

## Easter Sunday —The Resurrection

21st Apr 2019

**Entrance Ant:** I have risen and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, Alleluia!

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**First reading :** from the Book of Acts 10:34, 37- 43

**Responsorial Psalm :** This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading :** from Letter to the Colossians 3: 1 - 4

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Gospel :** according to John 20: 1-9 or Luke 24: 1-12

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

### Sydney Archdiocese News

#### **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 Anzac Day eve. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW, and the Australian army band will join the Cathedral choir, to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass. 24th Apr 5.30pm, St Mary's Cathedral

#### **Complete your family picture with adoption**

Family Spirit is a new agency that unifies the expertise and compassion of CatholicCare and Marist 180. We are the only Catholic adoption agency in NSW. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out how reforms enable more adoptions in NSW.

#### **One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies**

The One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies multinational pro-life prayer event is scheduled for 3, 4 & 5 May. People will pray at least one Rosary for the protection of the unborn. For details go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

#### **Charitable Works Fund 2019 Pastoral Appeal**

In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting an important initiative of the Sydney Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them.

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy. This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King. 'The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples Initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen. Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love & we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation. © Fr Michael Tate



## Parish News

### Project Compassion (Caritas)

Could parishioners who have generously taken home project compassion boxes please return them ASAP. They can be left on the collection plates.

### 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. We have a continued request for: homeware goods, children's toys, CD's, DVD's and books. All contributions would be greatly appreciated. We also have a request for gardeners to start preparing for the plant stall so that plants are ready to sell on the day. 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.

### Novena to our Lady of perpetual Help

The Novena will resume at St Christopher's on Wednesday, 1st of May, 2019 at 7pm. Please forward all your Petitions and Prayers of Thanksgiving to Faustino Parcasio on fparcasio@hotmail.com

### Repairs to the crying room

Some work is required for the crying room at the rear of the Church to remove the carpet and steps. The plan is to replace the steps with a church pew and replace the carpet with laminated timber. The timber is already available. The flooring in the Confessional will also need to be replaced with the laminated timber. Enquiries are being made in regards to the large glass window to either be replaced or a safety tinting cover to be put on the glass. If you are able to assist please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

### Holy Places Appeal

This appeal is taken up on Good Friday each year and promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. Because the monies get sent to the Holy Land, there is no tax deductibility on these donations. The Appeal is organised and coordinated by the Franciscan Friars who administer the Holy Land Commissariat. Envelopes will be provide on Good Friday.

### Pope Francis awards

St Christophers Primary school is once again participating in the Pope Francis Award program. This program is offered to Year 6 students and is aimed to encourage prayer and reflection through their involvement in service to the community and parish. If you notice our students assisting at Mass handing out bulletins, reading, or taking up the offertory, please make them feel welcome.

## Mass Times

### Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm (6:00pm Easter Vigil)  
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

### Weekdays :

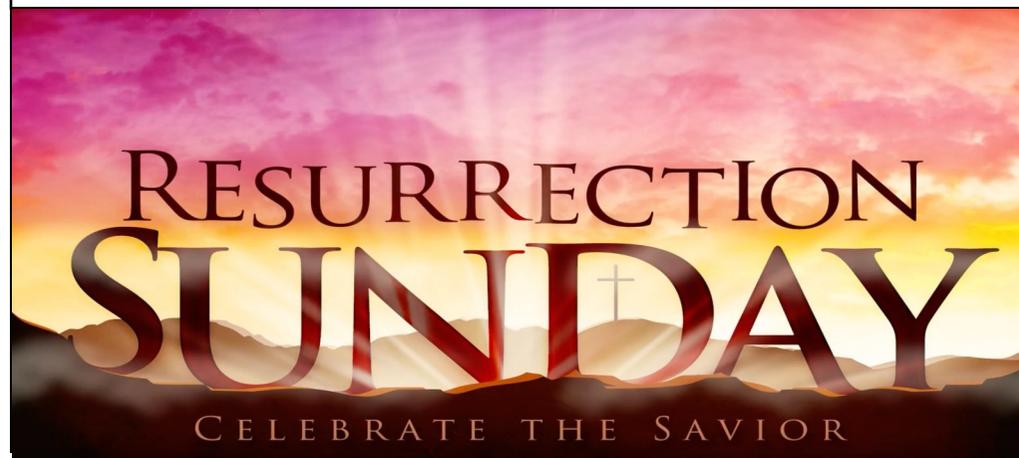
Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

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

**Reconciliation** : Sat 4:30 pm.

### **Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals**

By appointment.



We wish you a very Holy and Safe Easter. Fr Xiang, Deacon AI

### We Pray For The Sick

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

### Recently Deceased

Rene Rovillos

### Anniversaries

Shayne Kolster 13/4, Sydney Requin 16/4  
Peter Wang, Rosa Wang, Agnes Chang,  
Vincent Chang, Rex Hartin 13/4, Margaret Reynolds, Narcisa & Lawrence Parcasio, Leonides Bagoir



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