

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

22nd May 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for her has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading from the book of Proverbs 8: 22-31

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Second Reading from letter of St Paul to the Romans 5: 1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to John 16: 12-15

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, and the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Saints of the Week

Our Lady Help of Christians—Patroness of Australia (Tues 24/5)
St Philip Neri (Thurs 26/5)

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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EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Fr. Thanh 9825 1679

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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

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Rev. Mr. Al Salu

Pastoral Support

Sr. Helen Madden *rsj*

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Parish Office Hours

Mon 10.00am—3.00pm

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In the Gospel of John, today's reading appears as part of the rather lengthy Last Supper discourse that runs from chapter 13 to chapter 17.

The discourse is a centrepiece of this particular gospel. In it, Jesus speaks a number of times about the coming of the Holy Spirit. The portion that makes up today's reading comes from a slightly longer passage about the sending of the Spirit (16:4-15).

Throughout the Last Supper discourse, the Holy Spirit is identified as Gift and Love. The Spirit is the Gift that will be sent by the Father and by the Son so that the world may continue to experience the Love of the Father and the Son. In the discourse, Jesus calls on the disciples to love one another with the same love that they had experienced from him – the love of God. To assist the disciples to continue to love with the same love of God and Jesus, the Spirit is sent to them. The Holy Spirit is the lasting expression of the divine love that had previously been experienced through the Father and the Son. The discourse makes it very clear that the Spirit will continue the work of Jesus.

Today's passage has Jesus saying to the disciples that there is still so much that he has to say to them, to teach them. But the disciples are not ready to receive everything in the time that Jesus has remaining. So to continue the teaching of Jesus and to continue the expression of Love, the Father and the Son will send the Spirit. It was the sending of the Spirit that we celebrated last week in the feast of Pentecost and it is the unity of Father, Son and Spirit that we celebrate this week in Trinity Sunday.

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 15/5/2016

First: \$760.45 **Second:** \$766.30

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.

PARISH NEWS:

The Parish and Pastoral Council encourages and welcomes you to be a volunteer in any of the Parish Ministries and Social groups.

Currently the Parish is in need of volunteers to help clean the church. This involves dusting, vacuuming and some general cleaning and takes two people on average about 1 hour. If you can spare a little time, please contact Luz Maravillas on 9825 6281.

Benefits of Volunteering: *To be a volunteer can bring meaning and purpose to your life. It increases self-esteem and wellbeing, relieves stress, help symptoms of depression, all whilst helping the community.*

- Volunteering can:** *1: enhance a sense of achievement and purpose,*
- 2: helps feeling a part of a community,*
- 3: helps share your skills, learn new skills and create a better work-life balance,*
- 4: helps combat loneliness, social isolation ,*
- 5: helps to meet new people, helping you feel connected and valued.*

Working Bee: *The next working bee is scheduled for SATURDAY 18 June from 1pm until 4pm. 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.*

MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)— Ministering at Nursing Home/ Hostel (Hammondville), Fr. Thanh would like to know who these Ministers are. So those who are involved please let him know as soon as possible.

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 70.*

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

Saturday 21st May 5.30pm..... David Brady (RIP)
 Sunday 22nd May 8.00am Parish Intentions
 Sunday 22nd May 9.30am..... Dominga Maravillas (RIP)
 Sunday 22nd May 5.30pm..... Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)
 Monday 23rd May 9.15am..... Mary Gilchrist (RIP)
 Tuesday 24th May 9.15am For the Sick
 Wednesday 25th May 9.15am..... Australian troupes serving overseas
 Thursday 26th May 9.15am..... Vocations
 Friday 27th May 9.00am..... **School Hall**
 Saturday 28th 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.**

LIVERPOOL CATHOLIC CLUB 46th Annual Members Mass will be celebrated at Liverpool All Saints Church on Sunday 5th June 2016, Mass will commence at 11.00am. At the conclusion of Mass a luncheon will be served in the function Centre of the Club followed by entertainment. Admittance to the luncheon is by ticket only \$38.00 per member. Bookings are essential, tickets are available from the club.

Bethlehem College Ex-Students' Association Annual Reunion will be held on Sunday, 19th June 2016. All former students and staff of Bethlehem College, Ashfield, are warmly invited to attend. The day will commence with Mass at 10am in St Vincent’s Church. Tea and Coffee will be provided in the College Hall from 11.30am prior to the light luncheon. The invitation with RSVP and payment details, along with the application form for joining the Association, are on the College website under What’s Happening then under Ex-Students. www.bethlehemcollege.nsw.edu.au Further information contact bethlehemexstudents@gmail.com or 0409 986 740

We Pray For The Sick

Jeff Crouche, Frank Ilankovan & Erica Garcia Leon

Recently Deceased: Tulia Fainuu

Anniversaries: Dominga Maravillas, Karen Duncan

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

