

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C. 18th Aug 2019**

Entrance Ant : Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of Your anointed one; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First reading : from the Book of Jeremiah 38 : 4 - 6, 8 - 10.

Responsorial Psalm : Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading : from Letter to the Hebrews 12 : 1 - 4.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I now them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 12 : 49 - 53.

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in Him is plentiful redemption.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Stand for Life Rally against proposed Abortion Laws

The NSW Parliament is about to legislate for abortion on demand till birth, one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. The Bill was pushed through the Legislative Assembly and will be debated in the Legislative Council from Tuesday, 20 August. Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation. DATE: Tuesday 20 August. WHERE: Martin Place (Macquarie Street side) TIME: 6pm until 9pm (including vigil outside NSW Parliament) Under this Bill: - Children can be aborted for any reason right up till the final moments of a pregnancy; - Amendments to protect children who survive botched abortions attempts were defeated;- There are no safeguards to prevent targeted abortion based on gender or disability;- Doctors and medical staff are compelled to participate (by referral) in the taking of an innocent life. This Bill was ambushed on Parliament, with no consultation, in an attempt to curb community backlash.

This is our last opportunity to fight against this extremist Bill.

Ignite Conference

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth & family conferences. For the first time this October 3-6, The Conference will be held in Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission & authentic faith in Jesus. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount & special packages for families are available as well. For more information, visit : www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/ or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

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

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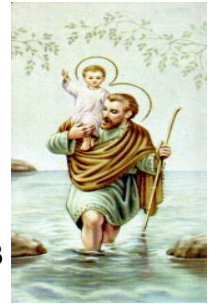
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As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world. Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow

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Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

Update on St Christopher's Parish fete on 14th Sept, 2019

Raffle Tickets are available after all Masses this weekend. Great Prizes from \$2 per ticket or \$20 per book. Please take a book (s) & return sold / unsold tickets by the 8 Sep. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Bankstown Bunnings Airport Fund Raiser 24th Aug 19 8am – 4pm.

Can you volunteer an hour of your time?

Tickets for the Children's Rides will be available in the coming weeks. Pre-purchase tickets will be \$25 for unlimited rides and \$30 purchased on the day. Single tickets will also be available for \$5. Money raised from the fete will go towards installing a much needed new sound system and overhead screens in the Church. For Info contact Helen Carter on : 0418 403 842 or email : hm-carter@bigpond.com

200 Club Cash raffle. Congratulations to the winners of the 200 Club draw for Week 3! Each winner gets the cost of their ticket back and are re-entered into next weeks draw. Week 3 winners are H. de Lapp, A. Villena, P.Enriquez, Clarence M. and Father Xiang (sponsored by an anonymous parishioner). There is one more 5-ticket draw and then in Week 5 one ticket will be drawn to win the major prize of \$1,000.

Weekend Mass. Father Joe will be celebrating Mass this weekend. Please make him feel welcome.

FHC Photos Please contact the Parish Office on stchris@tpg.com.au or 9825 1679 for information on how to obtain photos.

Volunteer help is required for the Fete

There will be a Volunteers Information Evening on 28th Aug 19 from 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The meeting enables Volunteers & the Committee to discuss the requirements for the day. Volunteers are invited to assist with the setting up of stalls etc on Fri, 13th Sept and on the day assisting with stalls, eg. selling Raffle Tickets, Trash & Treasure, Books, CD's & DVD's, Drinks stall, Sausage BBQ, Toy Stall, Plant Stall and helping to clear up after the Fete finishes at 3.30pm. The Fete cannot function without Volunteers and there are sheets available on the table near the Piety Stall to register your interest. Please contact Helen Carter for further information on 0418 403 842 or email hm-carter@bigpond.com

Working Bee

Sat, 31st Aug 19 to remove the mulch near the recycling plant to the tree area on the Heathcote Rd side of the Church. Please bring a wheelbarrow, rake or shovel. It's a big job and "many hands make light work". The grounds of the Church will also need to be tidied up, eg, trimming of hedges surrounding the Church.

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.

Save the
date

14 Sept 19



RIDES, RAFFLES,
STALLS, FOOD, PLANTS,
SHOWBAGS, TOYS, CD'S,
TRASH & TREASURE,
CHOCOLATE WHEEL

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, Patricia Crowley, Robert Williams



Anniversaries

Rodelio Suarez, Portia Mariano, Claire Sayegh, Georges Haddad, Margaret Gainsford

Recently Deceased

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