

**Eleventh Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C      12th June 2016**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**First Reading from the second book of Samuel 12: 7-10, 13**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

**Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Galatians 2: 16, 19-21**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins,. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 7: 36-8: 3**

**Communion Antiphon:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

*Saints of the Week*  
St Anthony of Padua (Mon 13/6)

**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:**

**CATECHISTS:** Louise Hartin 9822 5040

**EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** Fr. Thanh 9825 1679

**READERS & COMMENTATORS :** Lorraine de Lapp 9825 1870

**CHOIRS:** Fr Thanh 9825 1679 & Dianne Pawsey 9771 1738

**RCIA PROGRAM:** Fr. Thanh 9825 1679 & Sr. Helen 9825 1679

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Rev. Mr. Al Salu 0416 842 669

**ROSARY MAKERS GUILD:** Cyril Ferriere 9825 2008

**St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy**

*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality, love and commitment*

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Thanh Quang Nguyen  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev. Thomas Alukka  
**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Al Salu  
**Pastoral Support** Sr. Helen Madden *rsj*  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Anne Bennell  
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**St Christopher's Catholic School**—*Through faith and love we serve*

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We often have the impression that Jesus frequently ate with sinners and outcasts. Whilst this is undoubtedly true (the gospels record the Pharisees as being scandalised by Jesus eating with sinners and tax collectors), many of the gospel stories show Jesus dining with the rich and powerful as well. Today's gospel is an example of this. Jesus is invited to dine at the house of Simon, the Pharisee. However, as in all of these meals with the rich and powerful, the incident serves as an opportunity for Jesus to give his host a lesson about those who are not regarded as welcome at such events.

Jesus chastises Simon that he failed to provide his guest with water to wash his feet, a kiss of greeting, or oil for his head. Whilst this may seem odd to us today, these actions were all the basic requirements of Jewish hospitality. They were basic expectations that a host should fulfil for any guest entering their house – signs of welcome, acceptance and hospitality. Simon has performed none of the duties of hospitality. As a Pharisee, he would normally be a stickler for rules and yet in this instance he has completely overlooked the rules of Jewish hospitality. Is this a deliberate snub to Jesus? Is it the beginning of the hostility of the Pharisees towards Jesus? Rather than Simon the host, a sinful woman who has snuck into the meal performs the actions of hospitality. Jesus points out to Simon that for all his concerns about status and right and wrong actions, it is a woman whom Simon would dismiss as unclean and unworthy who is the one that truly welcomes Jesus and his message.

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

## Parish Collections 5/6/2016

**First:** \$ 652.70 **Second:** \$692.65

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

2016/2017 will be available for collection in the Church foyer from the weekend 25th/26th June 2016. Should any parishioner wishing to contribute to the Planned Giving envelopes there are forms in the foyer to complete. Please call the parish office if you have any queries 9825 1679.

**TAX INVOICE RECEIPTS F/YEAR ending 30/6/2016** there is a sheet in the church foyer to leave your details if you require a receipt. The receipt can only be collected from the Piety stall from the weekend of 9th/10th July 2016.

### 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.

### 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 next **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.*

Saturday 11th June 5.30pm.....Shayne Kolster (RIP)  
Sunday 12th June 8.00am .....Harry Kat (RIP)  
Sunday 12th June 9.30am.....Parish Intentions  
Sunday 12th June 5.30pm.....Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)  
Monday 13th June 9.15am.....Vocations  
Tuesday 14th June 9.15am .....For the Sick  
Wednesday 15th June 9.15am.....Australian troupes serving overseas  
Thursday 16th June 9.15am .....Souls in Purgatory  
Friday 17th June 9.15am.....Rev Peter Hien (RIP)  
Saturday 18th June..... **No Morning Mass**

**Enrolments for First Holy Communion** will be held this Saturday Vigil & Sunday evening Mass 5.30pm. **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](http://www.stchristophers.org.au)*

**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.

**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."



**DEFENDING MARRIAGE CAMPAIGN DAY IN PARRAMATTA.** Saturday, **18 June**. Meet at 8.45am, Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 40 Alice St. Harris Park. Free BBQ lunch to follow. Info, ph: **0411 789 970**

**3D Movie Invite.** The Sydney Archdiocese is hosting screenings of the new movie 'St Peter's and the Papal Basilicas of Rome 3D' at the Dendy Theatre Circular Quay on **20 June at 1pm and 3pm**. Tickets available in advance at \$10 each by phoning **1800 753 959**. (Please Note: Tickets cannot be purchased directly from the cinema).

### We Pray For The Sick

Lilian Spicer, Frank Ilankovan & Erica Garcia Leon

**Anniversaries:** Shayne Kolster

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

