

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

29th May 2016

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading from the book of Genesis 14: 18-20

Responsorial Psalm: You are the priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 11: 23-26

— *Sequence (short form) — on the screen*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord, whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 9: 11-17

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Saints of the Week

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (**Tues 31/5**)
St Justin (**Wed 1/6**) The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (**Fri 3/6**)

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

Parish Priest:

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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The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the central celebration of Christianity – the Eucharist. All three readings relate to this Eucharistic theme. In the second reading, we have the first written account of the Last Supper and what came to be seen as Jesus instigating the Eucharist. Paul's account, written well before the gospels, was entrenched in the tradition by the time the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke echoed these words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Of course, it is these same words that are spoken by the priest at the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer each Mass. The words used today are the very same words that have been used in the Church for two millennia.

Rather than a gospel account of the Last Supper to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are presented with what is widely regarded as another 'eucharistic' story from the gospel of Luke. The feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish is regarded as a eucharistic story because it was a clear example of God's presence in a miraculous meal. All of the meal stories in the gospel of Luke are instructive for the audience. Whenever the gospel writer refers to a meal, the meal is used to teach about the reign of God. The gospel writer uses meals to demonstrate who is welcome in the reign of God. Like in today's gospel, the author of Luke's gospel was keen to show that the reign of God is available to anyone who wishes to be a part of it. The reign of God is inclusive and welcoming; no one will be turned away.

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 22/5/2016

First: \$ 703.05 **Second:** \$793.05

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.*



St Christopher's Parish Fundraising Committee warmly invites you to the

“inaugural Bingo day”

*and sausage sizzle on **Sunday, 26 June** after the 9:30am Mass. There are plenty of prizes to win at this family friendly event. Bingo cards are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and are good for the 8 bingo games. Each bingo card comes with a free raffle ticket good for multiple raffle draws on the day.*

All profits will go towards the maintenance and running costs of the Church. Contact Ray Villarica 0400 353 531 to reserve places and purchase bingo cards.

Saturday 28th May 5.30pm.....Alice Thomas (RIP)
 Sunday 29th May 8.00amParish Intentions
 Sunday 29th May 9.30am.....Madden family (RIP)
 Sunday 29th May 5.30pm.....Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)
 Monday 30th May 9.15am.....Special Intention (Lilian Spicer)
 Tuesday 31st May 9.15amFor the Sick
 Wednesday 1st June 9.15am.....Australian troupes serving overseas
 Thursday 2nd June**No Morning Mass**.....
 Friday 3rd June **9.00am**.....**School Hall the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart**
 Saturday 4th June..... **No Morning Mass**

Enrolments for First Holy Communion at St. Christopher’s Holsworthy will be held over the next 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

The Archdiocese of Sydney has arranged for special screenings of the new 3D documentary “St Peter’s and the Papal Basilicas of Rome 3D” at Dendy Cinemas Circular Quay on **Monday, 20 June 2016 at 1pm and 3pm.**

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by phone or mail. No tickets will be sold on the day. The price includes 3D glasses and is subsidised.

The film is also on general release from 18 June 2016.

The film takes you on a journey through the four Papal Basilicas in Rome and their treasures: St Peter’s, St John in the Lateran, St Mary Major and St Paul Outside the Walls.

Four majestic buildings... There is a poster in the church foyer.

BOOKINGS ☎1800 753 959. See Catholic weekly for details.

THERE IS NO MAGIC SOLUTION TO POVERTY. IT TAKES COMPASSION, COMMITMENT AND MONEY.

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting its annual

Winter Appeal next weekend: Saturday 4th June and Sunday 5th June.

Can you add a little comfort, dignity and hope for people facing a cold, bleak winter? Donations can be made in the envelopes available on the church pews next weekend.

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY will hold a Course Information Evening from 5.30pm

Wednesday, 01 June at 140 Broadway, Chippendale, for prospective students looking to start or continue university study in July this year or in 2017.

Please call **02 8204 4404** or go to sydney@nd.edu.au for further information.

We Pray For The Sick

Lilian Spicer, Frank Ilankovan & Erica Garcia Leon

Recently Deceased: Tulia Fainuu

Anniversaries: Alice Thomas



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