

**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C. 25th Aug 2019**

Entrance Ant : Turn Your ear, O Lord and answer me; save the servant who trusts in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long.

First reading : from the Book of Isaiah 66 : 18 - 21.

Responsorial Psalm : Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading : from Letter to the Hebrews 12 : 5 - 7, 11 - 13.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 13 : 22 - 30.

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of Your work, O Lord; You bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria: Father's Day Mass 2019

A Special Mass to remember the Fathers and Grandfathers we love. Saturday August 31, 10:30am Chapel of Reflection, Liverpool Cemetery and the Pavilion, Kemps Creek Cemetery 12:00pm Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery Following Mass, please join us for Morning Tea
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
Rachel's Vineyard Ministries – Healing After Abortion Retreat 25-27 Oct
Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, Sydney offers regular healing retreats for those who have experienced an abortion. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. www.rachelsvineyard.org.au or call confidential voicemail 0400 092 555 or email info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. Next retreat 25-27 October 2019.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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'[People] from east and west, north and south . . . will feast in the Kingdom of God.' Amongst those people, will there be Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, atheists? The surprising answer of Catholic Christianity is: 'Yes, but always through the working of the Holy Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who can prompt the heart of any person anywhere at any time with divine grace so that that person strives to lead a life of compassion and justice and not harming innocent creatures.' Obviously, this work of the Holy Spirit could encompass millions if not billions of people who have never heard the Gospel. If the slogan: 'No salvation outside the Church' is taken to mean no-one can be saved unless he/she is a baptised member of the Catholic Church then it is a heresy explicitly condemned by Popes. Nevertheless, we must pray and work for the conversion of all people so that they might have the advantage of all the aids of Word and Sacrament which we draw on as direction and strength on our journey towards the destiny which God desires for each one of us. We could pause for a moment to acknowledge the boundless mercy of God, but also praying that all peoples might share our privilege of participating in that Holy Communion which is the foretaste of the banquet prophesied by Jesus in today's Gospel. © Fr Michael Tate

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.

Tickets for the Children's Rides

Ride tickets 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 200 Club winners for Week 4! R. Ong, J. Jaramillo, S. Hidajat, K. Howard and B. Ochoa who all win the cost of their ticket back and are re-entered for the major prize draw this week. Wonder who the lucky winner of the \$1,000 major prize will be? Stay tuned

Weekend Mass

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

The last lesson for this years program is this Sunday at 4:00pm. A reminder to participants that the Retreat will be held on Thurs 5th Sept at 8:40am

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 28th August 2019

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, Norma Mezentsef, Gabriel do Pao, Valentine Vamadevan

Recently Deceased

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