

## Nineteenth Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 7th August 2016

**Entrance Antiphon:** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**First Reading from the book of Wisdom 18: 6-9**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Second Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready; you know not when the Son of Man is coming Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 12: 32-48**

**Communion Antiphon:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### *Saints of the Week*

St Mary of the Cross (Mon 8/8)  
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, (Tues 9/8)  
St Lawrence (Wed 10/8) St Clare (Thur 11/8)  
St Jane Frances de Chantal (Fri 12/8)  
Sts Pontian & Hippolytus (Sat 13/8)

**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:**

**CATECHISTS:** Louise Hartin 9822 5040

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

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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  
**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Al Salu  
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### St Christopher's Catholic School—*Through faith and love we serve*

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Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.' We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Common-wealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good. So, we respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why?

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray for our hearts to be expanded by our contribution to the common-wealth of all peoples throughout the world.

*Fr. Michael Tate*



**Parish Collections 31/7/2016**  
**First: \$586.05 Second: \$682.50**

**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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM** As a parish Community, a significant part of our First Holy Communion candidates' preparation is to invite the Parishioners to pray for them. Each candidate has a 'Please pray for me' card which during the course of each of the four Masses this weekend, Father will be inviting the candidates to seek out a parishioner who is not known to them and to invite that parishioner to please especially pray for them by handing over their card. If you are one of the lucky parishioner to have received a card, please keep your candidate especially in your prayers and as well as all the other candidates. As a community, please continue to keep all candidates and their families in our prayers.

**GROUP LEADERS NEEDED FOR the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** We thank the parents who have volunteered to become Group Leaders. However, we require 3 more Catholic parents to volunteer to become Group Leaders for this Sacrament to commence. Parents of children in Year 2 or above who have been Baptised Catholic 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. Please contact our Coordinator Catherine Flavell on 9731 0158 for further details.

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.

**VOLUNTEERS** Parishioners we are in need of volunteers in areas of the church to be on a roster to either wash the Church linen, or be a church cleaner. There is a sheet in the church foyer to leave your details.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Children's Liturgy is held during the Vigil Mass in school term and our volunteers gather in the Parish Hall to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. There may be times that only 1 volunteer is present, however in this case for safeguard practices we share the responsibilities to our volunteer and the children that another parent is present. This will result in Fr. asking for a parent to assist our volunteer on these occasions.

Saturday 6th Aug 5.30pm..... Special Intention (Anne-Claire)  
Sunday 7th Aug 8.00am ..... Norma Mezentsef (RIP)  
Sunday 7th Aug 9.30am..... Vocations Parish Intentions  
Sunday 7th Aug 5.30pm..... Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)  
Monday 8th Aug 9.15am..... Vincent Hung (RIP)  
Tuesday 9th Aug 9.15am ..... Parish Intentions  
Wednesday 10th Aug 9.15am ..... For the Sick  
Thursday 11th Aug 9.15am ..... Sr. Clemence (RIP)  
Friday 12th Aug **9.00am** ..... **School Hall..... (Feast of St Mary of the Cross)**  
Saturday 13th Aug **Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL – 07 AUGUST.**

This coming weekend we will be holding the appeal. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Your donation will ensure that the CWF can continue its charitable and pastoral works in your local community, so we ask you to please give generously. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

**MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE YOUR JOURNEY, YOUR SONG.**

An invitation to explore & celebrate the power of music & song in engaging us with our God, this day looks at how we can use music as a means of prayer & reflection on our spiritual journey. Saturday, 27 August 2016 10.00am – 3.30pm; **BYO** lunch; **COST: \$25.00. FACILITATORS:** Beth Riolo & Marianne Patton experienced in the areas of Religious Education, parish music & teaching music & drama in the Wollongong diocese. **BOOKINGS BY: Friday, 12 August. PH: 9484 6208**  
**Email: [mtstbenedict@bigpond.com](mailto:mtstbenedict@bigpond.com).**

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK - SUNDAY 7 AUGUST**

Today we celebrate the beginning of *National Vocations Awareness Week*. On this day in particular, we are reminded to pray for all general Christian Vocations. The Laity have an important role in the life of the Church as Christ's Body. This week we pray that we will fearlessly use the unique gifts God has given us to bring Christ to the world. Resources on exploring/discerning a vocation are at:  
**[www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.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:*

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



*Assisting of the sick.*