

Twenty-fourth Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 11th Sept 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading from the Book of Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 1: 12-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 15: 1-32

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Saints of the Week

St John Chrysostom (Tues 13/9)

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Wed 14/9) Our Lady of Sorrows (Thurs 15/9)

Sts Cornelius, & Cyprian (Fri 16/9)

GOSPEL Reflection

Rule-obsessed Pharisees complained that Jesus 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So, who are 'sinners'? The word commonly used in the Gospels for sin is 'hamartia' which refers to an arrow falling short of the target.

Our target is sharing in the life of God, but we often miss the mark, falling short through laziness and negligence, sometimes by deliberately shooting the arrow of our life in the wrong direction. We need the forgiveness of God, expressed in the hospitality of Jesus Christ, to encourage us to aim better.

At every Mass, we are invited to share in the re-enactment of Jesus' expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory.

We could pause for a moment to pray that Jesus may encourage and empower us to be the archers we are meant to be.

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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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The Sacrament of the Eucharist



Congratulations to our 74 children who will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

The Parish Community wishes to thank: Parents and Caregivers, and their families who have helped nurture the children's spiritual experience of their faith.

A big Thanks to the Sacramental Program Coordinator Mrs Catherine Flavell, all groups leaders, and Sister Helen and all catechists / St Christopher's R.E.C Mrs Brianna Buggy, parish support, & staff, and parents who volunteered their time and homes.

May God bless you all. The joys of the children and their families on this great event are also the joys of the whole parish community of St. Christopher's.

Fr. Thanh Nguyen P.P.

Parish Collections 4/9/2016
First: \$717.35 **Second:** \$1,053.15

Thank you for donating to the Priests' Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal last weekend \$1,894.80 was raised.

There is a **FOOD & Flea MARKET** (Mini Fete) next 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 urgently need volunteers to assist us on the day, even for one or a few hours would be helpful. Please write you 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 Parish Fund Raising Committee wishes to thank all the volunteers who helped out with the BBQ at Bunnings Bankstown on 04/09/16. A special thanks to the fathers who gave up the greater part of Father's day in service to the Parish. An after expenses amount of \$1,113.00 was realized which shall be used in the immediate upkeep of the Church and Presbytery and the long term plan of building a new Church. Thank-you.

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: The Value and Dignity of Older People. We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **25 September**. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: *'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'*. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LOSS OF A CHILD. If you are a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle or relative of an angel gone too soon, whether it was yesterday or years ago, please join us on **Wednesday, 14 September at 7.00pm** for a special Mass at St Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea. Tea/Coffee following. Please **RSVP to Mary-Ann on 9607 8760** with the name of your loved one.

JESUIT MISSION INDIAN BAZAAR. Spend the day at Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar at St Ignatius' College, Riverview on **Saturday, 17 Sep** and support the work of Jesuit Mission in 13 countries. Kids Zone, bric-a-brac, entertainment, wine auction, food at a great community event. Pre- book rides <https://www.trybooking.com/222456>.

Saturday 10th Sept 5.30pm.....	Sr. Clemence (RIP)
Sunday 11th Sept 8.00am	Vincent Hung (RIP)
Sunday 11th Sept 9.30am.....	For Candidates to 1st Holy Communion
Sunday 11th Sept 5.00pm	Pascuale Rombola (RIP)
Monday 12th Sept 9.15am.....	Vocations
Tuesday 13th Sept 9.15am	Peter & Lucy (RIP)
Wednesday 14th Sept 9.15am	Pray for the sick
Thursday 15th Sept 9.15am	Souls in Purgatory.
Friday 16th Sept 9.15am.....	Special intentions.....
Saturday 17th Sept	Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM

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.//***

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

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish office 9825 1679

WEDDING: 6 months notice is required

Recently Deceased: Margaret Patterson, Lilian Spicer & Kate Zamudio

We Pray For The Sick

Ian Morrison, , Kerry Stark, Jack Hamilton & Peter Sidgreaves

Anniversaries:

Pascuale Rombola



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