

**The Third Sunday in Lent in Ordinary time - YC
24th Mar 2019**

Entrance Ant: My eyes are always on the Lord, for He rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy in me, for I am alone and poor.

First reading : from the book of Exodus 3: 1 - 8, 13- 15.

Responsorial Psalm :The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading : from 1st Corinthians 10: 1 - 6, 10 - 12.

Gospel Acclamation : Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to You, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel : according to Luke 13: 1 - 9.

Communion Antiphon: For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Sydney Archdiocese News

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 and 5 May this year. People will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details and to register go to:

<http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

Walk the Lenten Journey on your Mobile Phone

In his message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis emphasised that we should “not allow this season of grace to pass in vain.” With new content daily, the Lent Calendar App can help those who desire to journey through Lent with purpose. The App includes the daily Gospel, a suggested Lent act, and a multimedia feature to pray and reflect upon. Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and online at www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent

2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Forces for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW, and the Australian army band Sydney will join the Cathedral choir, to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass.

Date : 24th April, Time : 5.30pm, Location: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Do you care for a family member or friend?

Are you caring for a loved one? Do you like connecting with other people online? CatholicCare is seeking volunteers who are carers to participate in an online community & lend your advice and insights to others in a similar situation.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,
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One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency. In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted. These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently

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Parish News

Project Compassion (Caritas)

This weekend continues the Easter Project Compassion program titled "Give Lent 100%." Project Compassion works with partners around the world offering hope to people who are the most vulnerable and at risk of poverty. There are money boxes, envelopes and brochures in the foyer. The boxes can be taken home and returned after Easter.

Parish council fund raising news

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work. While we still need homeware goods and children's toys, we do not have a great supply of CD's, DVD's and books and contributions would be greatly appreciated. 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 Ministries

We are still in need of volunteers to help our Parish run efficiently. As the new school year has just commenced, we are looking for volunteers to join our Catechist Ministry to bring the Word of God to children in the local schools. If you can spend just one hour a week helping this vital cause, please call Nory Teriana on 0423 414 631 or the Parish Office. All training & materials are provided.

Parish Working Bee

On Saturday, 13th April 2019 from about 8.30am there will be a "working bee" to prepare the church and surrounds for Palm Sunday and the Easter Ceremonies. This will include preparing the palms around the Church area and clearing the hall for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday night.

Donations of Palms for Palm Sunday will be greatly appreciated and can dropped off at the Church on Friday, 12th and Saturday, 13th April.

If you are able to assist in any way please leave your name and contact details on the list on the table in the rear of the church. For further details please contact the Parish Secretary, David Moore on 9825 1679.

Liturgy Change

Please note that Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament of a Thursday evening will now be held at 7:00pm, having changed from 7:30pm.

Stations of the Cross

Will run in the Church each Friday evening at 7:00pm during Lent.



Mass Times

Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

Adoration : Thurs 7:00pm (except before first Friday of month)

Reconciliation : Sat 4:30 pm.

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals

By appointment.

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 should now have been returned for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. There is a compulsory meeting for all parents / caregivers on Sunday 5th May at 4:00pm in the Church which will outline this years program and timetable.

The Easter timetable

Easter Liturgies have been confirmed and are available at the back of the Church and on the website. www.stchristophers.org.au/

We Pray For The Sick

Cooney,

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener, Johny Price Jeffery Crouche



Recently Deceased

Rene Rovillos

Anniversaries

Gabriel do Pao

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