

Sixth Sunday of Easter 26th May 2019

Entrance Ant: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed His people, alleluia.

First reading : from the Book of Acts 15 : 1 - 22, 22 - 29

Responsorial Psalm : O God, let all the nations praise You!

Second Reading : from Book of Revelation 21 : 10 - 14, 22 - 23.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to John 14: 23 - 29.

Communion Antiphon: If you love Me, keep My commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and He will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Listen With The Soul - Six Day Retreat September 16 - 23

"When you listen with the soul you come into the rhythm of the universe." This quote from John O'Donohue sets the scene for a spiritual Journey. Fr Kevin Dance and Sr Jill Dance will lead participants into an experience of inner prayer. An opportunity for group sharing, also times for deep silence, healing and reconciliation. Single Ensuite room \$650 Shared facilities \$550

Clement's Retreat Centre Galong, NSW. Bookings : info@stclement.com.au

Prayer Campaign Pentecost 2019

In order to prepare for this new Pentecost, CHARIS is launching a major prayer campaign from this month. This campaign is simple and accessible to everyone. In May, an address will be given by Father Raniero Cantalamessa, the Ecclesiastical Assistant to CHARIS, who will prepare us to open our hearts for a new outpouring of the Spirit. Here is a link to the first campaign in the series, "Let us Pray to Receive the Spirit": <https://goo.gl/CXmNSC>

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre - June retreats

He does not want us to despise ourselves . June 1: 10:00 am – 3:30 pm
Presenter: Sheila Upjohn Cost: \$30 (pick-ups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am). BYO lunch. The day explores the reasons 14th century book by Julian of Norwich has become so relevant in the 21st century.

The Light of Hope and Peace . June 14: – June 16

Presenter: John Charadia and artist tutors. Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

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Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target. This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel. 'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I will make our home with that person.' It is not in outer space, but in inner space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink. When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us. Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts.

Let us respond wholeheartedly.

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Parish 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. Grateful thanks to all who helped with sorting out the new container with all the donations for the Trash & Treasure stall at the Fete. New shelving has been installed in the container and goods packed into boxes ready for the Fete on 14th September, 2019. There is still plenty of room for more donations, particularly books, CD's & DVD.

A special thank you to the Samoan Community for their help. There have been some changes made to the crying room and a new floor will be laid in the near future. Thank you to those who contributed to the changes. A lot of hard work was required.

200 Club Cash Raffle

Tickets for this year's 200 Club Cash Raffle will be available for sale from this 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. Contact Ray Villarica on 0400 353 531 for tickets and information



Weekly Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will now be held every Friday evening at 7:00pm



Monthly Hammondcare

This month's Mass and Hammondcare will be this Tuesday at 11:00am.

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.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

The dates for this year's Confirmation program have been finalised. Mass will be celebrated on 8th September 2109. Information and Enrolment forms will be available on the website : <http://www.stchristophers.org.au/> from Friday 31st May.

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.

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



Anniversaries

Gabriel do Pao, Valentine Vamadevan

Recently Deceased

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