

**Easter Sunday**

**16th April 2017**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10: 34, 37-43**

**Responsorial Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia

**GOSPEL: According to John 20:1-9**

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

### **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](mailto:parish2020@sydneycatholic.org) or 9390 5233*

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**Easter Water** There is Holy Water in the church for parishioners. If you wish to have some, please bring a container .

## **St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy**

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

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Rev Thomas Alukka Varghese

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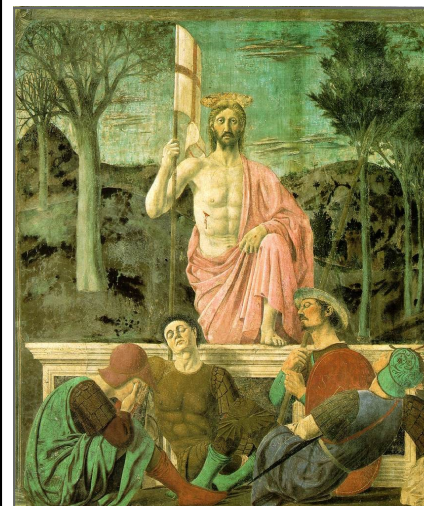
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**Easter Sunday— Year A**

**16th April 2017**

**The Lord is  
Truly Risen  
Alleluia**

**To him be Glory and  
Power for all the Ages  
of Eternity.  
Alleluia, Alleluia**

**HAPPY EASTER!**

*Dear Parishioners, We wish you a very Happy Holy Easter—May the Risen Lord shower on you and your families Joy, Hope and Love.*

*From Fr. Andrew, Fr Thomas, Fr Nicholas & Deacon Mr Al Salu*

**Parish Collections**  
9/4/2017 **First:** \$1,254.30 **Second:** \$1,107.55

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

**200 Club (cash raffle)** The first 5 tickets for the St Christopher's 200 Club Cash Raffle were drawn last week and the lucky winners were R. Fedeczyna, A. Bennell, C. Barrington, R. Villarica and Y. Vithayathil.



Each has won the cost of their ticket back and their ticket goes back into the barrel for the next draw which will be after the 930am Mass on Easter Sunday.

#### **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.

**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 in advance for your generosity.

#### **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:* Rex Hartin, Shayne Kolster, Eliane & Charlie Huet, & Margaret Reynolds

#### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday 15th April 7.00pm.....Shayne Kolster (RIP)  
Sunday 16th April 8.00am ... ..Eliane & Charlie Huet (RIP)  
Sunday 16th April 9.30am.....Parish Intentions  
Monday 17th April .....**No Mass**.....  
Tuesday 18th April 9.15am.....Vocations  
Wednesday 19th April 9.15am.....Margaret Reynolds (RIP)  
Thursday 20th April 9.15am.....For the Sick  
Friday 21st April 9.15am.....Australian troupes serving overseas  
Saturday 22nd April.....**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.**

#### **SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NOTICES:**

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival** This three day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for those aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, please go to [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au).

**Lismore Flood Appeal** Archbishop Fisher is supporting the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal that was launched by Bishop Gregory Homeming to help those who have suffered in the recent floods on the North Coast of NSW. To donate to the Appeal see [www.dioceseoflismorefloodappeal.org](http://www.dioceseoflismorefloodappeal.org)

**Bursaries – 2017 and 2018.** St Aloysius' College is an Independent Catholic School for boys in Years 3 to 12 conducted by the Society of Jesus and located at Milsons Point. The St Aloysius' College Bursary Program aims to make a Jesuit education accessible by providing financial support to eligible boys and their families. St Aloysius' College seeks to graduate ‘men for others’ who are faithful and committed, integrating a deep spirituality with a passion for justice and academic excellence. Apply now for means-tested bursaries in Years 7 and 11 for 2017 and Year 7 for 2018. Further information may be obtained from the College Website: [www.staloyisus.nsw.edu.au](http://www.staloyisus.nsw.edu.au) or by contacting the Registrar on **02 9936 5535** or email: [registrar@staloyisus.nsw.edu.au](mailto:registrar@staloyisus.nsw.edu.au).