

**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary time  
Year C. 1st Sep 2019**

**Entrance Ant :** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.

**First reading :** from the Book of Sirach 3 : 17 - 20, 28 - 29.

**Responsorial Psalm :** God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor.

**Second Reading :** from Letter to the Hebrews 12 : 18 - 19, 22 - 24.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** according to Luke 14 : 1, 7 - 14.

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that You keep for those who fear You.

**Sydney Archdiocese News**

**Priest Retirement Fund Appeal this weekend**

This Father's Day, please consider donating to the Priests' Retirement Foundation, and support our spiritual Fathers who have sacrificed and given so much to us. Your donation will assist our retired Priests to live with dignity, and support their basic needs like meals, accommodation and medical expenses. Please support those who have been there for us and donate today. Envelopes will be left in the pews this weekend, and next.

**St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust**

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Closing Date 18 October. More information and applications forms are available from <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

**Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar**

Come and join in the fun and festivities at Jesuit Mission's annual Indian Bazaar on Saturday 14th September, 9am-5pm at St Ignatius' College, Riverview. There will be rides, stalls, auctions and more. The annual fundraiser supports Jesuit Mission's work in over 13 countries, empowering the most vulnerable people to transform their lives and build brighter futures. More details at <https://jesuitmission.org.au/indian-bazaar/> <https://www.facebook.com/events/926093744402699/>

**Looking for support?**

Counselling can support you and your family to face life's challenges. Our caring team at CatholicCare provide affordable services for individuals, couples and families. 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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The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying. Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel. As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return

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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.

**Bunnings BBQ:** Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with our recent Bunnings BBQ. Your support is greatly appreciated. We had a very successful day selling close to 1,000 sausages

**200 Club Cash raffle** Congratulations to A.Soney who has won the \$1,000 major prize in this year's 200 Club. Thank you to everyone who supported the 200 Club this year. A total of \$1,160 was raised, all going to support the Church and Fete.

**Advertising Flyers for the Fete** are now ready for distribution: The flyers are in bundles of 25 per street. Please mark off the streets you are taking with your contact details. If you have any leftover please return to the Church so they can be utilised elsewhere or if you require more please let us know. Thank you to all for your support with the deliveries.

**Volunteers:** Thank you to all the Volunteers who have registered their interest in helping out at our upcoming fete and thank you to those who attended our Volunteers Information evening. Good to see some new faces. Approximately another 30 volunteers are required for the day so that all volunteers get to have some time off to enjoy the fete.

**Stalls requiring assistance include:** Trash & Treasure, Books, CD's & DVD's, Plants, Chocolate Wheel, selling Raffle Tickets, Drinks Stall, Toy Stall, Dollar Table, Selling Ride Tickets.

**Donation of Drinks for the Fete:** We need to have approximately 700 cans of drink and 200 bottles of water for the fete. If parishioners are able to assist with donations we would be most appreciative. Cans of drink required include: Coke, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Pepsi Max, Pepsi, Solo Lemon/Lemon Squash, Lemonade, Fanta/Sunkist. Donations can be left in the foyer of the Church.

There will also be a good variety of food stalls and craft/gift stallholders. Please contact Helen Carter if any further information is required on 0418 403 842 or email hm-carter@bigpond.com

#### Weekend Mass

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

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

Candidates for this years Confirmation will be attending a preparation retreat this Thursday 5th Sept, with the Sacrament being given on Sunday 8th Sept. we wish them all the best in their Spiritual journey with Christ.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Christophers Primary School will be running this years Reconciliation program. Enrolment forms are available on the Parish website and at the back of the Church. Please contact the school on 9825 3251 for further information.

**Novena.** The monthly Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held this Wednesday at 7:00pm.



## 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 Bishop Tony Randazzo**

It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of Deacon Al Salu to the Directorate of the Permanent Diaconate as its deputy director. This is a new role to assist in the development and promotion of the vocation to the permanent diaconate. Deacon Al will assist the director, Fr. Michael de Stoop in the mission of the directorate. His life and ministry embodies the humility and service to the People of God which is at the heart of this important vocation.

Please join me in welcoming Deacon Al to this new role.

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

Norma Mezentsef, Gabriel do Pao, Valentine Vamadevan, Pierre Severe

#### Recently Deceased

Peter Blackley

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