

Pentecost Sunday

15th May 2016

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading from letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 8-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to John 14: 15-16, 23-26

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Saints of the Week

St John 1, Pope, martyr (**Wed 18/5**) St Bernardine of Siena (**Fri 20/5**)
St Christopher Magallanes, priest and companions, martyrs. (**Sat 21/5**)

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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Rev. Thanh Quang Nguyen

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Rev. Thomas Alukka

Permanent Deacon:

Rev. Mr. Al Salu

Pastoral Support

Sr. Helen Madden *rsj*

Secretary:

Mrs. Anne Bennell

Parish Office Hours

Mon 10.00am—3.00pm

Tues & Thurs 9.00am—3.00pm

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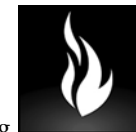
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The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples and energising them to set about their mission of continuing the ministry of Jesus. The gospel reading is one of the post-resurrection appearances by Jesus when he breathed the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. The actual events of that first Pentecost are recorded in the book of Acts and are recalled in this week's first reading. The use of this post-resurrection gospel account is a reminder that Jesus had already imbued the disciples with the Spirit but, as so often throughout his ministry, they were a bit slow to catch on to the significance of what he had done. It seems that they needed a more tangible experience to jolt them into action and Acts records the very physical experience of the Spirit entering their midst as a roaring wind before settling upon them as tongues of flame. Jesus had breathed the Spirit upon them but it took the roaring wind to make a real impression on the disciples. There are frequent references in the gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that we receive sacramentally in Confirmation.

For the weeks following the death of Jesus the disciples had lived in fear and confusion, not fully understanding what had happened and not really knowing what to do. When they realised that the Spirit Jesus had breathed upon them was really present and urging them to action they finally had the courage to begin the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 8/5/2016

First: \$832.20 **Second:** \$694.10

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.

PARISH NEWS:

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016 - First Holy Communion Program— We are still urgently seeking parents to volunteer as Group Leaders for this year's program. We are expecting 82 children to enrol, but presently we only have enough Group leaders to cater for 66. Therefore 16 children will miss out on receiving their First Holy Communion this year if we do not get more parents to volunteer.

If you are a parent whose child will be receiving this Sacrament, please consider being a Group Leader. Please contact Cath Flavell, our co-ordinator on 0416 120 404 or cdmflavell@optusnet.com.au. All resources & full support and guidance is provided.

Enrolments for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be held over 2 weekends. Saturday Vigil Masses 5.30pm 4th & 11th June and Sunday evening Masses 5.30pm 5th & 12th June. After these Masses there will be people handing out the enrolment forms. These forms need to be returned to the Parish Office no later than Thursday 23rd June 2016. For further details relating to this Sacrament please visit our website: www.stchristophers.org.au

Youth Group Update

The next Youth Event will be held this Sunday, 15th May, 6:30pm (after the Mass) to 8pm in the Parish Hall. Young people ages 11-21 are welcome to join. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please contact Marie at marie.teriana@gmail.com to rsvp. See you there!

CLOUD OF UNKNOWING. Presented by Bishop David Walker at The Centre for Christian Spirituality, 14 Frances St, Randwick. Dates: **Wednesday nights 8, 15, 22, 29 June - 7.00-8.30pm.** Course Cost: \$40. For Direct Bookings: Sally 9398 2211 or sally@thecentre.com.au.

HEALING MASS AND RETREAT to be conducted on **Sat, 28** 9.00am – 5.00pm and **Sun, 29** 2.00 – 5.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz Street, Rockdale. Organised by Jesus Light of the World. Further details are outlined www.jlowcom.org.

CONFERENCE: "Violence in the Name of Religion...: Conference of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion". ACU is hosting an international conference in July on the topic of religious violence. **Wednesday, 13 July – Sunday, 17 July 2016.**

St Patrick's Campus (Melbourne), Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. The conference is open to academics, professionals, religious practitioners, military, police, and anyone interested in engaging this topic in respectful dialogue. For more information or to register, please visit the conference website: <http://www.acu.edu.au/covr2016>. Inquiries: +61 3 9953 3169 or covr2016.FTP@acu.edu.au

Saturday 14th May 5.30pm.....Norman Kane.(RIP)
Sunday 15th May 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 15th May 9.30am.....Thomas Joseph (RIP)
Sunday 15th May 5.30pm.....Benjamin Petricher (RIP)
Monday 16th May 9.15am.....Special Intention
Tuesday 17th May 9.15amFor the Sick
Wednesday 18th May 9.15am.....Martin Lobo (RIP)
Thursday 19th May 9.15am.....Vocations
Friday 20th May 9.15am.....Gordon Leran (RIP)
Saturday 21st May..... **No Morning Mass**

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

THE ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING is on again, with expert speakers and practitioner-lead workshops, this enjoyable day will be on caring for creation and caring for our common home. Come along and learn how you could be living Laudato Si'. Renew old acquaintances, meet new friends and enjoy the great tucker! **Registration essential.** When: **Saturday, 4 June, 2016** Time: **10:30 am – 3:30 pm** Where: St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick Street, Leichardt North, Cost: FREE, including the lunch and refreshments provided. **For more information and to register** go to www.justiceandpeace.org.au or call **9307 8465.**

"SAME-SEX MARRIAGE AFFECTS EVERYONE." Presented by Dr Jennifer Morse from the USA on Wednesday, **18 May** at 7.30pm. Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcome. All Welcome. **Info: Christopher Gordon,** Life, Marriage and Family Centre Sydney Ph: **9307 8402.**

FUNDRAISING DINNER. The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP) is pleased to invite you to a fundraising dinner on **16 July** at The Lemnos Club, Belmore, with **Fr Peter Joseph** as Guest Speaker. The dinner will raise funds on behalf of the seminarians from Ezechiel House Novitiate, Petersham. We aim to raise \$125,000 to cover the larger part of the anticipated expenditure for the formation. Tickets are \$80/person, including a four-course meal and drinks. **Bookings close 24 June.** Please reserve your tickets on-line: fssp.net/dinner, or [make a donation](#). For more information, please email dinner@fssp.net or call **Teresa: 0413 041 930.**

We Pray For The Sick

Jeff Crouche, Frank Ilankovan, Kevin Madden, & Erica Garcia Leon

Anniversaries—Norman Kane, Martin Lobo, Gordon Leran, Benjamin Petricher, Joseph Thomas



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them