

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary time  
Year C. 21st July 2019**

**Entrance Ant :** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First reading :** from the Book of Genesis 18 : 1 - 10.

**Responsorial Psalm :** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading :** from Letter to the Colossians 1 : 24 - 28.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the Word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** according to Luke 10. 38 - 42.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of His wonders; He gives food to those who fear Him.

**Sydney Archdiocese News**

**Safeguarding: Keeping Our Communities Safe**

We understand how difficult it can be for people who have experienced abuse to make a complaint. We are developing a "Listening to You" card to be available in all parishes to provide guidance for those wishing to make a complaint. We want to support you in this process and we can provide access to counselling and support services if needed. For information please see the attached posters that we ask Parish Priests to print and display in a prominent area within parishes. For assistance, please contact [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/)

**Charitable Works Fund Appeal**

In the coming weeks, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal, 3rd and 4th August 2019, and the Development and Fundraising Office turns to you for your continued support in facilitating this appeal. Your assistance helps raise funds for many of our important works across the Arch of Sydney, including providing family counselling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming our seminarians, outreach to Aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community. The agencies which provide the above services include CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our seminaries and the Ephpheta Centre.

**Centacare**

Centacare provides meaningful work for people living with intellectual disabilities. They provide services to businesses across Sydney including packaging, assembly, security shredding, gardening, cleaning and logistics. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

**St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy**

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

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**St Christopher's Catholic School** — *Through faith and love we serve*

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Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha.

What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings? First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits. We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born. © Dianne Bergant CSA



## **Parish News**

### **Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news**

**Bunnings BBQ** - Thank you to the parishioners of St Christopher's Parish who supported us last weekend. After a disastrous start to the day on Sat the weekend turned out to be a great gathering of the community coming together. We have been offered another allocation for a BBQ on Sat, 24th August. Hopefully this time without the gale force winds. We will be at Bunnings Bankstown Airport Warehouse on Milperra Road from 8am – 4pm and once again ask for your support for the day even if you can only stay for a short time. There will be a volunteer sheet on the table near the crying room where you can leave your name and contact details. For further information please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 or [hm-carter@bigpond.com](mailto:hm-carter@bigpond.com)

**200 Club** - Due to circumstances beyond our control the 200 Club has been delayed. However, tickets will be on sale from this weekend.

**Fete** - The day of our fete, 14th Sept is fast approaching and we are trying to organise stalls for the day and we are currently looking for a contact to have a mobile donut van or a similar type stall. We would also like to have some fruit bowls for prizes on the chocolate wheel and hoping we have a contact amongst Parishioners who can assist us with this. This day is a great opportunity for our community to come together to support our Parish.

In the coming months we will be asking for volunteers to help on the day and donations of cans of soft drinks. On the day of the Fete we will be having rides for the children, showbag stall, a variety of stalls for the young and old, coffee van and our usual food stalls including Indonesian, Philippino, Samoan, Sausage BBQ and Indian. Our sausage BBQ is being sponsored by Max Perram Funerals at Liverpool. The goal of our fete is to update our much needed current sound system and install overhead screens. For any further info contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 [hmcarter@bigpond.com](mailto:hmcarter@bigpond.com)

### **Confirmation meeting**

There will be an information session for parents / caregivers regarding the upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation on Sun 28th July at 4:00pm in the Church.

### **Free Mulch**

A home has been found for the free mulch but transport by a truck will be required to move it. If this is not possible we will have to have a working bee before the fete to disperse the mulch on the area near the trees facing the Heathcote Rd side. If total removal doesn't happen parishioners please feel free help yourselves as we need the area clear for some of our fete stalls. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help on 9825 1679

### **New Church Doors**

Parishioners will note that we have installed new doors at the rear of the Church. The previous doors were in desperate need of replacement after years of exposure to the elements.

### **St Christophers feast Day**

Friday 26/7 there will be a whole school Mass for the Feast Day of St Christopher at 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

## **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. (No Baptisms on 3rd Sunday)

### **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 TAX RECEIPTS**

If you require tax receipts for the 2018/2019 Financial year, please contact the Parish Office on [stchris@tpg.com.au](mailto:stchris@tpg.com.au) or 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**

Rosa Wang, Sue Morris, Shayne Kolster, Gladys & Pierre Severe, Ivan Rubesa

### **Recently Deceased**

Emmanuel Cruz, Helen Corsi, Patrick Simpson

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