

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C. 15th Sep 2019**

Entrance Ant : Give peace O Lord, to those who wait for You, that Your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and your people Israel.

First reading : from the Book of Exodus 32 : 7 - 11, 13 - 14.

Responsorial Psalm : I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading : from 1 Timothy 1 : 12 - 17.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 15 : 1 - 32.

Communion Antiphon: How precious is Your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

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

A Parish Novena

On Tuesday, 17th September 2019, the NSW Legislative Council Upper House will be commencing debate on the Abortion Bill. Parishioners are invited to join in praying a 9 day Novena Prayer with St. Mary MacKillop for the Protection and Preservation of Life from Conception to Birth and Beyond. The Novena will commence on Sunday 8 September. Jesus says, where two or three are gathered in his name He is there.

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

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 Oct 19. For more info see <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God? Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to re-establish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this. Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return. © Dianne Bergant



Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

Thankyou to everyone who helped make this weekends Fete a success. Further details will be available next week.

A big thankyou to our supporters :

Max Perram Funerals Liverpool, Garry Dunn Property Agents (Aaron Dunn), Exo Plumbing, Moorebank Sports Club, Brighton Lakes Recreational and Golf Club, Liverpool Catholic Club, Food Lovers Moorebank, M & K Petroleum (Budget) Moorebank, Smart Uniforms, Primo Sausages, St Christophers Parish Community, St Christophers Primary School, St Josephs Moorebank

Baptisms



Baptisms are held on Sundays (except third Sunday) following the 9.30am Mass. Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years old. There must be at least one Catholic Godparent. A non-Catholic, Baptised Christian may act as a Christian witness. Parents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction session prior to the ceremony. Booking forms are available in the foyer, or please contact the parish office on stchris@tpg.com.au or 9825 1679.

Mass Intentions

One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. Envelopes for Mass intentions can be found in the foyer.

Safeguarding requirements

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office, in conjunction with the Parish Support and Development Team, has identified the following services that require a Working With Children Check: Parish Priests, Assistant Priests, Administrators Parish Secretaries Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders Pastoral Associates Sacramental Coordinators Sacramental Group Leaders Catechists in State Schools Children's Liturgy Coordinators Children's Choir Ministry Leaders Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers Ministers of the Altar Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Ministers of the Word Parish Counters/Collectors Ministers to the Homebound.

If you are engaged in any volunteer capacity and have not completed a WWC check, please contact the Parish office.



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

Saints of the Week / Feasts

16th Sept - St. Cornelius

17th Sept - St. Robert Bellarime

19th Sept - St. Januarius

20th Sept - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon

21st Sept - St. Matthew (Apostle)

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,

Recently Deceased

Peter Blackley

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