

**Twentieth Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 14th August 2016**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, come to my aid!

**Second Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12: 1-4**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 12: 49-53**

**Communion Antiphon:** With the Lord is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

*Saints of the Week*

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mon 15//8)**

St Stephen of Hungary (**Tues 16/8**)

St John Eudes (**Fri 19/8**)

St Bernard (**Sat 20/8**)

**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

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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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This week's short and sharp gospel brings to mind two popular sayings (sometimes regarded as blessings, and sometimes regarded as curses). The first is fictitiously ascribed as an ancient Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times!' The inference of the blessing/curse is that 'interesting times' equate to disturbing, tumultuous times or times of rapid change. Some people thrive on such change and upheaval, while others dread the thought of change.

The second blessing/curse is, 'May the peace of Christ disturb you!' It occasionally turns up around Christmas or Easter and is sometimes provocatively used by those who advocate for justice and peace. The saying cuts to the heart of what Jesus says in today's gospel: the message he brings is not a cosy, complacent peace, but rather a message that confronts and challenges, even turning loved ones against each other.

Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members. It's a challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting. What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom of God.



*Fr. Greg Sunter*

**Parish Collections 7/8/2016**

**First: \$812.25 Second: \$660.20**

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL – 07 AUGUST.** We wish to thank you for your generous support of the appeal last weekend \$ 1,327.85 was donated. Your gifts will go towards helping the CWF continue its vital work in our communities through its benefiting agencies.— CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (catechists), the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our Seminaries and Catholic Chaplaincies.

**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** Our First Holy Communion candidates learnt about ‘The Mass’ and how we all gather together as God’s family to listen to the many stories about Jesus’s life and his teachings through the Liturgy of the Word. They learnt that the Gospel is Jesus’ story and that it is important that we listen not only with our ears, but also with our eyes and our hearts.

They learnt that through the Homily, the Word of God is explained to nourish our faith as believers and that the Holy Spirit helps us all to live out God’s Word. Please continue to keep our candidates and their families in your prayers.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Parents of children in Year 2 or above who have been Baptised Catholic are eligible to enrol for this Sacrament. Enrolments commence from next weekend: **20th & 27th Aug after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass & 21st, 28th Aug after Sunday evening Mass.**

**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 may result in Fr. asking for a parent to assist our volunteer on these occasions.



Saturday 13th Aug 5.30pm.....Patrick Madden (RIP)  
Sunday 14th Aug 8.00am .....Special Intention (Anna Flaczynska)  
Sunday 14th Aug 9.30am..... Pray for all parishioners  
Sunday 14th Aug 5.30pm..... Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)  
Monday 15th Aug 9.15am.....Margaret Gainsford (RIP)  
**Monday 15th Aug Assumption of BVM Masses 9:15 AM & 7.00 PM**  
Tuesday 16th Aug 9.15am ..... Pray for Vocations  
Wednesday 17th Aug 9.15am .....Pray..For the Sick  
Thursday 18th Aug 9.15am ..... Sr. Clemence (RIP)  
Friday 19th Aug **9.00am ...Mass at school Hall** .....  
Saturday 20th Aug **Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**

***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Monday 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation—Masses 9.15am & 7.00pm***

**Mass for Pregnant Mothers:** Are you expecting or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 21st of August at 10.30am. Morning tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall. **RSVP and enquiries** can be directed to [LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8404

**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)

**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/](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/)

**Recently Deceased:**

**\*Mr Patrick Joseph Madden., Sr Helen’s brother, just passed away last Thursday. Condolences from st Christopher’s Parish to Sr Helen and her Family.**

**We Pray For The Sick**  
Peter Sidgreaves, Arturo Aguilar, Lilian Spicer, & Frank Ilankovan

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Gainsford

