

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C. 4th Aug 2019**

Entrance Ant : O God, come to my assistance; O Lord make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First reading : from the Book of Ecclesiastes 1 : 2, 2 : 21 - 23.

Responsorial Psalm : In every age O Lord, You have been our refuge.

Second Reading : from Letter to the Colossians 3 : 1 - 5, 9 - 11.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 12 : 13 - 21.

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Sydney Archdiocese News

NSW Abortion Bill - Contact your MP

A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill. Your local MP is Melanie Gibbons, Ph. 9825 3653. email holsworthy@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal this 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.

Walk with Christ

In light of it being the Feast of Corpus Christi we ask all parishioners to save the date for a very special celebration. Join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Syd on the Feast of Christ The King on Nov 24 at 2.30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet corner of Martin Pl & Pitt St at 2.30pm on Nov 24.

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria: Father's Day Mass 2019

Mass to remember the Fathers & Grandfathers we love. 1) 10:30am Chapel of Reflection, Liverpool Cemetery 2) Pavilion, Kemps Creek Cemetery. 3) 12:00pm Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery. Following Mass, please join us for Morning Tea.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life, life is to be lived! The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life. Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

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Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

200 Club Cash raffle

Thank you to all who have supported the 200 club raffle. The first round of winners will be announced this weekend in the bulletin, please keep an eye out for your number.

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

Meetings for Confirmation candidates begin this Sunday at 4:00pm. Please check the list in the foyer of the Church to determine group leader / meeting place.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Novena

The Novena to our lady of perpetual help will be held this Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Church.

St Christophers School Mass + Bazaar Day

There will be a whole school Mass to celebrate the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at 9:00am in the School Hall. All are 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.

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, Therese Campedelli

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