

Fourth Sunday of Easter

17th April 2016

Entrance Antiphon: The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13: 14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading from the book of the Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to John 10: 27-30

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Saints of the Week

St Anselm (Thur 21/4)

St George and St Adalbert (Sat 23/4)

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

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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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Rev. Mr. Al Salu

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You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

Fr. Michael Tate

Parish Collections 10/4/2016

First: \$815.80 **Second:** \$1,137.35

Dear Parishioners,

Should any of you wish to contribute to the Planned Giving envelopes there are forms in the church foyer, We need your contribution. Please complete & place on any of the collections plates and the Parish Office will contact you.

CATECHISTS Your next meeting is Monday 2nd may at 10am in the Parish Hall. Any parishioners wishing to know more about becoming a Catechist please come to this meeting.

PARISH NEWS:

Perpetual Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament organized by a group of young people "Jesus Youth".
Excellent initiation! All parishioners are invited.

From 10:00am Saturday 16th April 2016 to 9:00am Tuesday 19th April 2016

Please take as many times as you can to come to worship Jesus present in this top sacrament, to ask for spiritual help for our community, our families, the coming Synod on October this year and specially for those who dedicate their lives to serve the Church.

We are calling earnestly young people and children—may the parents encourage there children. Thank you.

Working Bee: *The next working bee is scheduled for SATURDAY 30 April from 1pm until 4pm. You will note that a Saturday has be chosen on this occasion in the hope of attracting a few more volunteers. If you can spare just an hour or two to help the small group of dedicated parishioners who help maintain the Church ground, it would be much appreciated. There is a clip board in the Church Foyer where you can leave your details.*



VOLUNTEERS are needed to help clean the church on a regular monthly basis, can you help? Please contact Luz Maravillas on 9825 6281

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

Saturday 16th April 5.300pm.....Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)
Sunday 17th April 8.00amIan Ferns (RIP)
Sunday 17th April 9.30am..... Sr Clemence Phu (RIP)
Sunday 17th April 5.30pm..... Vincent Hung (RIP)
Monday 18th April 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 19th April 9.15amMargaret Reynolds (RIP)
Wednesday 20th April 9.15am.....Antoinette Rajakariar (RIP)
Thursday 21st April 9.15am.....Most Rev. William Murray (RIP)
Friday 22nd April 9.15am.....Special Intentions
Saturday 23rd 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.

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

As the seasons change, the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to advise that its annual Winter Appeal will be held on the first weekend in June.

There is a saying, *“you can only take out of the bucket what goes into the bucket.”* Well Holsworthy parishioners have always been generous and filled our buckets on appeal days, knowing the Society *“receives”* only so that it can *“give”*.

Vincentians strive to seek out and find those in need and the forgotten, the victims of exclusion or adversity. Unfortunately there are these *“hidden poor,”* those in need who for whatever reason won’t ask for help. If you happen to know them then please let us know.

We Pray For The Sick

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



Recently Deceased

Ian Ferns, Mark Cavallaro

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