

**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C. 8th Sep 2019**

Entrance Ant : You are just, O Lord, and Your judgement is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

First reading : from the Book of Wisdom 9 : 13 - 18.

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

Second Reading : from Letter to Philemon 9 - 10, 12 - 17.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Let Your face shine on Your servant, and teach me Your ways. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 14 : 25 - 33.

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Stand for Life Rally

This is our last chance to have a huge public gathering to oppose the extreme abortion bill that is being rushed through NSW Parliament. Join religious leaders, politicians, pro-life advocates and everyone who stands for women and children for a rally on Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 2.30pm in Hyde Park, Sydney.

More information www.stand4.life

Child Protection Sunday 2019

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and support network. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people and recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Plenary Council Listening and Discernment

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the National Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Catholic Adult Formation Lecture Series

Dr Robert Tilley, "To Change the Heart: A Biblical Defence of Pope Francis", Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Rd, Strathfield. Thursday September 12 at 7pm. (Admission by donation)

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,
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The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making. Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society. The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

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Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

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

Advertising Flyers for the Fete are now ready for distribution:

It would be appreciated if parishioners could take a bundle of leftover Flyers to be distributed this week. 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.

Raffle Tickets: will be on sale this weekend and on the day of the Fete. All sold/unsold tickets can be returned up until the 14th September.

The draw will be on the afternoon of the Fete.

Ride Tickets: will be on sale this weekend. Pre-purchased tickets are \$25 per child for unlimited rides, \$30 unlimited if purchased on the day and \$5 for a single ride.

Ride tickets will also be for sale at St Christopher's School next Fri from 2pm – 3pm. Ride Tickets will also be available all day Friday, 13th September.

Volunteers: Thank you to all the volunteers who have registered their interest in helping out at our upcoming fete. We still need approximately another 10 volunteers for the day so that all volunteers get to have some time off to enjoy the fete. We are asking that all Volunteers check in at the table near the front of the Presbytery on the day and you will be directed to your nominated stall.

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. There will also be a good variety of food stalls and craft/gift stallholders. Volunteer help is also required to set up on Friday, 13th Sept from about 7am and we will need assistance to pack up after the Fete so that the area is clear in time for the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

Donation of Drinks for the Fete: We will need to have approximately 700 cans of drink and 200 bottles of water for the day. 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.

Plant Stall: All donations for the plant stall can be left at the hall on Friday, 13th Sep.

200 Club: Thank you to Ray Villarica and family for their assistance and to all those who contributed to the 200 Club. Over \$1,000 was raised to help with overhead costs for the Fete. Please contact Helen Carter for further info on 0418 403 842 or email hm-carter@bigpond.com

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred upon our candidates by Bishop Umbers this Sunday. Please pray for them and wish them well 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.

Monthly Mass at Hammondcare

This months Mass at Hammondville nursing home will be this Tuesday at 11:00am.

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)



Adoration / Holy hour
Friday evening - 7:00pm

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

Lolita Parcasio, Roland Hartin, Sue Morris, 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.*