

Twenty first Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 21st August 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 66: 18-21

Responsorial Psalm: Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News.

Second Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 13: 22-30

Communion Antiphon: the earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Saints of the Week

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Mon 22//8)

St Rose of Lima (Tues 23/8)

St Bartholomew (Wed 24/8) Sts Louis & St Joseph Calasanz (Thurs 25/8)

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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This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

Fr. Greg Sunter



Parish Collections 15/8/2016

First: \$540.10 **Second:** \$486.00

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.

First Holy Communion Program Our First Holy Communion candidates have been learning how food is important for our nourishment and how food is always best shared with others - just as Jesus shared many meals with his friends and also with strangers. This weekend our candidates have been asked to bring along a non perishable food item as a donation to enable our St Vincent de Paul Society to make up a hamper or two for the less fortunate families and the needy within our community. Please continue to keep our candidates and their families in your prayers.

Enrolment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation There will be Group Leaders handing out enrolments forms for this Sacrament after the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday evening Mass **this weekend 20th/21st Aug & the same times next weekend 27th/28th Aug** Parents of these candidates please remain seated after Mass until Fr processes out and meets with the First Communion candidates. This allows time for the Group leaders to set up for the enrolments.

The Parish Fund Raising Committee is holding a **BBQ AT BUNNINGS BANKSTOWN on 4th September 2016 from 8.00am to 4.00pm.** We are seeking volunteers to assist us during the day. Even if you can help for one or more hours would be appreciated. Please write your name and contact on the sheet provided in the Foyer of the Church. For more information please contact Yuan Vithayathil on phone 0401 037 415. Thank-you.

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 9825 4219 or the Parish Office on 9825 1679.

Can you help? Volunteers are an essential part of our Parish, assisting with ministries, liturgies, church linen, and church cleaning to name a few. We welcome family groups and individuals to volunteer to be on a roster to either **wash the Church linen**, or **Church cleaning**. Please contact the Parish Office 9825 1679

CANONISATION OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA – SUN 4 SEP. All are invited to join in commemorating this great event in the life of our Church in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Archbishop Fisher OP will be celebrating 6.00pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral followed by a webcast of the Canonisation ceremony from Rome in the Cathedral College Hall. BQ Dinner, Mustard Seed Bookshop and an exhibition on the life of Mother Teresa will be available on the night

Saturday 20th Aug 5.30pm.....Gino Iacovella (RIP)
Sunday 21st Aug 8.00amThanksgiving Mass (Atty & Nory Ramajo)
Sunday 21st Aug 9.30am..... Pray for all parishioners
Sunday 21st Aug 5.30pm..... Bijoy Mathew (RIP)
Monday 22nd Aug 9.15am.....Sr Clemence (RIP)
Tuesday 23rd Aug 9.15amJoan Bruszewski (RIP)
Wednesday 24th Aug 9.15amPray..For the Sick
Thursday 25th Aug 9.15amDaphne Chaffen (RIP)
Friday 26th Aug 9.15am..... Francis Xavier Hoang (RIP)
Saturday 27th Aug **Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**

Parish Council: *The current Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has served the St Christopher's Parish Community for 2 years and it is time to elect a new Parish Pastoral Council. We would like to call for volunteers to become members of this important and rewarding Parish Ministry. The PPC has a number of roles in the parish including the responsibility to listen to parishioners and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners. Grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the parish, and to develop, implement & improve parish initiatives to assist parishioners' continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society, to name a couple. If you are interested please place your name and contact details on the clip board in the Church foyer.*

Mary MacKillop International Appeal this weekend

Sophie Jenkins works as Mary MacKillop International's Project Officer and currently manages MMI's community development work in Peru. Having attended a Josephite high school, Sophie has always admired and respected the work of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in providing education and support to those most in need. These years shaped Sophie's passion for social justice, and contributed to her desire to pursue studies and a career in international development. There are envelopes in the church pews and we thank you for your financial support.

Working Bee: *The next working bee is scheduled for SATURDAY 10 September 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.*

Recently Deceased:

Patrick Madden

We Pray For The Sick

Peter Sidgreaves, Arturo Aguilar, Lilian Spicer, & Frank Ilankovan

Anniversaries:

Sr. Clemence, Gino Iacovella, Bijoy Mathew, Daphne Chaffen & Joan Bruszewski

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

