you can spare a hour or so from time to time to become part of the Church Cleaning Roster, Please contact the Parish office.

Men Alive weekend

Dates for the next Men alive program will be run of the weekend of 23 + 24th Mar at All Saints Casula. Register www.menaliveliverpool.eventbrite.com.au

Mass Times / Intentions

Saturday	23rd Feb	5 : 30 pmGabriel Do Pao (RIP)
Sunday	24th Feb	8 : 00 amMass Intentions
Sunday	24th Feb	9 : 30 amSpecial Intentions
Monday	25th Feb	No serviceNo Service
Tuesday	26th Feb	7 : 00 amThe Unborn Child
Wednesday	27th Feb	7 : 00 amMary Thomas (RIP)
Thursday	28th Feb	7 : 00 amVocations
Friday	1st Mar	7 : 00 amValentine Varmadevan (RIP)

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

The dates for First Holy Communion have been finalised.

Masses will be as follows:

+ Mass 1	- Vigil Saturday	22nd June 2019	- 5:30pm
+ Mass 2	- Sunday	23rd June 2019	- 9.30am
+ Mass 3	- Vigil Saturday	29th June 2019	- 5.30pm
+ Mass 4	- Sunday	30th June 2019	- 9.30am

Enrolment forms will be available on the website and in the foyer of the Church from this weekend and must be returned to the Parish office by 22nd March 2019.

Saints of the Week / Feasts

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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



Recently Deceased

David Wastie, Joel White

Anniversaries

Mary Thomas, Gabriel Do Pao, Valentine Varmadevan

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