

Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 31st July 2016

Entrance Antiphon: O God come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 12: 13-21

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Saints of the Week

St Alphonsus Liguori (**Mon 1/8**)
St Eusebius of Vercelli, & St Peter Julian Eymard, (**Tues 2/8**)
St Dominic (**Wed 3/8**) St John Vianney (**Thur 4/8**)
Transfiguration of the Lord (**Sat 6/8**)

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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St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.

Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

Fr. Greg Sunter



Parish Collections 24/7/2016

First: \$ 570.50 **Second:** \$701.70

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.



**MASS & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
On 1st Friday of the month.**

Parishioners a reminder that next Friday 5th August, there will be the First Friday Mass at 9:15am and 7:00pm following Adoration (Sing—praise—worship) led by Jesus Youth Sydney from 8pm—11pm with Fr. Thanh’s guiding. All are invited.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION This weekend, **75 children** will be commencing their preparations for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Over the next six weeks, these children will be guided by their Group Leaders. We thank the 13 parents who have stepped forward to be our Group Leaders for this year. The candidates will be supported by their parents’ help, their good example and encouragement

to continue their journey in faith as members of our church community. Please keep our candidates and their families throughout their preparation period in your prayers.

GROUP LEADERS NEEDED FOR



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Thank you to a few parents who have come forward to volunteer to become Group Leaders. However, we require 5 more Catholic parents to volunteer to become Group Leaders for this Sacrament to commence. Enrolment dates are 20th & 27th Aug after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass & 21st, 28th Aug after Sunday evening mass. Please contact the Sacramental Coordinator

Catherine Flavell on 9731 0158 for further details. Parents of children in Year 2 or above who have been Baptised Catholic he/she are eligible to enrol for this Sacrament.

The Parish Fund Raising Committee is holding a **FOOD & FLEA MARKET** (mini Fete) on **Saturday 17th September 2016** from 9.00am to 3.00pm in the Parish Hall and Church Grounds. There shall be Multi-Cultural Food Stalls, Sausage Sizzle, Coffee and Cakes, Sweets, Pot Plants, Trash and Treasure and Games. It will be a family day out so come along and have fun. We are initially appealing for Pot Plants to be prepared now so they are established by the date. For more information please contact George Leung on phone 98254219 or the Parish Office on 9825 1679.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL – 07 AUGUST. Next weekend our parish will be asking for your support for this appeal. The CWF provides social, training and advocacy programs throughout the Sydney Archdiocese communities. Your generous donation would be of great benefit and much appreciated. Thank you in advance. There will be envelopes in the church pews, donations over \$2.00 are Tax deductible.

Saturday 30th July 5.30pm.....Special Intention Patrick Madden
Sunday 31st July 8.00amSpecial Intention Peter Sidgreaves
Sunday 31st July 9.30am.....Parish Intentions
Sunday 31st July 5.30pm.....Fr. Jacques Hemel (RIP)
Monday 1st Aug 9.15am.....John & Maria (RIP)
Tuesday 2nd Aug 9.15am Vocations
Wednesday 3rd Aug 9.15amC Peter (RIP)
Thursday 4th Aug 9.15amSpecial Intention Arturo Aguilar
Friday 5th Aug 9.15am Australian troupes serving overseas
Saturday 6th Aug **Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK. Next Sunday is the beginning of *National Vocations Awareness Week*. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for vocations of all the baptised as the laity have an important role in the life of the Church. Resources on exploring/discerning a vocation are available at:

www.vocationcentre.org.au.

FAMILY DAY WITH FR JACQUES PHILIPPE. All are welcome to a Family Day with Fr Jacques Philippe on Sunday, **28 August 2016**. The day includes Mass, talks by Fr Jacques, and lunch (please bring a picnic blanket; other arrangements are in place in case of inclement weather). 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. Costs is \$20 per person (singles/couples); \$40 (families with 3 or fewer children); \$60 (families with 4 or more children).

Registration is essential as places are limited. Register at www.vocationcentre.org.au/home/events-news/events or on **9307 8425**.

JCP TOURS—Being Catholic in Vietnam is an eye opening 14day tour of Northern and Southern Vietnam 18/11/2016—1/12/2016 there is a notice on the church bulletin for further information contact Walter Pearson 0424 177 590 www.jcptours.com.au or email walter@jcptours.com.au

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP”. Have you considered participating in the National Pilgrimage? In this Sesquicentenary Year, the Sisters of St Joseph invite you to participate in this pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. **Dates: 9 to 19 November 2016. Cost Ex Sydney: \$2,860.00** (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **Single Supplement: \$590.00.** For further information please contact **Sister Annie Bond rsj** on **02 89124818**, or MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au.

We Pray For The Sick

Peter Sidgreaves, Patrick Madden, Arturo Aguilar, Lilian Spicer, Frank Ilankovan & Erica Garcia Leon

Recently Deceased:

Fr. Jacques Hemel (France)

Anniversaries:

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



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