

Third Sunday of Easter

10th April 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading from the book of the Apocalypse 5: 11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to John 21: 1-19

Communion Antiphon: Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

Saints of the Week

St Stanislaus (Mon 11/4)

St Martin I (Wed 13/4)

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

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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

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

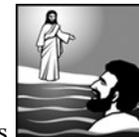
Parish Priest:	Rev. Thanh Quang Nguyen
Assistant Priest:	Rev. Thomas Alukka
Permanent Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Al Salu
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The threefold response of Peter: 'Yes, you know I love you', balances his threefold denial of any association with Our Lord: 'I do not know the man.'

It is very clear that some of the clergy and some bishops have effectively denied Christ either by their abuse of vulnerable people, or by cover-up afterwards. In the light of this fact, the Pope, successor of St Peter, cannot simply 'go fishing'. It cannot be back to 'business as usual'.

Pope Francis has commanded Church authorities to vigorously deal with the phenomenon of sexual abuse. He has insisted on due proceedings against the guilty. He requires the Church to provide pastoral assistance to those who have suffered abuse.

The Church's only hope of being well-shepherded through this crisis lies in Pope Francis answering the challenge of the Risen Lord using the same words as St Peter, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love You.'

'I love *You*', more than the institution, more than prestige, more than pain for the Church which is nothing compared with the pain suffered by the victims of abuse.

We might pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he will always act as the shepherd who knows how to love the Risen Lord too evidently still bearing wounds in his body.

Fr. Michael Tate

Parish Collections 1/4/2016

First: \$440.55 **Second:** \$527.50

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.

PARISH NEWS:

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.



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

The Parish Fund Raising Committee wishes to thank all the volunteers and parishioners who participated in the recent "Car Boot Sale". Although it was not successful from a financial point of view, we received a number of positive feed-back and made some new friends. The role of the Parish Fund Raising Committee is to raise funds to cover the short fall in the week-end Mass collections which is utilised in the upkeep of the Church and Presbytery. The long term goal is to raise sufficient funds for a deposit to build a new and bigger church. We encourage the Parishioners of St. Christopher's to support us to ensure our Parish remains financially viable. We shall keep you posted of our next fund raising activity and in the mean time if you have any suggestions on fund raising ideas please feel free to put it on paper and drop it in the "Suggestion Box" in the foyer of the church. Thank-you.

Can you give an hour a week to help someone who is lonely? **Compeer** within the **St Vincent de Paul Society** matches volunteers in friendship with people living with a mental illness. Your supportive friendship can make a real and long-lasting difference to your friend's quality of life by reducing the stigma associated with mental illness and providing an opportunity to enjoy social outings together.

Compeer volunteers spend one hour per week for 12 months with their new friend enjoying social activities in your local area (eg catching up over a coffee or taking a walk in the park – you can both decide together what you would like to do each week). No experience necessary as full training and support is provided.

Due to our waiting list for participants in need of a friend, Compeer is currently recruiting male and female volunteers aged 45 years and over. For more information please phone Cathleen on 8622 0303, email compeer@vinnies.org.au or visit www.compeer.org.au

Saturday 9th April 5.300pm.....Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)
Sunday 10th April 8.00amJoan Bruszewski (RIP)
Sunday 10th April 9.30am..... Sr Clemence Phu .(RIP)
Sunday 10th April 5.30pm..... Vincent Hung (RIP)
Monday 11th April 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 12th April **10.00am..... Funeral Mass—Mark Cavallaro**
Wednesday 13th April 9.15am.....Rex Hartin (RIP)
Thursday 14th April 9.15am..... Parish Intentions
Friday 15th April 9.15am.....Australian troupes serving overseas
Saturday 16th April **No Morning Mass.....**

ANZAC VIGIL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE. The ANZAC Solemn Vigil Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Cathedral will be held on **Sunday, 24 April 2016 at 6.00pm.** The Mass will be offered for peace, and for the lives and service of the Australian Defence Force members. All are welcome to attend and pay their respects to the Fallen, and to pray for those who serve or have served the nation in a military or civilian capacity in the defence of Australia.

CALLING ALL UNI STUDENTS! Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each uni has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus. Visit: www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.

PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY – St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door. *"The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life".* Pope Francis . Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. For more information see www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy

WYD Registrations Close 16 April. Calling Young Adults aged 18-35. There are less than 4 weeks until registrations close for World Youth Day Poland. The Sydney pilgrimages are filling up and there are only limited places so encourage your young adults to think about this opportunity. Help and support any young people (aged 18-35) to be a part of this life changing event. To lock in a place young people need to register and put down their \$500 deposit as soon as possible. To register go to, www.wyd2016.com.au. For all other information about the Sydney pilgrimages visit, www.catholicyouthservices.org or email wyd@catholicyouthservices.org

We Pray For The Sick

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



Recently Deceased

Mark Cavallaro

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