

Palm Sunday 20th March 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 50: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my god, why have you abandoned me?.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 22: 14-23: 56

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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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Christianity is a faith of paradox: leadership through service; greatness through humility; and life through death. The greatest paradox of all is the paradox of the cross. The death of Jesus through the most humiliating form of capital punishment in history would appear to be exactly what the Jewish authorities hoped it would be: the end of the Jesus movement. The ignoble death of a group's leader through public execution is usually enough to bring about the end of any movement. However, Christians know that the death of Jesus is not the end of the story.

His resurrection, that we celebrate at Easter next weekend, is the twist in the tale that means the death of Jesus, rather than being a point of despair, in fact becomes a moment of hope. This difference of expectation is captured in the Lukan account of the crucifixion by the two criminals with whom Jesus is crucified. One joins in the mockery of Jesus, whilst the other recognises the innocence of Jesus and has faith that Jesus will enter into his kingdom. This second criminal acts as an example for all people of faith. He reminds us that those with faith still have to face death and still have to face up to the consequences of their actions, and yet the way we approach death should not be with despair, but rather with hope and confidence that we will share in Christ's resurrection.

The reading of the Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples at the time. They were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, but we know the end of the story! We know that out of this darkness will come light and hope!

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 13/3/16

First: \$ 733.40 **Second:** \$846.25

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 Thank you to the response of volunteers, however we are in need of 4 people to become Catechists— Holsworthy PS (Tuesday) need a Year 5 teacher at 9.55am. 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.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2016 Please return your Project Compassion boxes by next Tuesday as they will be used in the Offertory Procession on Holy Thursday night 24/3/2016.

PARISH NEWS:

***Pastoral Council** – The Pastoral Council would like to thank all those who have contributed their thoughtful and practical ideas via the Suggestion Box. The Pastoral Council has acted upon a number of suggestions including the formation of a youth group, the picture of St Christopher and the new Parish Website (it is worth a visit <http://www.stchristophers.org.au>) to name a few. Currently the Pastoral Council is planning to place a light above the Cross on the front of the Church, install a small fan in the crying room, and perhaps change the working bee to a Saturday afternoon to encourage more volunteers. Which leads to the Pastoral Council question for the month . There are already a number of dedicated parishioners who volunteer their time to cleaning the church, arranging the flowers, being altar servers, commentators and readers but numbers are dwindling. **How can we motivate more people to be volunteers?** If you have any ideas please put your thoughts down on paper and put them in the suggestion box. Thanks*

"CAR BOOT SALE" to be held on Saturday 2nd April from 9.00am to 3.00pm in the Church Car Park. Charges are \$20.00 per Family Car, \$25.00 per Station Wagon or 4 Wheel Drive, \$30.00 per Van or Ute. No Trucks are allowed. More details are in the "Flyer" available in the Church Foyer.

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

IS IT I, LORD? MGL VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND 2016. 15 - 17 April, Friday 7pm to Sunday 2pm 6 Boake Place, Garran ACT. For men seeking to know God's will for their life. Come join the Missionaries of God's Love priests and brothers for a weekend of prayer, reflection and brotherhood to help you discern your vocation. \$20 donation, Accommodation and meals provided.

Enquiries: frkenmgl@gmail.com or davemgl@yahoo.com.au www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org.

Saturday 19th March 5.30pm.....John Duncan (RIP)
Sunday 20th March 8.00amSpecial Intention (Frank Ilankovan)
Sunday 20th March 9.30am.....Parish intentions
Sunday 20th March 5.30pm.....Maria Hong Tram (RIP)

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd March of Holy Week:

Mass: 9.15am

Reconciliation: 9.45am – 10.15am

Thursday of Holy Week 24th March

There will be no Reconciliation today

Chrim Mass at St Mary's Cathedral: 10.30am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Christopher's: 7.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday: 25th March

Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm

- I. Liturgy of the Word
- II. Veneration of the Cross
- III. Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday 26th March

The Easter Vigil: 7.00pm

- I. Service of Light
- II. Liturgy of the Word
- III. Blessing of Water
- IV. Liturgy of the Eucharist
- V. Concluding Rite

Easter Sunday 27th March:

Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am

There will be NO evening Mass

We Pray For The Sick

Frank Ilankovan, 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.*

