

## Twenty-third Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 4th Sept 2016

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your *servant in accord with your merciful love.*

**First Reading from the Book of Wisdom 9: 13-18**

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

**Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon 9:10, 12-17**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 14: 25-33**

**Communion Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### *Saints of the Week*

The nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Thurs 8/9)

## Archdiocese of Sydney News:

**THE CHOIR OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY PRESENTS:** Songs of Majesty and Glory. **Saturday, 10 September 2016 5pm.** Venue: St James' Church, 173 King Street Sydney. Come and enjoy an evening of sumptuous, awe-inspiring and timeless works sung by one of Australia's finest choirs. The programme offers a scale of musical expression ranging from opulent to intimate, but always majestic and glorious. Tickets: \$50/45 and are available from [www.cityrecitalhall.com](http://www.cityrecitalhall.com) and available at the door.

**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.

Fancy a 1950's themed Dinner Dance at Luna Park? **Catholic Youth Services** is inviting all (young and old) to a night of food, fun and live music on Saturday 17 September at Luna Park. The night will include a three course meal, alcohol and soft drinks, live 1950s music, a huge dance floor and dance lessons. If you register a group of four or more tickets are only \$100 each. However, get in quick as registrations close Sunday 11 September. For all information and to book visit, [www.catholicyouthservices.org/1950s-dinner-dance](http://www.catholicyouthservices.org/1950s-dinner-dance)

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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## St Christopher's Catholic School—*Through faith and love we serve*

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## *Happy Father's Day to all*



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'Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh word in our society. In its gospel context, the word is not used as an opposite of 'love' but as an indication of deserving of less significance than another thing. So the teaching about hating father, mother, etc can be read as saying that being a disciple of Jesus must take precedence over everything else, even family. In 1st Century culture, family was foremost above everything else; it was the very fibre that held society together. Jesus is saying that discipleship must be put above even that which is most important and most intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he goes on to tell the two stories about the need to count the cost before undertaking an important venture. He makes clear to his listeners that discipleship is more important than anything else and that there are huge costs associated with taking it on. A believer has to literally 'count the cost' of what it will mean to place discipleship above family, friendships, career, politics and even life itself. Jesus makes no apologies for the fact that what he is asking is incredibly demanding.

Our 'possessions' are all those things – material, emotional, and psychological – that we cling to and that we think give us our identity and status. Jesus called for a radical reinterpretation of status and position. He tells his listeners that they cannot truly be disciples if they continue to cling to those things that are considered important in this world. They have to surrender the things that bind them to this world's ideas of status and position before they can fully embrace the kingdom view of the world. As Jesus said, you have to really count the cost!

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

**Parish Collections 28/8/2016**  
**First: \$792.90 Second: \$952.75**

**First Holy Communion Program** Our First Holy Communion candidates came together for their Retreat day this week. It was an opportunity for all the candidates to be together as one group, to reflect what they have learnt and also to reflect on the importance and reverence of receiving Jesus for the very first time for them. We have 74 children who will be receiving this Sacrament next weekend at the Vigil Mass Saturday 10th Sept at 5.30pm. Sunday 11th Sept there will be 2 Masses for these candidates at 11.00am & 2.00pm. The Sunday evening Mass on the 11th Sept will commence at 5.00pm, for this Sunday Mass only. Please keep a note of this time/date if you regularly attend the evening Mass.

**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.

**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.

**The Priests' Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal** will be held this weekend, **03 and 04 September 2016.** Every donation, no matter how large or small, goes a long way towards helping this parish care for our sick and retired priests, and your support is greatly appreciated. There are envelopes in the church pews.

**PARISH LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY** – storytellers wanted! Have you or someone you care about ever lived, or are currently living, with a disability of any kind? The Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Office is doing a research project exploring people's experiences of living with disability in our parishes. It will explore the stories of people with disability, their families, carers, friends, pastors and fellow parishioners. We are looking for people who want to share their stories so that we can listen deeply to how our people are travelling in their journeys and how our parish communities are walking alongside them. Participation simply involves telling your story and having it recorded and used for research publications anonymously. This is a wonderful opportunity to help us reflect on our strengths and weaknesses and learn how we can grow together into more hopeful, connected and love-filled communities. For more information or to participate please call or email Dr Kimberley Doyle. **02 9307 8461; [kimberlev.dovle@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:kimberlev.dovle@sydneycatholic.org).**

Saturday 3rd Sept 5.30pm.....Eliane Huet (RIP)  
 Sunday 4th Sept 8.00am .....Pray for all parishioners  
 Sunday 4th Sept 9.30am..... Pierre Severe (RIP)  
 Sunday 4th Sept 5.30pm.....Estanislao Gonzales (RIP)  
 Monday 5th Sept 9.15am..... Vocations  
 Tuesday 6th Sept 9.15am .....Roland Hartin.(RIP)  
 Wednesday 7th Sept 9.15am .....Pray for the Sick  
 Thursday 8th Sept 9.15am .....Souls in Purgatory  
 Friday 9th Sept 9.15am.....Special Intention (Ian Morrison)  
 Saturday 10th Sept **Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**

**Parish Council:**

**Volunteering/ Nominating/New election:**

*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 in the suggestion box of in the Church foyer.// If you notice some ones whom you think they are good to server our community, you may nominate a couple, with their details and your name and your details. All volunteers and nominees will be on the list for new election.//***

**Calling for Working Bee:** *The next working bee is scheduled for next **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..

**Recently Deceased: Lilian Spicer (deceased on Friday afternoon 2/9/16)**  
**Funeral TBA. & Kate Zamudio**

*We Pray For The Sick*

Ian Morrison, Margaret Patterson, Kerry Stark, Jack Hamilton,  
 Peter Sidgreaves, Arturo Aguilar,

**Anniversaries:** Eliane Huet, Pierre Severe, Roland Hartin & Estanislao Gonzales, sr Clemence.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them*

