

## Second Sunday in Ordinary time 17th January 2016



**Entrance Antiphon:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shouting to your name, O Most High!

**First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 62:1-5**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

**Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Corinthians 12:4-11**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: According to John 2:1-11**

**Communion Antiphon:** You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

*Saints of the Week*  
St Agnes (Thurs 21/1)

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:** Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Monday— Friday 9.15am

**ADDITIONAL MASSES:** 1st Friday 7.00pm/ Parish.  
Hammondville Nursing Home 1st Tuesday of the Month at 11.00am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 4.30pm—5.15pm

**MASS INTENTIONS:** There are Mass Intention envelopes in the church foyer for people to write their respective Intentions. These need to be returned to the parish office no later than one week prior to the said date. Please do not place them in the 'suggestion box'.

**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Thursday 7.00pm -8.00pm except Thursday before 1st Friday of the Month.

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish office 9825 1679

**WEDDINGS:** 6 months notice is required

### **CONTACTS:**

**CATECHISTS:** Louise Hartin 9822 5040

**EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** Fr. Thanh 9825 1679

**READERS & COMMENTATORS :** Lorraine de Lapp 9825 1870

**CHOIRS:** Fr Thanh 9825 1679 & Dianne Pawsey 9771 1738

**RCIA PROGRAM:** Fr. Thanh 9825 1679 & Sr. Helen 9825 1679

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Rev. Mr. Al Salu 0416 842 669

**ROSARY MAKERS GUILD:** Cyril Ferriere 9825 2008

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Rev. Thanh Quang Nguyen
<b>Assistant Priest:</b>	Rev. Thomas Alukka
<b>Permanent Deacon:</b>	Rev. Mr. Al Salu
<b>Pastoral Support</b>	Sr. Helen Madden <i>rsj</i>
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mrs. Anne Bennell
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### **St Christopher's Catholic School**—*Through faith and love we serve*

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## *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C* *17th January 2016*

Today's first reading from Isaiah is one of several references in the Old Testament that use wedding imagery – bride and groom – to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The imagery is never that of an 'old married couple' but rather young lovers entering into a new life together full of hope; full of romance; and full of passion. This image of God and the people as bride and groom would not have been lost on the first audiences of today's gospel passage. Immediately, they would have recognised the significance of Jesus' first outing in public ministry being at a wedding feast – at the coming together of God and God's people, Jesus is present! It is a very neat and quite deliberate follow on from the prologue of the Gospel of John where the gospel writer uses the image of 'the Word made flesh who lives among us' to describe Jesus. The Word has come into the world and the first public appearance is at an event that symbolises the relationship between God and God's people.

The interplay between Jesus and his mother is very interesting in this gospel event. In this particular gospel it is one of only two occasions that Mary is mentioned: this event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and then at the foot of the cross as he is crucified. Mary does not ask Jesus to do anything. She simply states, 'They have no wine', but one can almost hear the motherly tone with which it was said. I'm sure Jesus was left in no doubt that he was expected to do something about it. When he tries to avoid the issue, Mary apparently ignores his objections and instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. No fuss; no argument. How do mothers do it? . *Fr. Greg Sunter*

***Fr. Thanh is on Annual leave until Monday 8th February***

## Parish Collections

**First:** \$668.35 **Second:** \$726.45 **3/1/16**  
**First:** \$580.80 **Second:** \$623.40 **10/1/16**

Should any parishioner wish to contribute to the Planned Giving envelopes there are forms in the church foyer. Please complete & place on any of the collections plates and the Parish Office will contact you.

**CATECHISTS** Parishioners we are in great need of people to volunteer to become Catechists. Hammondville PS has Scripture on Tuesdays at 9am for all classes, and need a Kinder & Year 5 teachers. Holsworthy PS has Scripture on Tuesdays and need a Kinder & Year 6 teachers both at 9.25am. Wattle Grove PS has now moved to Wednesday for Scripture and require Year 3 10.00am & Year 5 & Year 6 at 10.30am. Ongoing training and support is given.

There is a Catechist Meeting on Monday 8th February at 10am. If you would like to support this Ministry please contact the parish office 9825 1679 for further details.

**NEW COMMENTATORS AND READERS** We are in need of new commentators & readers for our 8am Sunday Masses. If you are interested, please leave your details on the sheet provided in the church foyer.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016** In the church foyer are the dates for all our Sacraments for 2016. Please note that there will be a compulsory Parents Information session for all these Sacraments which will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 9th February commencing at 7pm. There is a reminder notice to take home to place in your diary.

