

Sixth Sunday of Easter

21st May 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8: 5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Peter 5: 15-18

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to John 14: 1-12

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Saints of the Week

St Rita of Cascia (**Mon 22/5**) Our Lady Help of Christians (**Wed 24/5**)
St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi (**Thurs 25/5**)

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
Assistant Priest:	Rev Nicholas Rynne
Permanent Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Al Salu
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Archdiocese of Sydney—Safeguarding and Child Protection Officer.

This initiative began in November 2016 to provide support to the Parish Priest in bringing awareness of Safeguarding and Child Protection to parish staff, volunteers and the parish community. Anne Bennell, the parish secretary is our Safeguarding Officer for the parish.

The Archdiocese of Sydney has introduced a 'Code of Conduct for Working with Children and Young People'. The Code is designed to help set our expectations for **all volunteers**- whether you are a church cleaner, youth minister or an Acolyte etc, the standards and expectations are the same for everyone working within the parish.

This document is for anyone working in parishes in either a paid or a volunteer position who works with children. The Safeguarding Office recommends that **ALL** parish staff and **Volunteers** are aware of it and read and sign the form.

In the coming weeks parishioners who volunteer in the following roles will be notified and asked to attend a training session for the **Safeguarding and Protection of Children:** Acolytes, Children's Liturgy Coordinators, Choir Master's Group Leaders for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation, parish Youth Group coordinator & their helpers.

Fr. Andrew James as (Administrator) is requesting that all volunteers take the Code of Conduct form home to read, sign and place it in the box in the church foyer at your earliest convenience.

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Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you another Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, para-llel. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

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Congratulations to Fr. Andrew James who has been appointed Parish Priest of Moorebank Parish and remains as (Administrator) of St Christopher's Holsworthy Parish.

We welcome Fr. Nicholas Rynne as Assistant Priest to both Holsworthy & Moorebank parishes. Fr Thomas remains as Assistant Priest at St Christopher's

Parish Collections
14/5/2017 **First:** \$ 555.90 **Second:** \$725.10

St Christopher's Parish news:

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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Parishioners our candidates for this Sacrament will be attending Mass over the coming weeks. This weekend we will be asking you to take a *Please Pray for Me card* at the end of Mass, which will be on the steps of the Altar. Please keep these children and their family in your prayers.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Parents if your child is in year 6 or older and has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and the Eucharist he/she is eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Enrolment forms can be either downloaded from our parish website: www.stchristophers.org.au from the 1st June 2017 or available in the church foyer for people who don't have access to a printer in their homes.

The parish **CAKE STALL** is next weekend 28/29 May after the Masses. To make this more successful we are requesting that parishioner's bake a home made cake (not packet mix). If you are baking a cake please contact the parish office to let us know what you are making by Tuesday so that the cake ladies can bake accordingly.



Any donations of Sugar (brown & white), butter, eggs, dates, walnuts, copha, bananas, carrots, crushed pineapple and Philadelphia cream cheese. We have enough flour from the last cake stall. All donations can be left in the church foyer no later than Monday 22nd May 2017. Any ingredients that need refrigeration please call past the parish office on Monday 22nd May to drop them off.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop 2017 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017.

COST EX SYDNEY: \$3,050.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** \$610.00

For further information or a Pilgrimage brochure, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 89124845 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au

We Pray For The Sick : Cyril Ferriere

Recently deceased: Lorraine Brennan

Anniversaries: Gordon Leeanan & Lilian Bradley



Anointing of the sick.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 20th May 7.00pm.....Gordon Leeanan (RIP)
Sunday 21st May 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 21st May 9.30am.....Lorraine Brennan (RIP)
Monday 22nd May 9.15am.....For the Sick
Tuesday 23rd May 9.15am.....Vocations
Wednesday 24th May **9.00am.....School Hall.....Our Lady help of Christians**
Thursday 25th May 9.15am.....Lilian Bradley (RIP)
Friday 26th May 9.15am.....Australian troops serving overseas
Saturday 27th May.....**Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**

Syro-Malabar Liturgies:

Fr Thomas is on leave until the 9th June, there will be No evening Masses on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday evenings, & Saturday morning Mass.

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!
For more information, www.acyf.org.au.

CATHOLICARE: Supporting Families Week 2017. CatholicCare services assist families to live and thrive. We provide disability services, counselling and support for children, young people and families. If you or your family are struggling, call us to find out how we help. To find out more call **13 18 19**, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org.

FAITH FORMATION AT ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH HALL

ROCKDALE (Entrance on the right side of the gate of the church) Walz St, Rockdale NSW. Speakers are RON MALDIGRI a well known Lay Evangelist with powerful gift of Prophecy. BRIAN WELSH a Lay Evangelist with powerful gift of Preaching. Saturday, **27 May 2017** from 9.00am-5.00pm Morning and afternoon tea and lunch SERVED FREE. Booking is essential for catering purposes Please contact for booking: Helen Aldana: 02 8964 7034/0433 455 114 or Ida Krisnadi 0416 464 221. Sponsored by Jesus Light of the World Communities Rockdale NSW. E: jlowpcom@gmail.com or www.jlowcom.org.

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 go to www.dioceseoflismorefloodappeal.org.