

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
19th May 2019**

**Entrance Ant:** O sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations He has shown His deliverance, alleluia.

**First reading :** from the Book of Acts 14 : 21 - 27

**Responsorial Psalm :** I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.

**Second Reading :** from the Book of Revelation 21 : 1 - 5

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

**Gospel :** according to John 13: 31 - 35.

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

**Sydney Archdiocese News**

**Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering – ‘Hot Topics’**

Join us as we shed some light on the big social justice issues of today! Topics include: Domestic Violence; The Church and Mining - an Update from Rome; Post-Election Analysis on Housing, Climate, Wages and Labour, and Refugee and Asylum Seekers; and a parishioner panel and discussion on Developing an Archdiocesan Social Justice Coordination Team. There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. There is plenty of street parking and the venue is easily accessible by public transport as well. All welcome!

Saturday 25th May 2019, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm, St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North. RSVP: Essential for catering: email [jpointo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpointo@sydneycatholic.org) | or call us 9307 8465 COST: Free

**Life & Spirituality of Eileen O'Connor, Servant of God:**

Reflection Morning, Sat 25 May 19. Presented by Dr Jocelyn Hedley at 45 Victoria Street, Waverley. Please join us for Mass at Mary Immaculate Church (9:15am) followed by Input & Reflection at the Parish Centre (10am) and a talk on Secular Franciscan Fraternity (1pm). Lunch will be provided. It is essential to RSVP for this event. For more information or to RSVP please contact Timothy McCarthy ([timothyofs@gmail.com](mailto:timothyofs@gmail.com)).

**Could you help a child in care?**

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our info session: Sun 26 May 10.45am (after 9.30am Family Mass) Parish of St Brigid Coogee, in the Blue Room above the parish office. Call 13 18 19 to secure your place, or email [connect@familyspirit.org](mailto:connect@familyspirit.org)

**St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy**

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

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
12th May 2019**

Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to. But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation. Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes. We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'



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## Parish News

### Parish Fete News

#### Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work.

There is a Flyer available this weekend with more Fete news.

Please make sure you take a copy home with you.

For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 or [hm-carter@bigpond.com](mailto:hm-carter@bigpond.com).

#### 200 Club Cash Raffle

Tickets for this year's 200 Club Cash Raffle will be available for sale from next week. How it works: 200 tickets are sold for \$20 each. After all are sold, each week for four weeks 5 tickets are drawn and the winners each receive \$20 (money back). All tickets go back into the barrel for the draw each week giving you a chance to win more than once. At the end of the 4 weeks there is a draw of one ticket for a major cash prize of \$1,000. Open to parishioners, family and friends. Contact Ray Villarica 0400 353 531 for tickets and information



#### First Holy Communion

Lessons for the Sacrament of Eucharist will begin this Sunday 19th May at 4:00pm. The children's group leader and meeting place will be posted on a list in the church foyer. Please arrive early to determine where you need to be by 4:00pm. Could parishioners please keep our children and their Leaders in your prayers as they prepare for this very special milestone in their Christian life.

#### School Mass

Next week, Friday 24/5 there will be a whole school Mass for Mary Help of Christians at 9am in the school hall. All are welcome.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held on a Sunday (by appointment) at 11:00am. Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years old. There must be at least one Catholic Godparent, a non-Catholic Christian may act as a witness. Parents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction prior to the celebration. Please contact the parish office on 9825 1679 regarding the Baptismal form, or speak to Fr Xiang or Deacon Al.



#### Monthly Novena

The Monthly Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held every First Wednesday of the Month at 7:00pm in the Church.



## 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](mailto: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.

### PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2019/2020.

It is nearly time to distribute the New Financial Year Envelopes which will be in the church foyer come Mid June. The regular giving of parishioners to the Planned Giving in this format is a way for our parish to be able to budget for the ongoing expenses of the parish. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the program, there are forms in the foyer or contact the Parish Office.

#### We Pray For The Sick

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



#### Recently Deceased

Chris Edwards, Tahlia Pereira Rogers

#### Anniversaries

Cecilia Z Ibasco, Pascual, Thomas Joseph, Sergio & Susana Aban, Dominga Maravillas, Eliata & Maria Ramalinga, Jucelaine Autard,

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