Parishioners please check our new parish Website [www.stchristophers.org.au](http://www.stchristophers.org.au)  
**The Sacramental Program dates for 2016** are listed to place in your diaries.



**ASH WEDNESDAY** will be celebrated on Wednesday 10th February with Mass at 9.15am & 7.00pm. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses.

**LENTE DAY GROUP 2016** Sr. Helen will be leading the Wollongong Diocese—Mercy Lenten Program and will meet in the Parish Hall each Tuesday during Lent 12.45pm for a 1.00pm start. However, for the First Sunday of Lent session, Sr Helen is only available to lead this session on **Monday 8th February**. She hopes this will be convenient for the group for this day 12.45pm for a 1.00pm start. The following sessions will revert to Tuesdays at 12.45pm for a 1.00pm start —2.00pm Lenten books are \$8.00 each, any participants wishing to join this group please contact the parish office.

**LENTE GROUP on a week night.** Should any parishioners wish to form a Lenten group on a week night, please contact the parish office 9825 1679.

### An update on Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

*Dear friends, once again I thank you for all the prayers and messages of support. I will need your prayers for some months to come but I am pleased to say that I have started walking again and am making several other improvements. This is due to the excellent care that I am receiving here at St Vincent's and the power of your loving prayers. Please ask God not just for healing but also for patience, courage and hope. I miss you all. Archbishop Anthony.*

Saturday 16th Jan 5.30pm.....David Brady (RIP)  
Sunday 17th Jan 8.00am .....Roger West (RIP)  
Sunday 17th Jan 9.30am .....Parish Intentions  
Sunday 17th Jan 5.30pm.....Special Intention  
Monday 18th Jan .....**No morning Mass**  
Tuesday 19th Jan 9.15am .....Souls in Purgatory  
Wednesday 20th Jan 9.15am.....For the Sick  
Thursday 21st Jan 9.15am .....Vocations  
Friday 22nd Jan 9.15am.....Australian troops serving overseas  
Saturday 23 Jan .....**No morning Mass**

### National Association of Catholic Families—NATIONAL CONFERENCE Kurrajong NSW April 8-10 2016

The conference is an opportunity for Catholic families to come together for mutual spiritual, moral and social support in a fund holiday environment. **Family Conference** is designed to cater for whole families with conference talks for adults and catechetical talks and activities for teens and children of all ages. All conference bookings is to be done online— [www.trybooking.com/159690](http://www.trybooking.com/159690)  
Registrations close Friday 11th March 2016. For more information email: [nacf.sydney@hotmail.com](mailto:nacf.sydney@hotmail.com) or Mary Clare Meney on 0435 496 624

**ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS – Years 3 and 5 2017 and Year 7 2018.** St Aloysius' College, Society of Jesus and located at Milsons Point. Parents who have not yet made an enrolment application for their sons for Years 3 and 5 in 2017 and for Year 7 in 2018 are invited to do so now. **All applications close Friday, 29 January 2016.** Further information may be obtained from the College

Website: [www.stalloysius.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stalloysius.nsw.edu.au) or by contacting the Registrar on 02 9936 5535 or email: [registrar@stalloysius.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@stalloysius.nsw.edu.au).

**The Archbishop Anthony Fisher Op Syrian Refugee Appeal.** The Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP Syrian Refugee Appeal is the official appeal of the Archdiocese of Sydney. It's an opportunity for all Catholics to respond generously to the needs of Syrian refugees fleeing persecution. If you can offer support, large or small, please call the appeal hotline on **1800 690 302** or visit [catholiccare.org/Syria](http://catholiccare.org/Syria).

**Win The Way To World Youth Day In Poland In July 2016!** CCD Sydney is holding a competition for current Year 9 & 10 public secondary students to win free pilgrimages to World Youth Day 2016 in Poland via Prague. To enter, handwrite 300-500 words (or submit artwork with a reflection) about why you would like to go to WYD as a pilgrim, then have your entry endorsed by a Priest (preferably your Parish Priest) and contact CCD on 9307 8330 asap or email: [office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au) for parental permission form and further information.

### We Pray For The Sick

Nahui Miranda, Christian Miranda Flores, Carmen Miranda Flores, Helen Roberts & Kate Zamudio



### Recently Deceased

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them*