

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C 9th Oct 2016

**Entrance Antiphon:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.



**First Reading from the second book of the Kings 5: 14-17**

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 2: 8-13**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 17: 11-19**

**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

### *Saints of the Week*

St John XXIII (Tues 11/10)

St Callistus (Fri 14/10)

St Teresa of Jesus (Sat 15/10)

### SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

**MARY, AND HER LIGHT OF MERCY—A Message of Hope & Love**

**Saturday, 15 October - 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 (Reconciliation available)**

**5:00pm Holy Mass (Sunday Vigil Mass)**

**For enquiries, contact 0404 881 811.**

### **Would you like to volunteer overseas?**

The Cagliari Project, run by the Salesians of Don Bosco, gives Australians an opportunity to devote six to twelve months in volunteer service to youth in overseas Salesian communities. The Salesians are known for their work with vulnerable and disadvantaged youth. Therefore our volunteers are placed in projects such as schools, youth centres and orphanages. Our aim is to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models, people that young people can aspire to be. The experience as a Cagliari volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliari volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

Applications for January 2017 departures are open until October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Please visit [www.cagliari.org.au](http://www.cagliari.org.au) for more information.

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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

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Today's gospel is one of the stories unique to the gospel of Luke. At the same time, it is a commonly known story that is often cited to demonstrate the value of saying thank you. However, as usual, there's more to this story than initially meets the eye. One of the recurrent themes of the gospel is at play here: the message of salvation that Jesus brings is available to all, not just the Jews.

The first reading is an interesting link with the gospel of Luke. In chapter 4 of the gospel, when Jesus visits Nazareth and preaches in the synagogue, he later tells a story about the prophets Elijah and Elisha responding to the needs of Gentiles rather than Jews. He tells the story to make the point that the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews. The incident involving Elisha that Jesus refers to in chapter 4 is the one we hear in today's first reading.

Whilst both the first reading and the gospel tell stories about the healing of those with skin diseases, the common factor is actually about their expressions of gratitude and conversion of heart. In the gospel, all ten men are healed but it is only the stranger; the foreigner; the Samaritan, who comes back to give thanks and to praise God. The others – Jewish men, presumably – are only concerned about themselves and have no time to acknowledge the graciousness of God that they have experienced. The gospel writer has Jesus emphasise the point that it is the Samaritan – the outsider – who has recognised God's activity in his cure and come back to give praise and thanks. It is only he who has experienced the change of heart; the conversion of faith.

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

**Best wishes to all our HSC candidates !**

**Parish Collections 2/10/2016**  
**First: \$731.00 Second: \$884.40**

**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.

**SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION** A reminder to parents of Reconciliation candidates to attend the Information Session next Sunday 16th October at 4.00pm followed by the commitment Mass at 5.30pm in the Church.

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS & THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

The month of November is dedicated to the repose of the Souls of loved ones, and there are no individual Mass Intentions written in our parish bulletin during this month. For those who wish to include all their deceased loved ones in all the Masses we will be celebrating during this month, are asked to take a November Mass Offering Envelope. These are available on the Offertory table at the back of the Church. We ask you to bring these back by **Tuesday 25th October 2016** so that they can be included in the Book of Remembrance, which will be brought down in the Offertory Procession and placed in front of the Altar at all the weekend Masses in November.



**PLANTS** there are a few plants left over from the mini fete outside of the parish hall. Should you have a spot in your garden for another plant please take one home.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** The Parish Fund Raising Committee is organising 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>

**Mass intentions**

Saturday 8th Oct 5.30pm.....	Rita Kolster (RIP)
Sunday 9th Oct 8.00am .....	Parish Intentions
Sunday 9th Oct 9.30am.....	Roberta Evans (RIP)
Sunday 9th Oct 5.30pm...	Maria Hong & JBaptist Sanh (RIP)
Monday 10th Oct 9.15am.....	Peter R & Matta N (RIP)
Tuesday 11th Oct 9.15am...	Joseph Quoi (RIP)
Wednesday 12th Oct 9.15am .....	Thuan's Ancestors (RIP)
Thursday 13th Oct 9.15am .....	Vincent Hung & Maria Hue (RIP)
Friday 14th Oct 9.15am.....	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 15th Oct	<b>Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM</b>

**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'.

**CLOSING OF THE HOLY DOORS 7-NIGHT PILGRIMAGE TO ROME.** Domus Australia through the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is organising a pilgrimage to Rome for the **Closing of the Holy Doors** ceremony with Pope Francis. Departing from Rome, the tour is from **15-22 November 2016** and will cover the major Basilicas, the Vatican Gardens and Museums (including the Sistine Chapel), a day trip by train to Castel Gandolfo, the Colosseum, Roman Forum and the Catacombs. Optional tours are also available. Price starts from \$1,990 on a twin share basis for the land-only package (airfares extra; single supplement additional as applicable). For bookings or to receive your FREE information kit, phone **1800 753 959** or email [pilgrimages@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:pilgrimages@sydneycatholic.org) or go to [www.romepilgrimages.com](http://www.romepilgrimages.com).

**CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD MISSION APPEAL** the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal will be held the weekend of 22/23 October 2016. There will be envelopes in the church pews. Donations of over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

**Recently Deceased: \*\*Mr Anthony Azavedo has been a parishioner for many years, his funeral Mass will be held in the church on this Tuesday commencing at 1.30pm.**



*We Pray For The Sick*

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

*Anniversaries:* Roberta Evans, Rita Kolster

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