

Second Sunday of Easter

3rd April 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5: 12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading from the book of the Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to John 20: 19-31

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Saints of the Week

The Annunciation of the Lord (**Mon 4/4**)

St Vincent Ferrer (**Tues 5/4**)

St John Baptist de la Salle (**Thurs 7/4**)

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

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

ALTAR SERVERS: Rev. Mr. Al Salu 0416 842 669

ROSARY MAKERS GUILD: Cyril Ferriere 9825 2008

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

Parish Priest: Rev. Thanh Quang Nguyen
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Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. Al Salu
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The disciples did not purge their group of 'doubting Thomas'. They remained his companions, waiting for something or Someone to be revealed to him with them.

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He *is* those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

Fr. Michael Tate

Parish Collections 27/3/16

First: \$ 1,417.40 **Second:** \$818.35

Good Friday's—Holy Land Donations: \$1,622.30

Easter Offerings: \$1,861.30

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 We are still in need of **5 people to become Catechists**— Hammondville PS (Tuesday 9am need a Kindergarten teacher, 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 as soon as possible.



PYX If there are any parishioners other than Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Commentators who have asked Fr. Thanh for a PYX to administer the Eucharist to a family member or a loved one. Please speak with Fr. Thanh after Mass as he recently handed 6 new PYX's and none have been returned.

Fr. Thomas Alukka is on leave from Monday 4th April—Thursday 5th May 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*

ST CHRISTOPHER'S YOUTH GROUP Youth and Young Adults Meet 'n Greet is this Sunday, 3rd April, 2016 6:30pm (After 5:30pm Mass) in the Parish Hall Please email marie.teriana@gmail.com to RSVP with name and contact number

HOURS OF GRACE (24 HOURS Perpetual Blessed Sacrament Adoration)

Date: Saturday 16th April at 10.00am to Tuesday 19th April at 9am.

Starting and ending with Holy Mass.

Initiated by Jesus Youth Sydney, for further details contact: Jomon 0421 938 002, Varghese 0469 706 612

Saturday 2nd April 7.00pm.....Special Intention (Jeffery Crouche)
Sunday 3rd April 8.00amNorma Mezentsef (RIP)
Sunday 3rd April 9.30am.....Parish Intentions
Sunday 3rd April 5.30pm.....Special Intention (Kevin Madden)
Monday 4th April**No Morning Mass**.....
Tuesday 5th April 9.15am.....Vocations
Wednesday 6th April 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 7th April 9.15am.....Sr Clemence Phu (RIP)
Friday 8th April **9.00am**.....Australian troupes serving overseas
Saturday 9th April**No Morning Mass**.....

WALK WITH CHRIST POSTPONED. Due to complications associated with the Light Rail works in the CBD, the decision has been taken to postpone the annual Eucharistic Procession, Walk With Christ, to a time close to the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday 20 November 2016). This will allow us to close the Year of Mercy with the Eucharistic Procession. His Grace also hopes that he might be able to accompany the procession in November. We are extremely grateful for the efforts of the personnel at Sydney's Transport Management Centre for the collaborative way in which they have engaged with us and we are hopeful of resolving a suitable route for November.

Come & See how a gift to **CatholicCare** can help transform lives. Visit the Norma Parker Respite Centre , 76 Hampden Road Lakemba on 8 April, enjoy a light lunch and learn about how the Centre provides respite care to people with an intellectual disability from this local area, and their families and carers. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** Call 9509 1111 E: fundraise@catholiccare.org www.catholiccare.org

CONCLUSION OF THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE. A Mass to mark the conclusion of the Year of Consecrated Life will be held at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am on **Saturday, 09 April 2016.** All are invited to attend this special Mass to give thanks for the gift of Consecrated Life and the contribution of religious women and men to the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Want to get a head start in your career and get your HSC? Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College (SCCVC) is a state-of-the-art, co-educational Catholic Secondary College for Years 11-12 students. Each student undertakes study that leads to a HSC with a focus on practical, hands-on, industry-based learning.

Open Afternoon and Prospective Student Briefing
Tuesday 3 May 2016 4.00pm – 7.30pm ALL WELCOME!
17 Comer St Burwood NSW 2134 ph.: 8372 4400 fax.: 8372 4401
www.sccvc.nsw.edu.au

We Pray For The Sick

Jeff Crouche, Frank Ilankovan, Kevin Madden, Erica Garcia Leon, Nahui Miranda, Christian Miranda Flores, & Carmen Miranda Flores.



Recently Deceased

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