

Second Sunday of Lent 21st February 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your from me..

First Reading from the book of Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory an praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 9: 28-36

Communion Antiphon: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Saints of the Week
The Chair of St Peter, Apostle (Mon 22/2)

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:

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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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One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.' But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul' which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today's Gospel recounts that Jesus' *body* was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' *body* was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, *bodysoul*. That is our *ultimate* destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God's grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

Fr. Michael Tate

Parish Collections 14/2/16

First: \$690.45 **Second:** \$733.65

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 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's 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., should you wish to know more please contact the parish office 9825 1679

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Enrolments for the 2016 **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held over the next 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 distributing 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.

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 the sheet provided at Church entrance.

40 Hours for Vocations 26-28 February 2016 Pray with us for an hour at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd as the Archdiocese of Sydney dedicates 40 Hours of Adoration to pray for vocations in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Includes Mass, Confession, Prayer and Guided Mediations before the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up for one hour of prayer at <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – ROOKWOOD CEMETERY. Presided by Bishop Terry Brady on **Saturday, 27 February 2016** at 2.00pm in The Waterway Chapel. The Stations of the Cross procession will take place along the Way of the Cross Memorial Garden followed by afternoon tea. **RSVP by 19 February 2016** to email: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au or phone **02 9646 6908**. All are welcome.

Saturday 20th Feb 5.30pm.....Wayne Sweeney (RIP)
Sunday 21st Feb 8.00amJoan Bruszewski (RIP)
Sunday 21st Feb 9.30amParish intentions
Sunday 21st Feb 5.30pm.....Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)
Monday 22nd Feb 9.15am.....Thanksgiving Mass (K. Kane's family)
Tuesday 23rd Feb 9.15amVocations
Wednesday 24th Feb 9.15am.....Walter A Miranda Leon (RIP) &
.....Rosa Flores de Miranda (RIP)
Thursday 25th Feb 9.15amFor the Sick
Friday 26th Feb 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 27th Feb**No morning Mass**

Fund Raising Committee: Thanks to the following volunteers, George Leung, Kristy Vaefaga, Viji Parackal, Ray Villarica, Peter Enriquez, Stylianos & Maria Tsongas, Sam Capra, Marie Teriana and Therese Pereira, Yuan Vithayathil. There is still plenty of opportunity for more volunteers to help on this important Parish committee, please show your support by attending the first meeting which will be held in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday 2nd March.



Working Bee: The next working bee is scheduled for Sunday 6 March from 1pm until 4pm. There is a very small group of dedicated parishioners who help maintain the Church grounds, it would be great to have a few more volunteers, even for an hour or two. There is a clip board in the Church Foyer where you can leave your details.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S YOUTH GROUP My name is Marie Teriana and I'll be coordinating the youth group for St. Christopher's Holsworthy. I just wanted to make contact with you all and ask that you complete the following form that I have attached. It's a simple form to fill in your details so that we (St. Christopher's Youth/Young Adults group) can keep in touch and start organising some events!

<http://tinyurl.com/stchrisyouthform>

If you have friends or know of any young people (aged 11-25) who are part of the parish, please send them this form so that they can get involved too.

Looking forward to meeting and growing in Faith with you! God bless, Marie
"WIN A WAY TO WORLD YOUTH DAY" COMPETITION – CLOSING 14 MARCH.
Up to 7 state school students in the Sydney Archdiocese in Year10 - 12 will win pilgrimages to World Youth Day in Poland via Prague. **Interested?** Contact the CCD Parish Catechist Office on **9307 8330** or email office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

We Pray For The Sick

Erica Garcia Leon, 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
May they rest in peace. Amen.*