

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C 23rd Oct 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading from the book of Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

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 18: 9-14

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Saints of the Week

St Anthony Claret (Mon 24/10)

Sts Simon and Jude, apostles (Fri 28/10)

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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This week's gospel passage flows on directly from last week's gospel and continues the teaching of Jesus about prayer. Whereas the preceding passage emphasised the need for persistence in prayer, this passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. This is a hallmark of the lowly and outcast in the gospel of Luke: they recognise their need and seek God's forgiveness and mercy. The model of faith that is depicted over and over again in this gospel is the one who recognises their need for God's loving mercy and asks for it. We are repeatedly reminded that God's mercy, forgiveness and abundant love are constantly out-flowing towards us and all we have to do is humbly desire and welcome them.

Humility is at the heart of this parable. The Pharisee is representative of those who are assured of their own rightness but who rely on comparison with others to make themselves feel righteous and justified. The actions of this man were not limited to Pharisees alone, nor are they limited to a particular time and place. This man's attitude of asserting his own faithfulness and religious observance by comparison with others can be easily seen in the world today. All faiths seem to be afflicted with these characters who assure themselves of their own 'goodness' by railing against those who are different. But, as the parable assures us, it is the humble who are exalted by God.

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 16/10/2016
First: \$612.00 Second: \$634.30

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 this **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*.



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

WORKING BEE: *The next working bee is scheduled for **SATURDAY 5th Nov from 1pm until 4pm**. If you can spare just an hour or two to help the small group of dedicated parishioners who help maintain the Church ground, it would be much appreciated. There is a clip board in the Church Foyer where you can leave your details.*

CAROLS by candlelight will be celebrated in our parish on **Sunday 11th December 6.30pm** following the 5.30pm Sunday 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 22nd Oct 5.30pm.....Maria Thach..(RIP)
Sunday 23rd Oct 8.00am	For Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 23rd Oct 9.30am.....	Vincent Hung (RIP)
Sunday 23rd Oct 5.30pm.....	James Mascurine (RIP)
Monday 24th Oct 9.15am	Charles Xuan (RIP)
Tuesday 25th Oct 9.15am	Maria Vang (RIP)
Wednesday 26th Oct 9.15am	Maria Ke (RIP)
Thursday 27th Oct 9.15am	Joseph Doi (RIP)
Friday 28th Oct 9.15am.....	Matta Ky (RIP)
Saturday 29Oct	

Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM

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'.

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Recently Deceased:

We Pray For The Sick

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

Anniversaries: James Mascurine



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