

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time—Year A**

**26th February 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord, became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

**First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 49: 14-15**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Rest in God alone, my soul..

**Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4: 1-5**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: According to Matthew 6: 24-34**

**Communion Antiphon:** I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

### MASS & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**First Friday of the month Friday 3rd March 2017 7.00pm—9.00pm**

Program name : Adonai

Date: every first Friday

Adoration Time: 7.30 pm to 9 pm. (Right after the Holy Mass)

Lead by: Jesus Youth Sydney

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

Participants: all are welcome but leading by youth.

Language : English



**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017** Our Archbishop Anthony Fisher has declared that this year Confirmation for the Western Deanery area which includes Holsworthy Parish will be held on Sunday 3rd September at 2.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. Due to the change, our parish has to alter the Sacramental Program to reflect the following:

**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated 17th June Vigil Mass & 18th June 9.30am & 2.00pm Masses.

**Confirmation 3/9/2017** at St Mary's Cathedral 2.00pm.

**Reconciliation** will be celebrated on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.00pm.

We are in urgent need of parishioners to volunteer to be a group leader especially in the First Holy Communion program or Confirmation & or Reconciliation programs. Ongoing support and training is given. Please contact the parish office for more details, or visit the parish website for further information regarding all the Sacraments on [www.stchristophers.org.au](http://www.stchristophers.org.au)



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

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One of the hardest things to do in our busy modern lives is to live in the present moment. Our lives are almost consumed by a mixture of anticipating what we have to do next and reliving what we have done. We are constantly making plans for catching up with friends, organising chores that need to be done, working or studying to 'get ahead' and create a better future for ourselves. We live our lives in the future and in anticipation of what is to come so much so that we often don't seem to actually enjoy the event when it comes because we're already planning what we'll be doing next. In this incredible rush of living our lives forward, suddenly out of nowhere we'll be swamped with regrets about some mistake in the past or how we might have handled a situation better.

There is an incredible challenge to simply be mindful of the now. If we can be mindful of what we're doing *now* then we can be purposeful and intentional about our actions rather than operating habitually on auto pilot or operating reactively. When we live in the *now*, instead of the *once was* or *soon to be*, then we find ourselves actually listening to our friends when they speak to us; savouring the food we eat; noticing both the beauty and the pain around us; and sometimes even becoming aware of the presence of God around and within us.

Today's gospel tells us not to worry about what is to come but be attentive to the way we are living our lives. It tells us to be attentive to living in accordance with the will of God and when we do that it will be amazing just how other things seem to fall into place.

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

## **Parish Collections**

19/2/2017 **First:** \$1,009.90 **Second:** \$1,113.90

### ***St Christopher's Parish news:***

**LENTEN DAY GROUP 2017 Commences next Friday 3rd March**, you are invited to join us as we journey through Lent. This year we are using the Wollongong Diocese—HOPE Lenten Program. We meet in the Parish Hall each Friday during Lent at 10.30am for an hour. Lenten books are \$8.00 each, should you wish to join the group, please leave your contact details on the sheet in the church foyer.

**200 Club (cash raffle)** The Fundraising Committee has agreed to run a 200 Club. How it works is that there are 200 tickets sold at \$20 each.

Each week for four weeks, 5 tickets are drawn and the winners each receive \$20 (money back). Tickets go back into the barrel for the draw each week so you could effectively win more than once. At the end of the 4 weeks there is a draw for \$1,000.

The series of draws won't run until all tickets are sold.

The Fundraising Committee will be selling tickets after each of the Masses this weekend. All funds raised go towards the upkeep of the church.



**ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL—CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** is holding an Open Day Thursday 9th March 8.40am—11.30am. St Christopher's is a welcoming and vibrant co-educational Catholic school caring for children from Kindergarten to Year 6. At St Christopher's we are committed to ensuring that your child realises their full potential. You are cordially invited to come along to the school. There are flyers in the church foyer to take home.

### **SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:**

**SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR is returning to City Recital Hall on Friday, 30 June 7pm** for an evening of seraphic singing accompanied by the Orchestra of the Antipodes. With a programme featuring J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, the Choir's ethereal sound will offer a musical experience to carry you through time and space. The crystal-clear acoustic of City Recital Hall offers concertgoers an opportunity to hear the Choir's technical and musical proficiency with a crispness which can't be experienced at home in the Cathedral. This one-night concert is sure to sell quickly, so make sure you book in advance. Tickets range from \$130- \$30 and can be purchased from [www.cityrecitalhall.com](http://www.cityrecitalhall.com).

For Lourdes, **CatholicCare's Holyoake** program helped her granddaughters have a voice in the midst of family addiction. Our professional staff helps families all over Sydney who may be struggling... To find out more about **CatholicCare** call **13 18 19**, email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org) or visit [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org).

## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday 25th Feb 5.30pm.....Kevin Madden (Special Intention)  
Sunday 26th Feb 8.00am .....Parish Intentions  
Sunday 26th Feb 9.30am.....Mary Gilchrist (RIP)  
Monday 27th Feb 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory  
Tuesday 28th Feb 9.15am.....Vocations  
Wednesday 1st March 9.15am.....**Ash Wednesday**  
Wednesday 1st March 7.00pm.....**Ash Wednesday**  
Thursday 2nd March 9.15am .....For the Sick  
Friday 3rd March 9.15am .....Australian troupes serving overseas  
Saturday 4th March .....**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.**

### **JESUS YOUTH HOURS OF GRACE—(24 HOURS OF ADORATION)**

Commencing next Saturday 4th March 2017 at 6.30pm and finishing on Sunday 5th March at 6.30pm. (Holy Adoration will be moved at the time of Holy Mass) and Saturday 6th May 2017 at 6.30pm and finishing at 6.30pm on Sunday 7th May 2017. Both events are for the first Saturday and first Sunday for March & May only.

**CARITAS Australia** Project Compassion begins on **Wednesday March 1 (Ash Wednesday)** and running through the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion raises both funds and community awareness about important global issues, empowering our neighbours across the world to build a brighter future. Our theme this year is **Love Your Neighbour**, with six inspiring stories from the Philippines, Timor-Leste, Australia, Vietnam and Fiji.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are in the church foyer for collection.

**SILENCE. STILLNESS. SIMPLICITY.** The Elements of Meditation. Silence means letting go of thoughts. Stillness means letting go of desire. Simplicity means letting go of self-analysis. Join us for Christian Meditation every Tuesdays 9:30am-10:15am & Thursdays 7pm-7:45pm at Mary Mother of the Church, Macquarie Fields. For more details contact Bernie at #0401058330.

We Pray For The Sick : Cyril Ferriere, Ian Howe

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: