

## The First Sunday in Lent in Ordinary time - YC 10th Mar 2019

**Entrance Ant:** When He calls on me, I will answer Him; I will deliver Him and give Him glory, I will grant Him length of days.

**First reading :** from the book of Deuteronomy 26: 4 - 10.

**Responsorial Psalm :** Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.

**Second Reading :** from the Letter to the Romans 10: 8 - 13.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

**Gospel :** according to Luke 4: 1 - 13.

**Communion Antiphon:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### Sydney Archdiocese News

#### **Day of the Unborn Child**

*"I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand."* Isaiah 49.

The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on Sun 24/3. This is a day of celebration & remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Details 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo and 1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral

#### **St Patrick's Day Mass**

Please find attached invitations from Bishop Terry Brady to join him for the Annual St Patrick's Day Mass on 17 March 2019 and 18 March 2019. The Masses will take place at St Patrick's Church Hill on Sunday, 17 March commencing at 12.00pm and in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Monday, 18 March 2019 commencing at 10:30am

#### **Discernment Retreat for Men 2019**

A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions. Keynote address by His Grace, Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Friday 22 5pm to Sunday 24 March 1pm. Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. Cost: \$99

Registration is Essential: [https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSel39KjXVZ\\_O9xu2kQn4o8RYbEf07t7PIS955JTyxcpwAlQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSel39KjXVZ_O9xu2kQn4o8RYbEf07t7PIS955JTyxcpwAlQ/viewform)

#### **Candidates, activists to hold religious freedoms rally at Fairfield**

Attached please find a link to a Catholic Weekly event publicising the rally event at Fairfield on Saturday, 9 March. <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/candidates->

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality,  
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## First Sunday of Lent YC 10th March 2019

After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus was offered three shortcuts to his living in harmony with the will of his Heavenly Father. First, when he was hungry there would be bread out of stones. Second, when he wanted to change the world he could have absolute political power. Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep him safe. Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold pattern of temptation. Do you find yourself saying: I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, or I want to exercise power over others, or I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, or all three! What must we do when such temptations assail us? Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels, in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you are tested. We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God.



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## Parish News

### Lenten Program 2019

The Lenten Program commenced last Friday and will continue every Friday up until Palm Sunday. This year the program is Discerning the Way of Jesus with the first topic titled "The Way Through the Desert." It is a program from the Broken Bay Dioceses. There is no cost involved to join this program and the meetings will be held in the Parish hall. It's not too late and if you would like to come please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

### Project Compassion (Caritas) Sunday

This weekend is the beginning of Easter Project Compassion program titled "Give Lent 100%." Project Compassion works with partners around the world offering hope to people who are the most vulnerable and at risk of poverty. There are money boxes, envelopes and brochures in the foyer. The boxes can be taken home and returned after Easter.

### Parish council fund raising news

Thank you to all who have contributed to the collection of goods for our Trash & Treasure Stall. Please keep up the good work. Our new container is filling up fast. We are currently collecting **QUALITY SALEABLE GOODS** including books, CD's, children toys and homewares for the Trash and Treasure stall for our next Fete on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. All goods to be left in the crate in the foyer of the Church. Please do not leave items that are **NOT SUITABLE FOR SALE**. For any further info please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842.

### Deanery Men's Breakfast

Come and find out more about men's ministry in Sydney archdiocese. Hosted by St. Christopher's Parish Panania, hear from Robert Haddad from Sydney Catholic Schools on his experience of Catholic brotherhood and what helped him connect with his faith as a young man. Join Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Saturday March 16, 8am Exposition and Adoration, 8.30am Mass, 9.30am BBQ breakfast. St. Christopher's Parish, Tower Street. Panania. \$10pp Register: [www.trybooking.com/BAACH](http://www.trybooking.com/BAACH). Info: [christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org) Ph: 9307 8402

### Parish working Bee

On Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 from about 8.30am there will be a "working bee" to prepare the church for Palm Sunday and surrounds and the hall for the Easter Ceremonies. This will include preparing the palms around the Church area and clearing the hall to allow the Altar of Repose for the Holy Thursday night to be prepared. Donations of Palms will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist in any way please leave your name and contact details of the list on the table at the rear of the church. For further details please contact the Parish Secretary, David Moore on 9825 1679

### Stations of the Cross

Will run each Friday evening at 7:00pm during Lent.



## Mass Times

### Weekends :

Sat Vigil 5:30pm  
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

### Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

**Adoration** : Thurs 7:30pm (except before first Friday of month)

**Reconciliation** : Sat 4:30 pm.

### **Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals**

By appointment.

## Sacramental Program 2019

The dates for First Holy Communion have been finalised.

Masses will be as follows:

- + Mass 1 - Vigil Saturday 22nd June 2019 - 5:30pm
- + Mass 2 - Sunday 23rd June 2019 - 9.30am
- + Mass 3 - Vigil Saturday 29th June 2019 - 5.30pm
- + Mass 4 - Sunday 30th June 2019 - 9.30am

Enrolment forms are available on the website and in the foyer of the Church and must be returned to the Parish office by 22nd March 2019. Please select your preferred Mass time on the form, as allocations will be based on a first in, first served basis.

## The Easter timetable

Dates have been confirmed and are available on the website. [www.stchristophers.org.au/](http://www.stchristophers.org.au/) and in the foyer of Church .

### We Pray For The Sick Cooney,

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Barbara Becroft, Frank Ilankovan, Steven Aboud, Sofia Abener, Johnny Price



### Recently Deceased

Akl DahDah, Maria Zdorikova

### Anniversaries

Patricia Hartin, Edgar Baumann, Trudy Baumann,

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