

## Fourth Sunday of Lent 6th March 2016

**Entrance Antiphon:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**First Reading from the book of Joshua 5: 9-12**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Second Reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5: 17-21**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ, I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you, Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32**

**Communion Antiphon:** You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

*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

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**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

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**ROSARY MAKERS GUILD:** Cyril Ferriere 9825 2008

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Rev. Thanh Quang Nguyen
<b>Assistant Priest:</b>	Rev. Thomas Alukka
<b>Permanent Deacon:</b>	Rev. Mr. Al Salu
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### St Christopher's Catholic School—*Through faith and love we serve*

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent—Year C 6th March 2016



Today's gospel is perhaps the most famous of the parables that are unique to the Gospel of Luke. Sadly, what is often overlooked is the accusation aimed at Jesus that leads into the telling of this and two other shorter parables (the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin – Lk 15:4-10). The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of what they regard to be abhorrent behaviour in relation to the purity code that dominated 1st Century life: not only does Jesus welcome sinners, he actually shares meals with them. This would be absolutely scandalous behaviour. Who you ate with was a reflection of who you were. To eat with sinners and the unclean effectively made you a sinner and unclean.

The three parables Jesus tells in response to this accusation are all about the lost being found and great rejoicing over the finding of the lost sheep, lost coin, or lost son. The Gospel of Luke – more so than any of the others – has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalised; in other words, the 'lost' of his society. Rather than being embarrassed by the accusation that he ate with sinners, Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honour. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about – being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the lost son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God's love that will be poured out for any 'sinner' who returns to God.

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

**Parish Collections 28/2/16**

**First:** \$ 814.20 **Second:** \$934.25

**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 65 people to become Catechists 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. On going training and support is given. Please call the parish office for further information 9825 1679.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** Enrolments forms for this Sacrament 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 20/21st March weekend. \$919.65 was raised. There are a few Project Compassion boxes on the table in the church foyer, should any parishioner wish to take one home. These boxes need to be returned by Palm Sunday as they presented in the Offertory on Holy Thursday's Mass.

**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.

**RECONCILIATION during LENT** there will be Reconciliation weekdays after the morning Mass from 9.45am—10.15am and Saturday afternoon 4.30pm—5.15pm.

**Working Bee:** *The next working bee is this Sunday 6 March from 1pm - 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.*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** St Christopher's school has an Open day on Thursday 10th March 10am—1pm, everyone is invited to come along to the school.



**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 5th March 5.30pm.....Thanksgiving Mass  
Sunday 6th March 8.00am .....Norma Mezentsef (RIP)  
Sunday 6th March 9.30am.....Parish intentions  
Sunday 6th March 5.30pm.....Zach Dalco (RIP)  
Monday 7th March 9.15am.....Recent deceased resident from Hammondcare (RIP)  
Tuesday 8th March 9.15am .....Dominique Minh (RIP)  
Wednesday 9th March 9.15a Phil Thuong & Special Intention (Kevin Madden)  
Thursday 10th March 9.15am .....Sr Clemence (RIP)  
Friday 11th March 9.15am.....Jane McNamara (RIP)  
Saturday 12th 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

**Invitation From The Sisters Of St Joseph. Saturday, 19 March 2016** is the Feast of St Joseph. On this day the Sisters of St Joseph celebrate 150 years since their foundation in Penola South Australia in 1866 as a result of the dream of Mary MacKillop and Fr Tenison Woods. The Sisters invite you to join with them in giving thanks to God for the countless blessings that have come to Australia and beyond as a result of the ministry of the Sisters in small country places and larger cities. Mass will be celebrated in a number of centres throughout NSW on this Feast of St Joseph. Priests and Religious, Associates, family, friends, ex-students and current students of the Sisters are invited to join the Sisters in the celebration of Mass. Mass will be celebrated at **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 10.00 am**. For purposes of catering and printing please send your reply **before 04 March** to Sr Julie Simpson. **Phone:** 4677 1477 or 0418 674 452 and leave a message. **Email:** [julie.simpson@sosj.org.au](mailto:julie.simpson@sosj.org.au). **Post:** Sr Julie Simpson, PO Box 13, Picton NSW 2571

**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC COLLEGE** has an Open Day on Saturday 19th March 10am—1.00pm Please contact the school on 9602 4555 for further information or [www.ascc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ascc.catholic.edu.au)

**We Pray For The Sick**  
Kevin Madden, Erica Garcia Leon, Nahui Miranda, Christian Miranda Flores, Carmen Miranda Flores, Helen Roberts & Kate Zamudio

**Recently Deceased**  
Zach Dalco, (Jane McNamara, Mavis Warton, Rital Ellele, Ruby Best & Kathleen Montague—residents from Hammondcare who have passed away recently).



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