

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C. 22nd Sept 2019**

Entrance Ant : I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First reading : from the Book of Amos 8 : 4 - 7

Responsorial Psalm : Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading : from 1 Timothy 2 : 1 - 8.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor, to make you rich out of His poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 8 : 16 - 18.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Retreat Extended Weekend: 27-30 September 2019

Lifting the Veil - Living in Liminal Space: Fr John Armstrong. This retreat is a time for us to stop and listen to where God's spirit is moving in life. It allows a waypoint in which we can discover the thin space where heaven touches the earth. It will allow us the opportunity to retell our own sacred story and the moments where we have encountered God along the way. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park NSW. \$345 RSVP (02) 4630 0233 or email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

Our Fourth Quarterly Catholic Breakfast Group

Guest Speaker: Dr. Rachel Carling, CEO Right To Life Association (NSW)
Venue: NSW Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Syd. Mon 30th Sept, 8am
Purpose: Camaraderie, Sharing of ideals, and reinforcing our Catholic Beliefs.
Rsvp: 23rd of September 2019.

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

Walk with Christ

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on Nov 24 at 2.30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on Nov 24.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use. There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy? We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.



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Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

Thank you to all involved in the Fete last weekend.

Please see the attached handout.

MISSING SPEAKERS:

Unfortunately some stereo speakers that were in a box in the kitchen of the hall have gone missing. These speakers belong to a parishioner who loaned them to the Committee for the day. Please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 or the Parish Office on 9825 1679 if you are able to assist in any way.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We welcome this years candidates to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Reconciliation is a sacrament in which the priest, as the instituted agent of God, forgives sins, when the penitent sincerely confesses them, is truly contrite and is willing to make satisfaction. Please keep the children and families of this years program in your prayers as they prepare for their first Reconciliation.



Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held on Sundays of the month (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 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 the parish office on stchris@tpg.com.au or 9825 1679.



Safeguarding

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

23rd Sept - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

26th Sept - St. Cosmas

26th Sept - St. Damian

27th Sept - St. Vincent de Paul

28th Sept - St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz

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

Eliata Ramalinga, Georges Haddad (6 Oct)

Recently Deceased

Bonita Alphonso

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