

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time—Year A

29th January 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading from the prophet Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13

Responsorial Psalm: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1: 26-31

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 5: 1-12

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant,. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Saints of the Week

St John Bosco (Tues 31/1)

The Presentation of the Lord (Thurs 2/2)

MASS & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every First Friday of the month

Friday 3rd February 2017 starts at 7.00pm until 11.00pm

Program name : Adonai

Date: every first Friday

Time: 7.30 pm to 10 pm. (Right after the Holy Mass)

Lead by: Jesus Youth Sydney

Program : confession, praise n worship, meditation of word of God, silent adoration and intercession.

Participants: all are welcome but leading by youth.

Language : English



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 Varghese

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Rev. Mr. Al Salu

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Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection.

Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people,

perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances *will* have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on *earth* as it is in heaven.'

Fr. Michael Tate

Parish Collections

22/1/2017 **First:** \$889.75 **Second:** \$1,116.85

St Christopher's Parish news:

Can anyone volunteer: Kevin Ogle lives in Holsworthy is blind, intellectually disabled and would like to come to Mass on Sundays. If you can be of assistance in driving him to and from Mass, please contact the parish office for more details.

The next **Catechist Meeting** will be **Monday 6th February at 10am** in the parish hall. We have vacancies in the following state schools:

Hammondville PS—Kinder, Year 1 & Year 4 Holsworthy PS—Kinder
Wattle Grove PS—Year 5 & Year 6. If you would like to support this Ministry please contact the parish office 9825 1679 for further details, or come along to this meeting.

As the New Year is unfolding, the Parish, once again, is in need of volunteers. Hence, do you see yourself called to volunteer to any of the following functions:

- # As a Commentator
- # As a Proclaimer of the Word of God
- # As a Catechist or Helper
- # As a Leader of Children's Liturgy
(Saturday - 5.30pm - Vigil Mass)
- # As a Cleaner in maintaining care of the Church
- # As a Helper with the Working Bees Parishioners, your contribution to the

Life of the Parish in any of these areas would be greatly appreciated and you are thanked in anticipation for your generosity.

Please contact the Parish Office for further information 9825 1679.

Thank you to all those who contributed to Mary MacKillop International by sending in their used stamps. During 2016, the amount raised from the selling of those stamps was \$62,000.00.

From 2001 till now the total raised is \$186,000.00. It is through their efforts that the legacy of St Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today. Used Stamps can be left in the church foyer in an envelope for collection.

ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

CONSIDERING A ROME PILGRIMAGE? Free Information Seminars Available.

Domus Australia in conjunction with the Sydney Archdiocese is running a number of tours to Rome all throughout the year. Find out more about these competitively priced tour packages (inclusions, itinerary, dates, etc) at one of two complimentary seminars (no obligation) to be held on Level 8 at Polding Centre: **Wednesday, 1 February 2017** (5:30-7pm), and **Friday, 24 February 2017** (11am-12:30pm). Complimentary pilgrimage kits are available for attendees (plus a chance to **WIN a trip for 2 to Rome** joining one of the Rome Pilgrimages or Encore Rome Pilgrimages of your choice!). All welcome to attend at no obligation. To book your place please **RSVP** by phoning **1800 753 959** or email pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org. Thank you and we hope to see you there. **DOMUS AUSTRALIA ROME PILGRIMAGES |**

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th Jan 5.30pm.....Paul Conlon (RIP)
Sunday 29th Jan 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 29th Jan 9.30am.....Eliata Ramalinga (RIP)
Monday 30th Jan 9.15am.....Vocations
Tuesday 31st Jan 9.15am.....Tik Sin Ong (RIP)
Wednesday 1st Feb 9.15am.....For the Sick
Thursday 2nd Feb 9.15amVocations
Friday 3rd Feb 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 4th Feb**Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**

Syro-Malabar Liturgies:

Wednesday Mass at 7.00pm

Thursday Mass at 7.00pm followed by Adoration (in English)

Friday Mass at 7.00pm **except on the First Friday of the Month**

Saturday Mass at 9.30am

Every Sunday Mass at 11.30am **on the Third Sunday of the Month** this will be conducted in the School Hall.

The Samoan Community celebrates a **Sunday Mass** in the Church on the **Third Sunday of the Month at 11.30am.**

Fr. Andrew is the Administrator of both St Christopher's Holsworthy & St Joseph's Moorebank Parishes, following the retirement of Fr. Graham McIntyre. This will continue until a replacement is named for Fr. McIntyre at Moorebank.

POSITION VACANT – All Saints Catholic Parish, Liverpool. Applications are being considered for the position of Parish Business Manager. The position is part time, 4 days per week. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on **0402 210 055**. Applications close **Monday, 13 February 2017.**

ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY – 2017 Christian Meditation And Renewal Days. You are invited to four introduction and renewal days at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia Tel: **9653 1159** Sundays: **19 February, 21 May, 20 August** and **19 November Arrival:** 10am for 10:30am Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. **Conclusion:** around 3pm. Books and CDs are available for sale, BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Self-catering overnight accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact **Br Terry** on **0438 282 318**. Enquires to Ann Bergman: annibergman@hotmail.com or **9498 2625** or Ann Lomas: atlomas@bigpond.com or **9456 4775.**

We Pray For The Sick : Cyril Ferriere & Peter Sidgreaves.

Recently deceased: Gregory Sweeney

Anniversaries: Paul Conlon, Eliata Ramalinga & Tik Sin Ong