

Ascension of the Lord

28th May 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia..

First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. 1: 17-23

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 28: 16-20

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Saints of the Week

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (**Wed 31/5**) St Justin (**Thus 1/6**)
Sts Marcellinus & Peter (**Fri 2/6**) Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs (**Sat 3/6**)



Archdiocese of Sydney—

Safeguarding and Child Protection Officer.

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.

Volunteers in the following rolls are required to attend the Safeguarding & Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults session they include—Acolytes, Children's Liturgy Coordinators, Choir Master's, Group Leaders for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation, Parish Youth Group coordinator & their helpers. However some parishioners have been unable to attend our previous 3 sessions, another will be held in Mid June and the Safeguarding & Protection Officer Mrs Anne Bennell will contact these people with the exact date and time.

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.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Assistant Priest:	Rev Thomas Alukka Varghese
Assistant Priest:	Rev Nicholas Rynne
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Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who ‘fills *all* creation’ with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says ‘... the *Church which is His Body*’.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: ‘Why do you stand looking into Heaven?’

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be ‘The Church which *is His Body*.’

Fr. Michael Tate ©

Parish Collections
21/5/2017 **First:** \$1,706.95 **Second:** \$1,294.55

St Christopher's Parish news:

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. We have 53 candidates who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion) on the weekend 17/18 June 2017. There will be candidates at the Saturday Vigil 17/6 & at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. There is another mass at 2.00pm on Sunday 18th June. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY of the MONTH—Mass and Adoration will be held in the Church on Friday 2nd June commencing at 7pm

PRAYER GROUP will be meeting in the Parish Hall next Saturday evening 3rd June after the 5.30pm Mass for music and prayer. Parishioners are welcome to attend. For further information please text Jacqueline Michael on 0424 418 749.

NURSING HOME MASS: The next Nursing Home Mass will be on Tuesday 13th June 2017 at 11.00am.

Offering Envelopes



PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2017/2018 once again it is nearly time to distribute the New Financial Year Envelopes 2017/2018 which will be in the church foyer come Mid June. It is important for the ongoing future of the parish that Planned Giving donations continue in parishes. The regular giving of parishioners in this format is a way for our parish to be able to budget for the ongoing expenses of the parish.

ROME PILGRIMAGE TOUR GUARANTEED DEPARTURE

Domus Australia Rome Pilgrimages is inviting pilgrims to join Fr Paulino Tui Kolio for the tour starting in Rome on 27th July 2017. The 7-night land-only tour package is priced from only \$1,790 per person twin share. Guaranteed departure, but registrations must close soon. Phone **1800 753 959** or email pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org for more details. FREE Scavi Tour (tomb of St Peter) included.

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.

We Pray For The Sick : Cyril Ferriere

Recently deceased: Lorraine Brennan

Anniversaries: David Brady



Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th May 5.30pm.....Lilian Spicer (RIP)
Sunday 28th May 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 28th May 9.30am.....Harry Kat (RIP)
Monday 29th May 9.15am.....David Brady (RIP)
Tuesday 30th May 9.15am.....Vocations
Wednesday 31st May 9.15am.....David Lowe (RIP)
Thursday 1st June 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 2nd June 9.15am.....Australian troops serving overseas
Saturday 3rd June.....**Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**

Syro-Malabar Liturgies:

Fr Thomas will return from leave on 9th June, there is 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.**

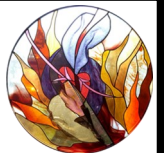
SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NOTICES:

CATHOLICARE is well placed to assist families to navigate the new world of the NDIS for their children with a disability. Our expert Customer Service Advisors can remove some of the complexity, working with people, their families and carers to put in place the support that is best for them. Contacting **CatholicCare** is as simple as calling **13 18 19** or emailing connect@catholiccare.org.

FATHER FACT 1. DID YOU KNOW *that men who had a good relationship with their father have a higher life satisfaction level later in life.*

This June Robert Falzon, acclaimed co-author of **The Father Factor**, will address the critical importance of fathering for success & happiness, provide practical info on intentional fathering & recovering from poor or absent fathering. **7.30pm Tues 13 June**, School/ Parish Hall, 21 Twentieth Ave, **Hoxton Park**. **7.30pm Wed 14 June**, Parish Hall, 3 Mary St, **Hunters Hill**. **7.30pm Thus 15 June**, Parish Hall, Crn Belmont and Flora St, **Sutherland**. Free Entry, all are welcome!

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Saturday day retreat—The Ecstatic God

June 3, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm (registrations from 930am.

Please bring your own lunch.

Pick ups from Minto train station at 9.45am and 10.00am)

Presenter: Fr. Aloysius Rego, OCD