

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C 30th Oct 2016

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!.

First Reading from the book of Wisdom 11:22-12: 2

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Second Reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son that all who believe in him might have eternal life.. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 19: 1-10

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Saints of the Week

All Saints Day (Tues 1/11) All souls Day (Wed 2/11)
St Martin de Porres (Thurs 3/11) St Charles Borromeo (Fri 4/11)



St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Farewell

It is with sadness that I leave St Christopher's Parish where I have been your parish Priest for over 5 years. During that time I have formed many friendships & have wonderful memories of those experiences because you are a caring and welcoming community. If during my time here I have offended any parishioner, I offer you my sincere apology.

Thank you to all those whose function has contributed to the celebration of the Eucharist, the source of our spiritual nourishment. Special thanks to Deacon Al Salu, Acolytes, Altar Servers, Commentators, Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Communion, Readers & Flower arrangers, wardens & church cleaners.

In addition I extend my grateful thanks for the support given by the parish Pastoral Council, and sacramental coordinator, leaders of the Children's Liturgy and the Parish staff.

As I go into retirement I will always pray for this parish community. I ask you to remember me in prayer also. Blessing on you all.

Fr. Thanh Quang Nguyen

Welcome

Fr. Andrew James is well known to most parishioners having previously been Assistant Priest here at St Christopher's Parish from mid 2011—February 2013 after which he returned to Rome to study for his Doctorate in Theology.

Upon his return to Australia in 2015 he became administrator at St Joseph's Moorebank Parish while Fr. Graham was on leave. Fr. Andrew then became Assistant Priest at St Joseph's and lectures at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd & Catholic Institute of Sydney. He now takes up the position of Administrator of St Christopher's Parish.

We welcome him back to our parish and look forward to his priestly ministry among us.

Parish Collections 23/10/2016

First: \$677.60 **Second:** \$868.05

Catholic Mission Appeal \$2,061.05 *thank you most sincerely.*

IMPORTANT NOTICES—

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

Parents of children attending the Children’s Liturgy *Parents, Thank you for signing in your children each week.*

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS & THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



All the names that have been given have been printed in the Book of Remembrance. During November this book will be brought to the altar at the Offertory time at the weekend masses. Any new intentions this month will be included in all the November Masses, however they will not be written in the Book of Remembrance until a later time.

PARISH RAFFLE The Parish Fund Raising Committee is organising its annual Parish Raffle to be drawn on 10th December 2016 after the 5.30pm vigil Mass.

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 this Sunday, 30th October, 2016 after the 5:30pm Mass (6:30-8pm). In the Parish hall. 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 next **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.

Thank you, many thanks to our friends who gave us cards & gifts for our 50th Wedding Anniversary and to the community that shared in our most special Mass. We so very much appreciated your love and prayers. *Margaret & Graham Brady*

Mass intentions

Saturday 29th Oct 5.30pm.....	Sr. Clemence (RIP)
Sunday 30th Oct 8.00am	For Parishioners’ Intentions
Sunday 30th Oct 9.30am.....	Vincent Hung (RIP)
Sunday 30th Oct 5.30pm.....	Petronilla Fernandes (RIP)
Monday 31st Oct	No Mass
Tuesday 1st Nov 9.00am	School Hall
Tuesday 1st Nov 7.00pm	November Mass Intentions
Wednesday 2nd Nov 9.15am	November Mass Intentions
Thursday 3rd Nov 9.15am	November Mass Intentions
Friday 4th Nov 9.15am.....	November Mass Intentions
Saturday 5th Nov	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’.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL. The parish will be holding the appeal next weekend – it will be the final for this year, and we ask you to kindly consider giving a donation. Funds raised will be used to support the Sydney Archdiocese’ social, training and advocacy programs. Thank you.

MASS & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of the month 7th November at 7.00pm

Recently Deceased:

We Pray For The Sick : Joseph Francis, Fr. George Memana (India), Sue Morris, Kerry Stark, Jack Hamilton & Peter Sidgreaves

Anniversaries : Petronilla Fernandes



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