

Third Sunday in Ordinary time 24th January 2016



Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading from the book of Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: According to Luke 1: 1-4, 14-21

Communion Antiphon: Look towards the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Saints of the Week

The conversion of St Paul, apostle (Mon 25/1)

Australia Day (Tues 26/1) St Angela Merici, & Sts Timothy & Titus (Wed 27/1)

St Thomas Aquinas (Thurs 28/1)

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:

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St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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This week marks the beginning of the liturgical use of the gospel of Luke that will feature throughout this year. The choice of passage to begin our journey with Luke is most appropriate. We have the first four verses of the gospel in which the writer makes his purpose clear. We then skip over all the infancy narrative and pick up again in chapter 4 of the gospel where Jesus makes his first public appearance.

Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshipped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, 'to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free'. This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel. The gospel of Luke is characterised by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden.

The gospel of Luke is often described as a gospel of compassion. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus enact the verses from Isaiah – bringing good news to the lowliest of society; inviting the least to share in the reign of God. In fact, having read from the scripture, Jesus' very simple homily on the text is 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'. Jesus declares himself to be acting out and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. This short extract from Isaiah that Jesus adopted as his own 'mission statement' is indeed a mission statement for all Christian people. This is what we too are called to do.

Fr. Greg Sunter

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

Parish Collections

First: \$617.00 **Second:** \$829.45

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.

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.** Parishioners please check our new parish Website www.stchristophers.org.au this has all the dates for each **Sacramental Program for 2016** 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.

LENTEN 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. There is a sheet in the church foyer to leave your details if you will be attending. Lenten Books are available to purchase \$8.00

LENTEN 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.

VALE: Mrs Margaret West 27.12.16 It is with sadness that we hear of Margaret's passing she was an active member of St Christopher's Parish community for over 30 years, during that time she was a Reader and Eucharistic Minister, gave Communion to the sick at Hammondcare, Catechist (2012-2014) & (Pastoral Council, & Fund Raising Committee 2011-2014). Margaret's husband Roger passed away 12/1/2012. There will be a Memorial Service for Margaret, on **Tuesday 9th February at 7.00pm in the church.** Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Saturday 23rd Jan 5.30pm.....Parish Intentions
Sunday 24th Jan 8.00amPaul Conlon (RIP)
Sunday 24th Jan 9.30am.....Margaret West (RIP) & Eliata Ramalinga (RIP)
Sunday 24th Jan 5.30pm...Rosa Flores De Miranda & Walter A. Miranda Leon (RIP)
Monday 25th Jan**No morning Mass**
Tuesday 26th Jan 9.15amSouls in Purgatory
Wednesday 27th Jan 9.15am..... For the Sick
Thursday 28th Jan 9.15amVocations
Friday 29th Jan 9.15am.....Adelaide Kane (RIP)
Saturday 30th Jan**No morning Mass**

CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL. St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate Australia Day 2016 with a host of activities, including: Organ Recitals; Light Opera Recitals; Guided History Tours; Crypt Tours and a Harp Recital. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon to pray for God's blessing on all Australians. **Tours and Recitals are Free.** ALL WELCOME. For more information please ring 9220 0400.

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 for parental permission form and further information.

Prayer for the return to health of the Archbishop of Sydney the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the source of everlasting health for all who believe in You. We ask the aid of Your tender mercy and healing grace for Archbishop Anthony so that he may be fully restored to bodily health and further serve Your Church.

*Through Christ our Lord, Amen
Amen.*

We Pray For The Sick

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

Recently Deceased
Margaret West



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