

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C. 28th July 2019**

Entrance Ant : God is in His holy place, God Who unites those in His house; He himself gives life and strength to His people.

First reading : from the Book of Genesis 18 : 20 - 32.

Responsorial Psalm : Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

Second Reading : from Letter to the Colossians 2 : 12 - 14.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us Gods children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 11 : 1 - 13.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His benefits.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Is your family impacted by alcohol, drugs or gambling?

Connect with counsellors if you're an individual or family member who is concerned about someone else's use of alcohol, drugs or gambling, or if you're concerned about your own gambling. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal next weekend & the Development & 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 & 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 & Ephpheta Ctr.

Pulse Pro-Life

Pulse is a pro-life training weekend held on August 23rd to 25th for young adults, being co-hosted by Sydney Catholic Youth and LifeChoice Australia. Over the weekend you will learn everything from abortion apologetics, to pregnancy counselling basics and media training. This is your chance to educate yourself to be a voice for our unborn brothers and sisters! For more information and register see <https://lifechoice.org.au/pulse/> or call Syd Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152.

Chorister for a Day

St Mary's Cathedral invites boys aged between 6 and 8 to be a 'Chorister for a day' on Saturday 21st September. Meet the Choristers, find out about Chorister life and perform with the Choristers. To register your son or for more information, please contact our Music Administrator at music@stmaryscathedral.org.au or by phoning (02) 9220 0481. There are only 40 places available!

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need. The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be. The salutary nature of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

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Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

200 Club Cash raffle

Thank you to all who have supported our 200 Club Cash Raffle. This weekend will be our last opportunity to buy a ticket for \$20. One ticket will be drawn over the next four weeks with all winning tickets going back into the barrel and all ticket holders will have an opportunity to win \$1,000 on the fifth week. All monies raised from the 200 Club will go towards the Parish overhead costs for the fete and your support is greatly appreciated. Please contact Ray Villarica for any further information on 0400 353 531



St Christopher's Parish fete on 14th September, 2019

The date of the fete is fast approaching with only 7 weeks to go and planning is well underway. Thank you to all who have contributed to our Trash & Treasure Stall. The response has been amazing. Donations of prizes for our Chocolate Wheel are still very welcome with all donors being advertised on the day. A great opportunity for businesses to advertise their products.



Tickets for our Raffle will go on sale in the next couple of weeks.

A book of tickets will be \$20 or \$2 per ticket.

Raffle prizes include : First Prize, \$2,000 travel voucher from Flight Centre, Revesby, Second Prize, \$700 cash and Third Prize \$300 cash. Your support of the Raffle in previous years has been overwhelming and hopefully we can overtake previous sales. A sheet is also now



available on the table near the crying room for volunteers to offer their assistance on the day of the fete. There will be a chance for all volunteers to come together on 28th August, 2019 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall to discuss planning for the day. Money raised from this year's fete will go towards installing a much needed new sound system and overhead screens in the Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation meeting

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

Enrolments have closed.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The details regarding this years Reconciliation Program are being finalised. Information will be available as soon as possible.



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.

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 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, Johny Price, Jeffery Crouche, Steven Aboud, Baby Sierra, Kerry Stark,



Anniversaries

Ivan Rubesa, Gabriel Do Pao, Valentine Vamadevan

Recently Deceased

Patrick Simpson

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