

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C 13th Nov 2016

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading from the second book of Malachi 3: 19-20

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 21: 5-19

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Saints of the Week

St Albert the Great (Tues 15//11)

St Margaret & St Gertrude (Wed 16//11) St Elizabeth of Hungary (Thurs 17//11)

Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul (Fri 18//11)

From Monday 7th November 2016 there will be NO Sunday evening Mass. The following neighbouring Parishes have Sunday evening Masses.

ALL SAINTS PARISH
48 George St LIVERPOOL 5.00PM

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
71 Webster Rd LURNEA 6.00PM

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH
Main St CARNES HILL 5.30PM

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
21 Twentieth Ave HOXTON PARK 5.30PM

ST MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN
15 Georges Cres GEORGES HALL 5.00PM



LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS 8 Dec-25 Dec. Once again, **St Mary's Cathedral** will light up this Christmas with inspiring and reflective projections of the Christmas season. **FREE EVENT!** St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt 8-25 Dec each night from 7.30pm-12.00am www.lightsofchristmas.com.au.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 6/11/2016

First: \$ 698.65 **Second:** \$890.25

THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL. Thank you for your generous support of the appeal \$1,582.00 Through your gifts the CWF is able to continue its work in the community delivering the charitable and pastoral programs that make a great difference in people's lives. Donations can still be made securely and directly to the CWF by credit card at www.cwf.org.au. Alternatively, phone the Fundraising Office on **1800 753 959** during business hours, or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org.au or post in your donations to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal at Level 7 133 Liverpool St, Sydney NSW 2000. Thank you.

IMPORTANT NOTICES—

There will be **NO Sunday night Masses.** As at 7th November the new weekend Mass times are - **Saturday Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8am & 9.30am.**

On the back page are neighbouring parishes that have Sunday night Masses.

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 is holding a Christmas Raffle with great prizes to be won. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 10th December 2016 after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

1st prize is a Cruise for 2 people valued at \$1,500.00 courtesy of Cruise about.

2nd prize is \$1,000.00 Myers gift voucher

3rd prize is \$500.00 Myers gift voucher.

Please take a book home to sell, there will be people selling tickets at the weekend after each Mass. All funds raised goes towards the upkeep of the parish.

CAROLS by candlelight will be celebrated in our parish on **Sunday 11th December commencing at 5.30pm with a BBQ followed by Carols at 6.30pm** outside the church.



Children of the parish are invited to join in a special Kid's item for the evening. Rehearsals are after the Saturday Vigil 4 weeks for 30 minutes, commencing 12th Nov, - 19th, 26th November & 3rd Dec. Please come along and support the new Administration of St Christopher's Parish and have an enjoyable evening with your fellow parishioners.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The Society strives to restore hope and dignity to those who seek its help by providing assistance throughout the year, thanks to the generosity of the church community. At Christmas time, food hampers and gifts are distributed to needy families of the district. If you can help please take, from the tray in the church foyer, a gold card for a Christmas Gift or a silver card for a Food Donation, then bring back your donation and place under the Christmas tree by 15th December.

Mass intentions

Saturday 12th Nov 5.30pm.....	November Mass Intentions
Sunday 13th Nov 8.00am	November Mass Intentions
Sunday 13th Nov 9.30am	November Mass Intentions
Monday 14th Nov 9.15am.....	November Mass Intentions
Tuesday 15th Nov 9.15am.....	November Mass Intentions
Wednesday 16th Nov 9.15am	November Mass Intentions
Thursday 17th Nov 9.15am	November Mass Intentions
Friday 18th Nov 9.15am.....	November Mass Intentions
Saturday 19th Nov	Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM

ONE MONTH LEFT OF THE YEAR OF MERCY. Pilgrimage Of Mercy – St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door. *"The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life"*. Pope Francis . Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray.

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.

MARY MACKILLOP PLACE is holding a Loss & Grief Workshop on 5th December 2016 9.30am—12.30pm

Flora Room, Mary MacKillop Place 7-11 Mount St North Sydney 2060 Cost \$15.00

Please register: mmpevent.bookings@sosj.org.au There is a brochure on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS. You are cordially invited to the Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Priests which will be celebrated by the Most Rev Bishop Terence Brady on **Thursday, 17 November 2016 at 12.00pm.** The Mass will be at the Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery. Lunch will follow in the Mary, Mother of Mercy Condolence Lounge, all welcome. For further enquiries please contact Jo Davenport on **02 8713 5712** or email: jo@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

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

Recently deceased:



Assisting of the sick.