

Third Sunday of Easter

5th May 2019

Entrance Ant: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of His name. O render Him glorious praise, alleluia.

First reading : from the Book of Acts 5 : 27 - 32, 40 - 41

Responsorial Psalm : I will praise You, Lord, for You have rescued me.

Second Reading : from the Book of Revelation 5 : 11 - 14

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation ; He has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to John 21: 1 - 19

Communion Antiphon: Jesus said to His disciples: come and eat. And He took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Sydney Archdiocese News

A Day of Prayer at St Martha's for our wounded Church.

St Martha's Parish will hold a prayer day for our universal Church on Saturday 11 May 2019 after the 9:10am Mass. The hours of the Divine Office will be prayed throughout the day and continue until 4:00pm with a short reflection before and after lunch (light refreshments will be served in the parish hall). The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office, or the work of God is the daily prayer of the Universal Church – marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day of prayer. We are Church, we need to uphold our Church in prayer at this difficult and sad time and everyone is invited to attend for all or part of the day.

Counselling available with no waitlist

Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have just joined our CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Ministry Of Bereavement

Bereavement Ministry Formation calls us to be the compassionate heart and hands of our Lord Jesus. No one can really feel or remove another's pain, however we can walk beside and support another who is sorrowful.

The Bereavement Formation Program is being offered 9am till 3pm on Mon & Tue 13-14 May - Dooleys Catholic Club, 11-17 Church St, Lidcombe.

Enquiries and Registration: Patricia Thomas - 9646-6936 or patriciat@catholiccemeteries.com.au

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised. In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light. A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.

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Parish News

Parish Fete News

Plans for this years Fete on 14th September are well under way. It is time for the gardeners to start cultivating plants for our garden stall .

The request for trash & treasure is going well. However, there is always room for more and we are still in need of books, CD's & DVD's.

All goods to be left in the crate in the foyer of the church.

Unfortunately we cannot accept any electrical goods or heavy furniture.

We will also be asking for volunteers to help on the day of the fete in the near future. Please contact Helen Carter for any further info on 0418 403 84

Linen Roster

We are currently looking for someone to join our roster to assist with the washing of church linen. If you can spare an hour or so every couple of weeks, please contact the Parish Office 9825 1679 or stchris@tpg.com.au

St Christophers Primary School Mothers Day Mass

A whole school Mass will be held to celebrate Mothers Day at 9:00am on Friday 10th May in the school playground. All are welcome.

First Holy Communion Program 2019 Information Session

An information session for the Sacrament of Eucharist will be held in the church this Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm. This meeting is for Parents and caregivers only.

Charitable Works Fund 2019 Pastoral Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run this weekend and we need your help. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion giving your gift the power to change lives for the better. Your parish will have special envelopes for your use or alternatively, visit the CWF website to donate securely by credit card (please remember to include your nominated parish as this helps them too). For information Ph 1800 753 959 or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Hammondcare Monthly Mass

The next Mass at Hammondcare Village will be on 28th May at 11:00am (changed from 14th May)

Catechist Meeting

The next meeting for Catechists will be on Monday 6th May at 10:00am in the Hall. If you have an interest in becoming part of this very special ministry, you are more than welcome to attend.

Foster Carer information Night

If you would like to know more about being a Foster carer, there is an information session at All Saints Liverpool this Tuesday evening. There are brochures in the foyer with more information.

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.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

The Catholic Weekly

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

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, Jeffery Crouche, Babies Tahlia & Sierra

Recently Deceased

Rene Rovillos

Anniversaries

Gabriel do Pao, Valentine Vamadevan, Pascual Parcasio

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

