

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C 16th Oct 2016**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.



**First Reading from the book of Exodus 17: 8-13**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 3: 14-4:2**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 18: 1-8**

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**Saints of the Week**

St Ignatius (Mon 17/10) St Luke (Tues 18/10)

St Paul of the Cross (Wed 19/10)

St John Paul II (Sat 22/10)

**Just as you did it  
to one of the least of these...  
you did it to me**  
**MATTHEW 25:40**

**catholic mission**  
*Reach out. Give life.*



**Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal.**

This year we are invited to reach out and support the inspirational work of the Catholic Church in Cambodia, by helping provide the country's most vulnerable children with emotional and spiritual support, as well as an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and gain a new future through the power of education. Please come and join us to celebrate Mass next week and lend your support to this appeal.

**Freecall: 1800 257 296**

**catholicmission.org.au/cambodia**

**St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy**

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

**Parish Priest:**  
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In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

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

**Parish Collections 9/10/2016**  
**First: \$680.20 Second: \$709.55**

**IMPORTANT NOTICES—**

**PARISH MINISTERS:** *Thank you* for signing in. each week, keep up the good work.

**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 **15/16 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.

**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.

**PARISH RAFFLE** The Parish Fund Raising Committee is organising its 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*.



**St CHRISTOPHER'S YOUTH GROUP UPDATE:** Thank you to all those who volunteered to be part of St. Christopher's Youth Ministry team. It is exciting to be working together to help the young people in our parish grow in their faith.

**YOUTH NIGHT:** St. Christopher's Youth Group is holding another youth night. Sunday, 30th October, 2016 after the 5:30pm Mass (6:30-8pm). Young people aged 11-21 are invited to come along. The topic will be: Following Jesus. See you all there!



**CAROLS by candlelight** will be celebrated in our parish on **Saturday 10th December 6.30pm** following the 5.30pm Vigil Mass outside the church. Please place this date in your diary.

**Children of the parish** are invited to join in a special Kid's item for the evening. There are flyers in the church foyer, please take one home for further details.

**Mass intentions**

Saturday 15th Oct 5.30pm.....	..... Maria Thach..(RIP)
Sunday 16th Oct 8.00am .....	For Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 16th Oct 9.30am.....	Vincent Hung (RIP)
Sunday 16th Oct 5.30pm.....	Vincent Duyet (RIP).
Monday 17th Oct }	There will be <b>NO Morning Masses</b> from
Tuesday 18th Oct }	Monday 17th October —
Wednesday 19th Oct }	Thursday 20th October 2016
Thursday 20th Oct ) }	due to Fr. Thanh attending a Clergy Conference.
Friday 21st Oct 9.15am.....	.....Bailey Maher (RIP)
Saturday 22nd 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). 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).

**THE ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS**

The Order of Malta invites all parishioners to Lourdes Day Mass 2016 to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 3 December at 10.00am. A Blessing of the sick will take place during the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Those receiving the Blessing will, also be provided with a bottle of Lourdes Water for their personal use.

**Recently Deceased:** Colleen Anslow & Anthony Azavedo

*We Pray For The Sick*

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

**Anniversaries:** Bailey Maher

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

