

The Ascension of the Lord

2nd June 2019

Entrance Ant: **Vigil:** You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens: His majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia. **Day:** Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw Him go, alleluia.

First reading : from the Book of Acts 1 : 1 - 11.

Responsorial Psalm : God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading : from Book of Ephesians 1 : 17 - 23.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people My gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 24: 46 - 53.

Communion Antiphon: **Vigil:** Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia. **Day:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Outreaching to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Inquiries: 9307 8300 or email: admin@sydneytribunal.org.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>

Bereavement Support Reflection Mornings

Third Wed of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908/ bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is being held in your vicinity

On the 10-11 August 2019 at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine. This Weekend experience is a unique opportunity to refresh your marriage. For info & bookings, please contact :Adrian & Janet Sullivan Mob 0490 774 41, nswbookings@wwme.org.au, www.wwme.org.au



St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity. As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope? At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord. Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.



Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Fete, please keep up the good work. We are still in need of CD's, Books and Plants. For any further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 or hm-carter@bigpond.com.

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 are currently available for sale. 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 info.



Weekly Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will now be held every Friday evening at 7:00pm. (Changed from Thursday)



Monthly Novena

The Monthly Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held this Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Church.



The Sacrament of Confirmation

The dates for this years Confirmation program have been finalised. Mass will be celebrated on 8th September 2019. Enrolment forms are available on the website: www.stchristophers.org.au/. There are a small number of hard copies at the rear of the church and at the Parish office if required. There will a compulsory meeting for parents/caregivers on July 28 at 4:00pm in the Church.

The Sacrament of Eucharist

The last lesson for this years First Holy Communion candidates will be held this Sunday. The retreat day for students will be on June 21 from 8.40am - 2.40pm.

Men's Breakfast at John the Baptist Bonnyrigg Heights

Saturday, 29 June 2019 - 45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg Heights NSW 2177

8am: Registration/Adoration/Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8.30am: Mass

9.15am: Hot breakfast served

10am: Keynote Speaker Robert Haddad, on "Faith under Fire"

10:30 Group discussion, Q&A,

11:30: Closing Prayer

Contact – Parish Office, Ph: 9823 2572, E: info@johnthebaptist.org.au

Mob. 0411 281 299 Branko Poljak

Mass Times

Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

Adoration : Friday 7:00pm

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.

New Financial Year Envelopes will be available in the church foyer Mid June. The regular giving by parishioners to the Planned Giving allows the parish to be able to budget for the annual ongoing running expenses incurred. If you would like to become a regular contributor to the program, there are forms in the foyer or contact the Parish Office. 9825 1679

We Pray For The Sick

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



Anniversaries

Gabriel do Pao, Valentine Vamadevan

Recently Deceased

Mary Wade

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