

Palm Sunday

9th April 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel Hosanna in the highest.

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 52: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 26: 14-27: 66

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PARISH 2020

Parish 2020, the new pastoral project launched last year, is a journey of renewal in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. It is about all of us working together to explore and discern God's will for our Archdiocese. From January to March 2017, the Archbishop wishes to hear the views and opinions of as many people as possible across the Archdiocese on ways of renewing and strengthening our Parishes and communities for our future. You are invited to complete an online survey by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2V7XL9X>

*For those unfamiliar with technology, a paper version of the same survey is available at the back of the Church. **Completed surveys can be placed in the (First Communion forms Box at the back of the Church).***

For further information, presentations, resources and updates please visit <http://www.sydneycatholic.org/parishes/parish2020/>.

Information Contact: Parish 2020 Working Group – parish2020@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5233

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St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Palm Sunday— Year A

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Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

Fr. Michael Tate ©

Parish Collections
2/4/2017 **First:** \$1,207.15 **Second:** \$1,315.15

St Christopher's Parish news:

200 Club (cash raffle) The Parish Fundraising Committee would like thank all who were able to participate in the 200 club cash raffle. \$2,600 has been raised for the Church. 5 tickets will be drawn after the 9:30am Mass on the Sundays of 9-Apr, 16-Apr, 23-Apr and 30-Apr with winners receiving the cost of their ticket back. Tickets will be placed back in the barrel after each draw. The major draw will occur after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 7-May. One ticket will be drawn and the winner will take the \$1,000 major prize.



PARISH FUNDRAISING DATES FOR 2017

April—Draw of “200 Club tickets” May— Cake Stall (Date to be confirmed)
July 23rd BINGO August—Sale of Christmas Raffle ticket
September 16th PARISH FETE December 9th—Draw Christmas Raffle

Parish Fete: The **Craft Stall** always welcomes ‘homemade items’ knitted scarves, tea towels, baby items etc to sell. The **Garden Stall** is always in need of plants, while it is warm why not propagate some plants now and they will be established by Spring. Please keep these dates in your diary.

Next Nursing Home Mass will be next Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 11am.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES Please return your Caritas Project compassion boxes next weekend. These can be placed on any of the collection plates. We thank you for your generosity in advance.

Understanding Parish Collections:

First Collection—Money collected from the collection support the needs of priests of the parish which includes, the priests’ monthly salary, Upkeep of the presbytery, e.g. food, utilities, cleaner etc. A small percentage to cover the expenses of the Archbishop especially in caring for elderly priests.

Second Collection—Money from this collection supports the maintenance of the parish buildings and pastoral programs. The parish must work within its own budget and is unable to draw funds for expenses from any source other than its own parish income. Loans for church works are permitted as long as they can be serviced. Some of the expenses covered are: Parish running costs, e.g. administration, insurance, utilities, general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery and parish property. Parish staff salary including superannuation. Priests’ car expenses, Charitable Works Fund shortfall per appeal (3 times a year).

We Pray For The Sick : Cyril Ferriere

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Hazel Sweeney & Anthony Sweeney, Joan Bruszewski & Mary Gilchrist

Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th April 5.30pm.....Hazel & Anthony Sweeney (RIP)
Sunday 9th April 8.00am ... Joan Bruszewski (RIP)
Sunday 9th April 9.30am.....Parish Intentions
Monday 10th April 9.15am.....Mary Gilchrist (RIP)
Tuesday 11th April 9.15am.....Vocations
Wednesday 12th April 9.15am.....For the Sick

Thursday 13th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Christopher's: 7.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday: 14th April
Stations of the Cross 10.00am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3.00pm

- I. Liturgy of the Word
- II. Veneration of the Cross
- III. Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday 15th April

The Easter Vigil: 7.00pm

- I. Service of Light
- II. Liturgy of the Word
- III. Blessing of Water
- IV. Liturgy of the Eucharist
- V. Concluding Rite

Easter Sunday 16th April:

Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am



Easter Water blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass we ask you please to bring along a container to take home your Holy Water. The Holy Water will be at the back of the church for you to draw water.

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.**