

Twenty-sixth Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 25th Sept 2016

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to you name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading from the prophet Amos 6: 1, 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 6: 11-16

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 16: 19-31

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Saints of the Week

Sts Cosmas & Damian (**Mon 26/9**)

St Vincent de Paul (**Tues 27/9**)

St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz & companions (**Wed 28/9**)

Sts Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael (**Thurs 28/9**) St Jerome (**Fri 30/9**)

St Therese of the Child Jesus (**Sat 1/10**)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday of the month

Friday 7th October starts 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.

After Mass, Reflection, sharing prayers!

8.00pm: Meditation—Reflections

(By groups - in their languages)

11.00pm: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament— Closure!

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Rev. Mr. Al Salu

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In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 18/9/2016
First: \$604.35 Second: \$1,096.25

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PARISH MINISTERS: to all - Acolytes, Altar Servers, Choir members, Church Cleaners, Commentators, Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Communion, Flower arrangers etc. The Sydney Catholic Archdiocese has implemented a 'Safeguarding and Protection of Children policy' as well as Health & Safety issues. As from the weekend **1st/2nd October** and each weekend from now on, there will be a "Sign in" sheet in the church foyer where you will record your role what Mass times you will attend that weekend. This relates to all parishioners who have a role in the parish each week that a record is kept of who is on the premises.

Parents of children attending the Children's Liturgy the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney has introduced a 'Safeguarding and Protection of Children policy' and a Work Health & Safety issue that from **8/9 October 2016**. Parents will be required to "Sign in" their child at each Saturday Vigil Mass who is attending the Children's Liturgy. There will be a clip board in the church foyer for you to complete. Should you have any queries, please contact the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS

The professional photos taken at our First Holy Communion Masses are now ready for parents to access and order. Please follow instructions on the letter that your child would have received at their Mass to gain access to his website. If there are any parents who have already lost their coupon codes, please email Giovanni Portelli directly on info@giovanniportelli.com.au



SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION Enrolments for this Sacrament have now closed. A reminder to parents to attend the Information Session on Sunday 16th October at 4.00pm followed by the commitment Mass at 5.30pm in the Church.

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Sydney Archdiocese is currently recruiting for its Membership Development Officer role. This is a full time position responsible for promoting the growth of Society Conferences throughout the Sydney Archdiocese, and building the capacity of members to be a voice for social justice and effectively serve those in need in their local communities. The position is a vital link to engage the involvement of young people in the good works of the Society. More information about this role can be obtained by emailing Catherine Carmichael at catherinec@sydneyvinnies.org.

Mention My Name – 5 October 2016. All are welcome to the annual *Mention My Name* Remembrance Service to be held on 5 October 2016 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, commencing at 7.00pm. Launched in 2015, this special remembrance service honours the lives of those who have lost their lives through suicide or misadventure. This gentle and peaceful service offers hope and counsel to those who are also grieving the loss of loved ones. **RSVP by Wednesday, 28 September 2016 to Nancy Murdocca 02 9646 6908** or visit bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

Saturday 24th Sept 5.30pm.....	Fran Wallace (RIP)
Sunday 25th Sept 8.00am	Vincent Hung (RIP)
Sunday 25th Sept 9.30am.....	Special Intention (Sue Morris)
Sunday 25th Sept 5.30pm.....	Parishioners Intentions
Monday 26th Sept 9.15am.....	Vernon Pereira (RIP)
Tuesday 27th Sept 9.15am	Vincent Hung (RIP)
Wednesday 28th Sept 9.15am ...	Pray for the sick
Thursday 29th Sept 9.15am	Souls in Purgatory
Friday 30th Sept 9.15am.....	Maria Hue (RIP)
Saturday 1st Oct	Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM

Food and Flea Market (mini-fete) We wish to thank all the volunteers who helped organized and ran our Mini Fete on Saturday 17/09/16. We also thank all the Parishioners and Friends who came along and spent their hard earned money on the day. We made an after expenses amount of \$2181.00 which is not an enormous amount by any means but we made many new friends and enjoyed the community spirit. Thank-you.

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 one 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

Recently Deceased: Margaret Patterson, Lilian Spicer, Dominic Tuy

We Pray For The Sick

Sue Morris, Tony Azavedo, Ian Morrison, Kerry Stark, Jack Hamilton & Peter Sidgreaves

Anniversaries:

Fran Wallace

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

