

**Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C**  
**17th July 2016**



**Entrance Antiphon:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul, I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**First Reading from the book of Genesis 18: 1-10**

**Responsorial Psalm:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1: 24-28**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 10: 38-42**

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

*Saints of the Week*

St Apollinaris (Wed 20/7)

St Lawrence of Brindisi, (Thurs 21/7) St Mary Magdalene (Fri 22/7)

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:** Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Monday— Friday 9.15am

**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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Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. This theme has featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks. It is a theme that the writer returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people.

Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus.

On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.

When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

**Parish Collections** 10/7/2016

**First:** \$ 607.90 **Second:** \$747.70

**Conference on the New Evangelisation. “On a Mission of Mercy: Evangelising Parishes”, 1-3 September 2016** PROCLAIM 2016 is for priests and key lay people who want to grow and build their parish through outreach and evangelisation. The theme of this year’s Conference embraces the challenge of Pope Francis for the joyful and pastoral conversion of our parishes. The Keynote Speakers (to date) include **Cardinal Donald Wuerl** (Washington) **Bishop Nicholas Hudson** (Westminster) and **Dr Susan Timoney** (Washington), who will focus on parishes as oases of mercy and centres of missionary outreach. Workshops will provide practical ideas and tools for participants to take back and apply in the parish. For more information on **PROCLAIM 2016**, please contact **Natalia Moutia on (02) 9847 0504** /email [proclaim2016@dbb.org.au](mailto:proclaim2016@dbb.org.au) or visit [www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au)

**TAX INVOICE RECEIPTS F/YEAR ending 30/6/2016** if you have previously given your details for a tax receipt, they are now available from the Piety stall. If not please leave your details on the sheet provided in the church foyer, and they will be ready for collection next weekend.



**Group Leaders are required for the Sacrament of Reconciliation** Parents of children in Year 2 or above who have been Baptised Catholic he/she are eligible to enrol for this Sacrament. Enrolment dates are 20th & 27th Aug after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass & 21st, 28th Aug after Sunday evening mass. However, for this Sacrament to commence we are in great need of 9 Catholic parents to volunteer to become Group Leaders. Please contact the Sacramental

Coordinator Catherine Flavell on 9731 0158 for further details.

**The Western Area Catechist Mass** will be celebrated at St Gertrude’s parish, Smithfield on Friday 22nd July at 11am. The Area Mass presents the opportunity to bring the Western Area together in prayer and unity.

Would you consider sharing your Faith with children in our 3 state schools. This is an urgent appeal for volunteers, please contact the parish office for more details.

The next meeting for our Catechists will be held on Monday 25th July at 10am in the Parish Hall.

**RETREAT WITH FR JACQUES PHILIPPE.** Young men and women (18 - 35 years) seeking to explore their purpose in life have a rare opportunity to attend the Called to Life retreat with Fr Jacques Philippe. Fr Philippe is a member of the Community of the Beatitudes and has many years experience offering spiritual direction and retreats. His writings have become spiritual classics. **Date: 19-21 August 2016** (6pm Friday - 2pm Sunday). **Venue:** Hartzler Park, Bowral. **Cost:** \$220. **Enquiries/registrations:** 9307 8425 or [vocevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocevents@sydneycatholic.org).

**REFLECTION DAY, MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE.** *Centring Prayer*, as taught by Thomas Keating & William Menninger, is the silent prayer of consenting to the presence & action of the Divine Indwelling. This day will provide an opportunity to deepen your practice of prayer in a supportive group experience. Thursday, 04 August or Saturday, 06 August 2016. 10.00am – 3.30pm. BYO lunch. **COST:** \$25.00 **FACILITATOR:** Sue Barker sgs **BOOKINGS BY: Friday, 29 July. PH: 9484 6208** Email: [mtstbenedict@bigpond.com](mailto:mtstbenedict@bigpond.com).

Saturday 16th July 5.30pm.....Melecio De Nava & Andres De Nava (RIP)  
Sunday 17th July 8.00am .....Barry Becroft (RIP)  
Sunday 17th July 9.30am..... Viola Wandrach (RIP)  
Sunday 17th July 5.30pm.....Parish Intentions  
Monday 18th July 9.15am..... Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)  
Tuesday 19th July 9.15am ..... Thuy Tien (RIP)  
Wednesday 20th July 9.15am .....Sr. Clemence (RIP)  
Thursday 21st July 9.15am .....For the sick  
Friday 22nd July **9.00am ...Mass in...School Hall.....**  
Saturday 23rd July **Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30Pm**

**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](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy).

**Canonisation Of Blessed Mother Teresa Of Kolkata** with Father Terry Bell. In the Jubilee Year of Mercy the Archdiocese of Sydney with Domus Australia are offering a 7-night Rome Pilgrimage **30 August – 06 September 2016** to attend the Canonisation of Mother Teresa priced from \$1,990 pp twin share plus airfare. For full details of the Holy Doors, tours and other inclusions phone 1800 753 959 or [www.romepilgrimages.com](http://www.romepilgrimages.com).

**A Chorister Celebration Feat.** The boy-choristers of The Temple Church, London, the boy-choristers of St Mary’s Cathedral and St Andrews Cathedral, Sydney. **Tuesday, 26 July 11.30am-12.45pm.** A rare opportunity to see the world-famous English boy-choristers of The Temple Church in the beautiful St Mary's Cathedral including the boy-choristers of St Mary's Cathedral & St Andrew's Cathedral. Works include music especially written for boys' voices by Benjamin Britten, and others including Vaughan Williams and John Rutter. Also the first time in history that the Cathedral Choirs, two oldest continuing musical institutions in Australia are singing together. Tickets range between \$5-\$15 and can be purchased from <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/39442>.

**St Christopher’s Choirs..** All are invited to a special meeting on Sunday 24th July 2016 at 2:00pm at the Church Hall with Fr. Thanh and Ms Anne Ben-

*We Pray For The Sick*

Arturo Aguilar, Lilian Spicer, Frank Ilankovan & Erica Garcia Leon

*Recently Deceased:*

Viola Wandrach

*Anniversaries:*

Melecio De Nava, Andres De Nava,



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