

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time 31st January 2016

**Entrance Antiphon:** Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**First Reading from the book of Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will sing of your salvation.

**Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Corinthians 12:31-13: 13**

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

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 4: 21-30**

**Communion Antiphon:** Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you

### *Saints of the Week*

The Presentation of the Lord (Tues 2/2)

St Agatha (Fri 5/2)

St Paul Miki and companions (Sat 6/2)

**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*

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Thanh Quang Nguyen  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Thomas Alukka Varghese  
**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Al Salu  
**Pastoral Support** Sr. Helen Madden *rsj*  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Anne Bennell  
**Parish Office Hours** Mon 10.00am—3.00pm  
Tues & Thurs 9.00am—3.00pm

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### **St Christopher's Catholic School**—*Through faith and love we serve*

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## **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C** **31st January 2016**

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory. This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

*Fr. Michael Tate*

**Fr. Thanh will return from annual leave on**  
**Monday 8th February**

**Parish Collections** 24/1/16

**First:** \$ 396.95 **Second:** \$703.05

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** in the parish hall. If you would like to support this Ministry please contact the parish office 9825 1679 for further details.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 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](http://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

**YOUTH MINISTRY EQUIPPING SCHOOL / 24 - 28 FEBRUARY, CANBERRA.** Are you aged between 18- 40 and searching for an adventure in 2016? If so, then join us for the Youth Ministry Equipping School. This 4-day live in school calls young people from across Australia and overseas to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation. Short term missions available to PNG, Fiji, Nth QLD & Bali! Be renewed in your own faith, equipped for mission/youth ministry and formed in the Catholic faith – you won't regret it – it's an adventure! Email Sr Therese for more info [therese.mgl@gmail.com](mailto:therese.mgl@gmail.com)

**PREPARING FOR THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE?** Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places available for **14 & 15 May** and **27 & 28 Aug**, \$250 per couple. For more information, call **9646 9010** or go to [www.caec.com.au](http://www.caec.com.au) - \*A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime\*

Saturday 30th Jan 5.30pm.....Tik Sin Ong (RIP)  
Sunday 31st Jan 8.00am .....Parish Intentions  
Sunday 31st Jan 9.30am.....Special Intentions  
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Monday 1st Feb .....**No morning Mass**  
Tuesday 2nd Feb 9.15am .....Souls in Purgatory  
Wednesday 3rd Feb 9.15am..... For the Sick  
Thursday 4th Feb 9.15am .....Vocations  
Friday 5th Feb 9.15am.....Special Intention (Helen Roberts)  
Saturday 6th Feb .....**No morning Mass**

**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.

**A Thousand Messages of Support for Archbishop Anthony**  
Catholic Youth Services is inviting all youth and young adults to contribute messages of support and prayer for the speedy recovery of Archbishop Anthony Fisher following his being diagnosed with Guillain-Barre syndrome before Christmas. All messages will be compiled into a book and presented to the Archbishop. Please email your messages by mid-February to [prayers@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:prayers@catholicyouthservices.org) and include your name and suburb.

**Certificate - Foundations in Marist Spirituality**  
Come to a program exploring the foundations of Marist Spirituality each Thursday evening. From February 11 onwards in St Patricks Church Hill Crypt (downstairs) - 6 pm to 7.15 pm. Focusing on the 4 Marist founders with topics like challenges they faced, influences, following Mary as a disciple of Jesus, and how can we be like them today? This group will include discussion, prayer and a light meal. Cost is free. Participants will receive a certificate at the end of the course. Please call 0423 785 362 for more information or just turn up.

*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.*