

First Sunday of Lent 14th February 2016

Entrance Antiphon: 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 of St Paul 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 on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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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St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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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.

Fr. Michael Tate

Parish Collections 7/2/16

First: \$ 616.45 **Second:** \$879.55

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 still in great need of people to volunteer to become Catechists. Hammondville PS has Scripture on Tuesdays at 9am for all classes, and need a Year 5 teacher. 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. Should you wish to Ongoing training and support is given.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016 Thank you to the parents and caregivers who attended the Information night last Tuesday 9/2 for the Sacramental program for 2016. Enrolments for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held over 2 weekends. Saturday Vigil Masses 5.30pm 20th & 27th February and Sunday evening Masses 5.30pm 21st & 28th February, after these Masses there will be people handing out the enrolment forms. These forms need to be returned to the Parish Office no later than Thursday 10th March 2016.

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 are available in the church foyer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in the Church on Friday evening's at 7pm during Lent.

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).

Lenten books are \$8.00 each, should you wish to join this group, please contact the parish office 9825 1679.



Annual **Ladies' Retreat** to be held **Friday 11 March** (evening) to **Sunday 13 March** (afternoon) at the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Mount Carmel, St Andrew's Road, Varroville
Cost for weekend Single Occupancy \$270. Twin Share or Pensioner \$250.

For further information (special needs, transportation) please

phone Ann-Marie Green 9605-1206

Those interested please write your name and contact info on sheet provided at Church entrance.

Saturday 13th Feb 5.30pm.....Rita Kolster (RIP)
Sunday 14th Feb 8.00amMsgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)
Sunday 14th Feb 9.30am.....Parish intentions
Sunday 14th Feb 5.30pm.....Alan Charles Burton (RIP)
Monday 15th Feb 9.15am..... Vincent Hung (RIP)
Tuesday 16th Feb 9.15amJames Mascurine (RIP)
Wednesday 17th Feb 9.15am..... Thanks giving
Thursday 18th Feb 9.15amPat Foldes (RIP)
Friday 19th Feb **9.00am..... Mass in the school hall.....**
Saturday 20th Feb**No morning Mass**

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

In 2015, Pope Francis called a Jubilee Year of Mercy, which calls all people to seek and show Mercy. In response, Catholic Youth Services will host the "Mercy Series" at our monthly formation talks - Catholicism 101. The "Mercy Series" aims to breakdown the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy and provide a basic theoretical understanding of them and then to show by the example of others in our community how we can practically live these works out in our lives.

WEEK ONE we are excited to welcome Rev Bill Crews from the Exodus Foundation (<http://www.exodusfoundation.org.au/>) who will speak practically on "To Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty" and our very own Fr Chris Higgins who doesn't have a problem "Instructing the Ignorant". **TUESDAY 16, February 2016**, supper from 7:30pm (straight after City Silence) with the talk beginning at 8pm.

Join the staff from Catholic Youth Services for a Journey Through Lent. We'll share a meal at the voluntarily run Two Wolves Cantina on Broadway and then work our way through the Six Week Lenten Program provided by Heartbeat Ministries. This program helps participants to meditate on and understand the readings as a spiritual and practical preparation during Lent leading up to Christ's Resurrection.

Beginning 11 FEBRUARY and every THURSDAY though LENT, we'll be working in a small group format of only 20 people, so registration is ESSENTIAL! Email events@catholicyouthservices.org and add this to your Lenten Preparation.

City Silence is back in 2016. Each Tuesday join Catholic Youth Services and the NET Team for an hour of Adoration and Confession followed by a casual dinner. City Silence is a time of prayer, music, meditation and adoration and is open to all young adults looking for a deeper relationship with Christ. Tuesday, 2 February 2016 from 6:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, entrance via the Eastern Door. For more information www.catholicyouthservices.org

We Pray For The Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Alan Charles Burton



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