

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C 2nd October 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading from the prophet Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 17: 5-10

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Saints of the Week

St Francis of Assisi (Tues 4/10)

St Bruno (Thur 6/10)

Our Lady of the Rosary St Jerome (Fri 7/10)

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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How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?



When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 25/9/2016
First: \$627.85 Second: \$807.80

IMPORTANT NOTICES—

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 A reminder to parents of Reconciliation candidates 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:

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY Today in the Archdiocese of Sydney we are celebrating Respect Life Sunday. This year we are focusing upon grieving the death of a little one to miscarriage, and the hope and consolation which the Church offers to the bereaved. A brochure on this theme, *Unseen, yet Loved—Grieving Miscarriage*, has been distributed to Sydney parishes. Please take one home to read and to pass on to others.

AN INVITATION TO YOUNG WOMEN from The Sisters Of The Good Samaritan. Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and conversation and find out more about us. For further information please see the flyer attached; visit our website www.goodsams.org.au or contact bbeinke@goodsams.org.au, phone **02 8752 5311**.

MARY, AND HER LIGHT OF MERCY. Saturday, 15 October. At All Saints Catholic Church Corner George & Elizabeth Sts, Liverpool. 1.30pm Adoration and Benediction; 2.00pm Fr Anthony Bernard talks about 'Our Lady's Role in this Year of Mercy' and Fr Bong Pamintuan on 'Mary & Her Light of Mercy'; 4.15pm Veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe's Relic Icon (Confession available); 5.00pm Holy Mass

Saturday 1st Oct 5.30pm.....Mark Cavallaro (RIP)
Sunday 2nd Oct 8.00amFr. George Memana (India) Special Intention
Sunday 2nd Oct 9.30am.....Rosa Flores De Miranda (RIP)
Sunday 2nd Oct 5.30pm.....Parishioners Intentions
Monday 3rd Oct 9.15am.....
Tuesday 4th Oct 9.15am
Wednesday 5th Oct 9.15am
Thursday 6th Oct 9.15am
Friday 7th Oct 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 8th Oct **Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**



PARISH RAFFLE The Parish Fund Raising Committee is organizing an annual Parish Raffle to be drawn on 10th December 2016.
1st prize is a cruise for 2 people valued at \$1,500.00.
2nd prize is \$1,000.00 Myers gift vouchers and
3rd prize is \$500.00 Myers gift vouchers. Tickets cost \$2.00 each and shall be on sale after all week-end Masses. For more information please contact Sam Capra phone 0407 105 456 Thank-you.

'ARTS ON PRESCRIPTION' (HammondCare): a wellness program for over 65's.

Free classes with Professional Artists in Visual and Performing Arts. Further enquiries: 8788 3900 or visit HammondCare Website
<http://www.hammond.com.au/health-and-aged-care/changing-lives-through-art>

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

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'.

Recently Deceased: Dominic Tuy

We Pray For The Sick

Joseph Francis, Fr. George Memana (India), Sue Morris, Tony Azavedo, Ian Morrison, Kerry Stark, Jack Hamilton & Peter Sidgreaves

Anniversaries:

Mark Cavallaro, Rosa Flores De Miranda & Alice Thomas

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

