

Tenth Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 5th June 2016

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

First Reading from the first book of Kings 17: 17-24Genesis 14: 18-20

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

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Galatians 1: 11-19

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 7: 11-17

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

Saints of the Week

St Norbert & St Marcellin Champagnat (Mon 6/6)

St Ephrem (Thurs 9/6)

St Barnabas, apostle (Sat 11/6)

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

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Because of the way the Liturgical Calendar works, we very rarely get to celebrate the 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year C, and so, very rarely get to hear this particular gospel passage about the widow of Nain. On first reading, the passage recounts an extraordinary resuscitation miracle by Jesus – raising a young man to life; literally from his funeral bier. A closer and more sensitive reading of the text suggests that it is not only the young man but also his mother who is returned to life.

The text is explicit that the dead man was his mother's only son and that she was a widow. She has lost her husband and now has lost her only male family member. In 1st Century culture this meant that she had lost her only means of support, her livelihood and her home. Without a man in the family she will become outcast within the society. Her son's death meant poverty, rejection and effectively the end of her life. When Jesus encounters the funeral procession it is noted that 'a considerable number of the townspeople were with her'. Our automatic assumption is that these people were part of the funeral and were mourning the widow's loss. Another interpretation is that the crowd is actually there to banish the widow from the town as she no longer has any means of support.

After raising the young man, Jesus 'gave him to his mother'. By restoring the young man to his mother, Jesus is effectively also restoring the life of the widow. It is an act of deep compassion by Jesus, not only in response to the woman's grief but also in response to her sudden perilous situation. In one act Jesus restores two lives.

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 29/5/2016

First: \$ 786.95 **Second:** \$856.60

Understanding Parish Collections:

First Collection—Money collected from the collection support the needs of priests of the parish which includes, the priests' monthly salary, Upkeep of the presbytery, e.g. food, utilities, cleaner etc. A small percentage to cover the expenses of the Archbishop especially in caring for elderly priests.

Second Collection—Money from this collection supports the maintenance of the parish buildings and pastoral programs. The parish must work within its own budget and is unable to draw funds for expenses from any source other than its own parish income. Loans for church works are permitted as long as they can be service. Some of the expenses covered are: Parish running costs, e.g. administration, insurance, utilities, general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery and parish property. Parish staff salary including superannuation. Priests' car expenses, Charitable Works fund shortfall. The collection combines income from planned giving envelopes & cash on plates. Further information is supplied in the brochure which is in the church foyer, please take one home.

If any parishioner wishes 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 11:30pm to 3:30pm. Sausage sizzle to start after the 9:30am Mass.

There are plenty of prizes to win at this family friendly event. Bingo cards are on sale for \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and are good for the all bingo games. Each card comes with a free raffle ticket. Contact Ray Villarica 0400 353 531 to purchase bingo cards or to volunteer to help with the event."



Saturday 4th June 5.30pm.....Charlie Huet (RIP)
Sunday 5th June 8.00amNorma Mezentsef (RIP)
Sunday 5th June 9.30am.....Parish Intentions
Sunday 5th June 5.30pm.....David Lowe (RIP)
Monday 6th June 9.15am.....Vocations
Tuesday 7th June 9.15amFor the Sick
Wednesday 8th June 9.15am.....Australian troupes serving overseas
Thursday 9th June 9.15amSouls in Purgatory
Friday 10th June 9.15am.....Rev Peter Hien (RIP)
Saturday 11th June..... **No Morning Mass**

Enrolments for First Holy Communion 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. Further details relating to this Sacrament please visit our website: www.stchristophers.org.au*

ST. VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL, Today. Can you add a little comfort, dignity and hope for people facing a cold, bleak winter? Donations can be made in the envelopes available in the church pews, please give them to the Vinnies' collectors in the foyer of the Church as you are leaving. Thank you.

CATECHISTS Parishioners would you consider sharing your Faith with children in our 3 State Schools. This is an urgent appeal for volunteers, as we are in need of **7 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 6 at 10.30am. We have 3 Catechist's temporarily taking an extra class each week, so our children can hear the Good News. On going training and support is given. Please call the parish office for further details 9825 1679.

SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN on discernment and the priesthood led by Fr Greg Morgan. The retreat will be on **24-26 June** at Mt Shoenstatt, Mulgoa. To enquire or register go to www.vocationcentre.org.au.

HEALING AND HOPE AFTER ABORTION: Dr Theresa Burke. Theresa Burke, founder of Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, will speak about her work at St Joseph's church, Newtown (cnr Bedford and Station Sts) on Tuesday, **07 June from 7-9pm**. She has brought hope to thousands of women and men around the world who have suffered stress and grief after an abortion experience. **The next retreat** in Sydney will be on **July 22-24**. Details: rachelvineyard.org.au or call **0400 092 555** or email: info@rachelvineyard.org.au.

We Pray For The Sick

Lilian Spicer, Frank Ilankovan & Erica Garcia Leon

Anniversaries: Charlie Huet & David Lowe

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

