

Fifth Sunday of Lent 13th March 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 43: 16-21

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: According to John 8: 1-11

Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you,. From now on, sin no more.

Saints of the Week

St Patrick (Thurs 17/3) St Joseph, Husband of Mary (Sat 19/3)

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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This entire scene is a conspiratorial 'set-up' to trap Jesus. Jewish law dictated that adultery was to be punished by death for both parties. However, the Roman occupation had forbidden the Jewish authorities to carry out the death penalty. By bringing the woman to Jesus they sought to place him in a no-win situation. If he upheld the Jewish law and ordered the death penalty, then he was flaunting Roman law. If he did not uphold the law then he could be branded as a false teacher. They thought it was a perfect trap!

But where is the man with whom the woman was committing adultery? When he is not also brought forward for judgment as any legitimate accusation would demand, Jesus senses the trap being set for him. He realises that those accusing the woman must have somehow been involved in setting her up so that she could be 'caught committing adultery'. In Jewish law, accessories to a crime were equally guilty and subject to the same penalty. When Jesus says to the gathering, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned ...,' he's letting them know that he's aware of their part in this crime and what judgment is due them also! If they persist with their accusation, they'll also be tried as accessories! So they quietly walk away.

Jesus' words to the woman sum up his message throughout the gospel: 'Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don't sin any more.' As with others in the gospels, Jesus recognises that the woman has indeed sinned, but he does not condemn her for it. By telling her not to sin any more he is calling her to conversion. He is saying, yes, you've made mistakes, but you can do better and I'm challenging you to try.

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 6/3/16
First: \$ 773.45 **Second:** \$824.00

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— Holsworthy PS (Tuesday) need a Year 5 teacher at 9.55am & Year 6 teacher at 9.25am. Wattle Grove PS (Wednesday) need a 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 are now closed.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2016 Please return your Project compassion boxes by next weekend.

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

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

PARISH NEWS:

Working Bee: Many thanks to the 5 people who volunteered last Sunday to mow the church grounds. Your efforts were deeply appreciated by all.

"CAR BOOT SALE" The Parish Fund Raising Committee is holding it's first fund raising activity for the year on Saturday 2nd April from 9.00am to 3.00pm in the Church car park. There will be more information on this event in the coming weeks."

PALM SUNDAY 20th March 2016 Parishioners if you have palms, please bring them to the church no later than Saturday morning 19th March so they can be cut. We would still appreciate the offer of palms from anyone.

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

Centering Prayer

Take time out for a silent weekend retreat. Open up to an experience of the indwelling God, the Source from whom our life emerges in each moment. The weekend includes times of CENTERING PRAYER, CHANT & TEACHINGS on the methods and benefits of Centering Prayer in our daily living.

VENUE: Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo NSW

DATE: Friday April 7 – Sunday April 7

ARRIVAL: Friday 3.00 p.m. Registration
4.30 p.m. Welcome & Orientation

COST: Accommodation costs + \$60 for weekend input

PRESENTER: Sr Magdalen Mather osb ENQUIRIES: 02 42 360533

DAILY ATTENDANCE: The cost for this is \$30 per day. Morning and afternoon tea provided and you are asked to bring your own lunch.

Saturday 12th March 5.30pm.....Thanksgiving to God
Sunday 13th March 8.00amMsgn Philip. Thuong (RIP)
Sunday 13th March 9.30am.....Parish intentions
Sunday 13th March 5.30pm.....Maria Hong Tram (RIP)
Monday 14th March 9.15am.....Patricia Hartin (RIP)
Tuesday 15th March 9.15amFor the Sick
Wednesday 16th March 9.15am.....Vocations
Thursday 17th March 9.15amSr Clemence (RIP)
Friday 18th March 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 19th 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 at **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 10.00 am.**

ANGEL VOICES – FRIDAY 08 APRIL 7.30PM. With a program of music including Mozart, Handel and Vaughan Williams, St Mary Cathedral Choir will bring its seraphic singing to the Angel Place concert hall, offering an experience which is guaranteed to soothe your soul and touch your heart. Two renowned performers will join the Choir for this special evening: soprano **Amelia Farrugia**, one of Australian opera's biggest stars; and virtuoso trumpeter **Paul Goodchild**. Regular concert goers and first timers alike will find something to love in this performance. Angel Voices is your chance to hear this celebrated choir singing its natural repertoire, in the crystal clear acoustic of **City Recital Hall**. Tickets on sale now at **www.cityrecitalhall.com**

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



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