

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 20th Nov 2016

**Entrance Antiphon:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**First Reading from the second book of Samuel 5: 1-3**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1: 12-20**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 23: 35-43**

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### Saints of the Week

The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary (Mon 21//11)  
St Cecilia (Tues 22//11) St Clement I, & St Columban (Wed 23//11)  
St Andrew Dũng-Lac & Companions (Thurs 24//11)  
St Catherine of Alexandria (Fri 25//11)



A colorful poster for a charity market. At the top, it says 'FREE ENTRY' and 'RIDES 11.00 AM TO 4.00 PM'. There are balloons for 'BREAKFAST', 'LUNCH', and 'DINNER'. The word 'CHARITY' is written in large, stylized letters. Below it, it says 'BBQ AND PRE CHRISTMAS MARKETS'. A red banner reads 'In support of the Poorest of the Poor'. Below that, it lists 'Lebanon', 'Philippines', and 'East Timor'. The date and time are 'Saturday 10th December -- Time 9.30am-9.30pm'. The location is 'Held at St Joseph Catholic Parish Moorebank 231 Newbridge Road Moorebank'. At the bottom, it says 'HELD BY Aussie Friends of The Poor AND The Queen Of the Most Holy Rosary'. There is a small logo for 'QHR' and a note: 'If you would like to VOLUNTEER OR SET UP A STALL PLEASE CONTACT LORIS - 0414 400 028 OR STEVE - 0451 951 881'.

The following neighbouring Parishes have Sunday evening Masses.

ALL SAINTS PARISH 5.00PM  
48 George St LIVERPOOL

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 PARISH 5.00PM  
15 Georges Cres  
GEORGES HALL

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

**Administrator:** Rev. Andrew James  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Thomas Alukka Vargahese  
**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Al Salu  
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### St Christopher's Catholic School—*Through faith and love we serve*

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The choice of today's gospel passage in the lectionary appears to be twofold. Firstly, the inscription above the crucified Christ reads, 'This is the King of the Jews', one of the scriptural references to Christ's kingship – although that reference is more complicated than it first appears. Secondly, the feast of Christ the King marks the end of the liturgical year and the end of the year-long journey through the gospel of Luke. Given that the second half of the gospel is a physical and psychological journey towards Jerusalem and the death that awaits Jesus there, it is fitting that the final reading for the liturgical year is the crucifixion.

When the feast of Christ the King was first conceived by Pope Pius XI in 1925, its intention was to emphasise the majesty and power of Jesus Christ, King and ruler of the world. However, our understanding of 'king' as it can be applied to Jesus has changed significantly in the intervening years. Despite earthly notions of kingship and the role of the Messiah, Jesus completely rejected such expectations and assumed the role of servant to the poor and outcast. As we have seen throughout this year, the gospel of Luke depicts in great detail the emphasis and priority that Jesus gave to the lowly and marginalised.

The theme that flows through the gospel is again captured in the account of the crucifixion. At this most critical point, it is a criminal, crucified alongside Jesus, who responds in faith to Jesus and asks to join Jesus when he enters into his kingdom. The criminal has a much better idea of the nature of the sort of king that Jesus really is than is revealed by the sign that Pilate has had nailed to the cross.

*Greg Sunter*

**Parish Collections 13/11/2016**  
**First: \$ 941.00 Second: \$1,047.05**

**IMPORTANT NOTICES—**

**THE SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION** will be celebrated in the Church this Wednesday 23rd November 2015 at 7pm. Please keep these 59 children and their families in your prayers.



There are **NO Sunday night Masses**. 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 Pastoral council, appeal to you the parishioners to support the Christmas Raffle. The proceeds of which will be used to address the on-going needs of the Parish. Please be generous in this undertaking. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 10th December 2016 after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. Please return your sold/unsold tickets by next Sunday 27th November.



**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. For catering purposes please leave your details on the sheet in the church foyer if you will be attending.

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



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 ham-

pers 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 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**FOR LOVE ALONE: A NIGHT FOR SINGLE YOUNG WOMEN (18-35)** to discover more about **Consecrated Life**. Tuesday, **06 December** at 5pm. Come to meet and chat with consecrated women from various communities, time for prayer and dinner. Run by the University Catholic Chaplaincies and the Vocation Centre. For details and registration (essential) visit [www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au).

**Mass intentions**

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| Saturday 19th Nov 5.30pm.....  | November Mass Intentions                              |
| Sunday 20th Nov 8.00am.....    | November Mass Intentions                              |
| Sunday 20th Nov 9.30am.....    | November Mass Intentions                              |
| Monday 21st Nov 9.15am.....    | November Mass Intentions                              |
| Tuesday 22nd Nov 9.15am.....   | November Mass Intentions                              |
| Wednesday 23rd Nov 9.15am..... | November Mass Intentions                              |
| Thursday 24th Nov 9.15am.....  | November Mass Intentions                              |
| Friday 25th Nov 9.15am.....    | November Mass Intentions                              |
| Saturday 26th Nov.....         | <b>Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM</b> |

*The Parish and Pastoral Council encourages and welcomes you to be a volunteer in any of the Parish Ministries and Social groups.*

*Currently the Parish is in need of volunteers to help clean the church. This involves dusting, vacuuming and some general cleaning and takes two people on average about 1 hour. If you can spare a little time, please contact Luz Maravillas on 9825 6281.*

**Benefits of Volunteering:** *To be a volunteer can bring meaning and purpose to your life. It increases self-esteem and wellbeing, relieves stress, help symptoms of depression, all whilst helping the community.*

**Volunteering can:**

- 1: enhance a sense of achievement and purpose,*
- 2: helps feeling a part of a community,*
- 3: helps share your skills, learn new skills and create a better work-life balance,*
- 4: helps combat loneliness, social isolation*
- 5: helps to meet new people, helping you feel connected and valued.*

**Working Bee:** *The next working bee is scheduled for **SATURDAY 10** December from 1pm until 4pm, to help ready the grounds for Carols by Candlelight. 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.*

**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](http://www.lightsofchristmas.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:** Monica Kessey

