

Third Sunday of Lent 28th February 2016

Entrance Antiphon: My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading from the book of Exodus3: 1-8, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ,! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 13: 1-9

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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:

CATECHISTS: Louise Hartin 9822 5040

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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There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything *they* did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor:

You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener: I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished so that you will bear the fruits I desire. Our Lord does that by watering us with the waters of baptism; pruning us, especially during Lent; nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.

Fr. Michael Tate

Parish Collections 21/2/16
First: \$ 695.70 **Second:** \$1,128.45

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 This Ministry is in need of 6 people to become Catechists, on going training and support is given. Hammondville PS need a Year 5 teacher Tuesday 9.00am. Holsworthy PS (Tuesdays) 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. Please call the parish office for further information 9825 1679.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Enrolments for this Sacrament will be held this weekend after the Saturday Vigil Masses 5.30pm 27th February and Sunday evening Masses 5.30pm 28th February. There will be group leaders distributing the enrolment forms. These forms need to be returned to the Parish Office no later than **Thursday 10th March 2016**.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2016 thank you to everyone who contributed to Caritas last weekend. There are a few Project Compassion boxes on the table 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.

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.



PALM SUNDAY 20th March 2016 As usual we require Palms for Palm Sunday, if you can donate any, please contact the parish office to leave your details on 9825 1679

Saturday 27th Feb 5.30pm.....Special Intention (Erica Garcia Leon)
 Sunday 28th Feb 8.00amMary Thomas (RIP)
 Sunday 28th Feb 9.30amParish intentions
 Sunday 28th Feb 5.30pm.....Pray for all souls
 Monday 29th Feb 9.15am.....Joyce Fishiry (RIP)
 Tuesday 1st March 9.15amVocations
 Wednesday 2nd March 9.15am.....Special Intention (Kevin Madden)
 Thursday 3rd March 9.15amFor the Sick
 Friday 4th March 9.15am.....Audrey Jackson (RIP)
 Saturday 5th March**No morning Mass**

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 Year 10 - 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

40 HOURS FOR VOCATIONS – 26 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2016. You are invited to sign up for an hour of Adoration for vocations at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush. Please visit www.vocationcentre.org.au or ring **02 9307 8433** to register. A flyer is attached for more information.

BENEDICTINE ABBEY JAMBEROO – A DAY OF MERCY RETREAT. You are invited to a retreat day to reflect on the Gift of Mercy in our lives. The day will include reflections on mercy, silence and prayer. **Saturday, 05 March from 9.00am until 4.00pm.** Cost: \$30.00 Morning and afternoon provided, bring your own lunch. For more information refer to the flyer attached or visit www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats. Tel. **02 4236 0533**.

We Pray For The Sick

Kevin Madden, 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.*