

Twenty-second Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 28th Aug 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading from the Book of Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: God, in you goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 14:1, 7-14

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Saints of the Week

The Passion of St John the Baptist (Mon 29/8)

St Gregory the Great (Sat 3/9)

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday of the month

Friday 02/09/16 stats at 5.00pm until 11.00pm.



5.00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Charismatic worship; Bible reading;

Reconciliation (if Priest available)

7.00pm: Mass (The Eucharist) - Fr. Spa

After Mass, Reflection, sharing prayers!

8.00pm: Meditation—Reflections

(By groups - in their languages)

11.00pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament— Closure!



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In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is accused of eating with sinners and tax collectors (Lk 15) and we have an image of Jesus as always eating with the marginalised. However, today's gospel account is a more common occurrence: Jesus eating with a leading Pharisee and people of social importance. Although Jesus is depicted as frequently dining in the houses of these well-to-do people, he was probably never invited a second time! As in today's account, Jesus made a habit of accepting the hospitality of such people and then giving them a lecture about how they should behave and reminding them who was not gathered around the table with them. Certainly the sort of actions that don't see too many follow-up invitations! The message he dishes out to the Pharisees on this occasion is about not thinking you're more important than you really are. He tells them that it is far better to assume a lower status and to be lifted to greater prominence than it is to assume too much and have to be asked to step down to your proper status. In first century Jewish society, eating was as much a political act as it was a social one. Who you ate with was a reflection of your social and political position. To be invited to the head of the table would reflect very positively on a guest whilst being asked to assume a lower seat would be humiliating.

Jesus' final teaching in this account would have been outrageous to his audience. The thought of inviting to a meal people who were in no position to reciprocate was absolutely ridiculous. But Jesus encourages his audience to give to those who cannot repay – to be graciously generous just as God gives without expecting anything in return.

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 21/8/2016

First: \$632.35 Second: \$1,043.20

Mary MacKillop International \$1,291.80

Thank you for your support and generosity.

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 In this final week of their preparations, our First Holy Communion candidates learnt that we also need spiritual food to nourish our souls. They learnt that in the Mass, Jesus gives his Body and Blood to us in Holy Communion. More importantly they learnt that through Holy Communion, we receive the grace and strength to live as Jesus taught and they are encouraged to list ways on how they can glorify the Lord in their own lives. They also learnt how to reverently receive Jesus when they come to take Communion. 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 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 FOOD AND FLEA MARKET (mini Fete) Saturday 17th September 2016 from 9.00am to 3.00 pm in the Parish Hall and Church Grounds. We are seeking donation of cakes, muffins, etc for our cake stall. If they could be brought along on the morning of the day would be appreciated. Pot plants could be brought to the Hall the day before or on the day. We are also looking for volunteers to assist us on the day, even for one or a few hours would be helpful. Please write your name and contact on the sheet provided in the Foyer of the Church. For more information please contact George Leung on phone 9825 4219. Thank-you.

CANONISATION OF BLESSED MOTHER TERESA – Sunday, 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 27th Aug 5.30pm.....Pray for all parishioners
Sunday 28th Aug 8.00amNorma Mezentsef (RIP)
Sunday 28th Aug 9.30am..... Ashwini David (RIP), Santiago & Jesus Quinon (RIP)
Sunday 28th Aug 5.30pm.....Gino Iacovella (RIP)
Monday 29th Aug 9.15am.....Vocations
Tuesday 30th Aug 9.15amSr Clemence (RIP)
Wednesday 31st Aug 9.15amPray for the Sick
Thursday 1st Sept 9.15amMsgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)
Friday 2nd Sept 9.15am.....Vincent Hung (RIP)
Saturday 3rd Sept **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.

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.*

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

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish office 9825 1679

WEDDINGS: 6 months notice is required

Recently Deceased:

Elizabeth Baumann

We Pray For The Sick

Kerry Stark, Jack Hamilton, Peter Sidgreaves, Arturo Aguilar,

Anniversaries:

Norma Mezentsef, Ashwin David, Jesus Quinon, Gino Iacovella, Edgar Baumann

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

