

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time 7th February 2016



Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God..

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 6: 1-8

Responsorial Psalm: In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Corinthians 15: 1-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: According to Luke 5: 1-11

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Saints of the Week

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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EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Fr. Thanh 9825 1679

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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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Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

Fr. Michael Tate



ASH WEDNESDAY 10th February
Masses : 9.15am & 7.00pm

Parish Collections 31/1/16

First: \$ 802.80 **Second:** \$972.55

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 Year 5 teacher at 9.55am & Year 6 teacher at 9.25am. Wattle Grove PS has now moved to Wednesday for Scripture and require Year 1 at 9.25am, Year 3 10.00am & Year 5 & Year 6 both at 10.30am. Ongoing training and support is given.

There is a **Catechist Meeting** this **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, or come along to this meeting.

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.** Parents/care givers 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2016 In Australia we are very fortunate to have an education system that provides so many opportunities for our children. Unfortunately in many other countries this is not the case and lack of education leads to an endless cycle of poverty. This year Caritas Australia's Project Compassion campaign is centred on the theme "Learning more, creating change." Pope Francis says that "Education is an act of hope", so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world. Envelopes & boxes will be available in the church foyer from next weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in the Church on Friday evening at 7pm during Lent this will commence from Friday 19th February 2015.

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 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start (bring your own lunch). 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 commencing at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start.. The following sessions will revert to Tuesdays at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start —2.00pm Lenten books are \$8.00 each, should you wish to join this group, please leave your details on the sheet in the church foyer.

SANTA SABINA COLLEGE STRATHFIELD is inviting parents to attend a morning tea to meet the Principal Dr Maree Herrett and members of the College Executive and Leadership team on Friday 26 February 9:15-11:15am – Years 6 - 12 & Friday 18 March 9:15-11:15am – Prep - Year 5
Please reserve your place at: <https://www.ssc.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/visit-us/>
We look forward to seeing you.

REMEMBRANCE MASS for the Repose of Souls Liverpool Cemetery St Padre Pio Chapel held every second Wednesday of every month at 10.30am. Afterwards following Mass please join us for Morning Tea. Further details are on the flyer in the church foyer.

Saturday 6th Feb 5.30pm.....Jan Baumann (RIP & Edgar Bauman (RIP)
Sunday 7th Feb 8.00amNorma Mezentsef (RIP)
Sunday 7th Feb 9.30am.....Alan Burton (RIP)
Sunday 7th Feb 5.30pm.....Parish Intentions
Monday 8th Feb 9.15am.....Mark Dooley (RIP)
Tuesday 9th Feb 9.15amSouls in Purgatory
Wednesday 10th Feb 9.15am.....**Ash Wednesday**
Wednesday 10th Feb **7pm****Ash Wednesday**
Thursday 11th Feb 9.15amVocations
Friday 12th Feb 9.15am.....For the Sick
Saturday 13th Feb**No morning Mass**

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 and include your name and suburb.

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 14 February (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m.
Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

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

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 - *A wedding is a day, but a marriage is a lifetime*

We Pray For The Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Alan Burton



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