

The Most Holy Trinity

11th June 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading from the book of Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13: 11-13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to John 3: 16-18

Communion Antiphon: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Saints of the Week

St Anthony of Padua (Tues 13/6)



SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NOTICES:

ONLINE YOUTH SURVEY Last week the Australian Bishops released an online youth survey to seek feedback for the Youth Synod in 2018 www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey. This survey will provide an important means for our young people aged 16-29 to communicate their needs, hopes and desires for our Church with our Australian Bishops.

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

FATHER FACTOR. 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! **There are brochures in the church foyer.**

CATHOLIC CEMETARIES. For further information please contact Bereavement Support on (02) 9646 6908 or email: Bereavementsupport@catholiccemetaries.com.au

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The Six Candles on the Altar

Last week I wrote about the placing of the crucifix in the middle of the altar and gave Cardinal Ratzinger's view on why this is not a destruction but actually an assistance in our attendance at Mass. It places the focus back on Jesus and away from the Priest. We come to Mass not because of the Priest but because we wish to worship God our Creator and give thanks for our lives. Another area that can be discussed is the use of candles. Looking again at the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (published in 2011 with the publication of the third typical edition of the Roman Missal) will show that having six candles on the altar is permitted. Paragraph 117 states the following.

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117. The altar is to be covered with at least one white cloth. In addition, on or next to the altar are to be placed candlesticks with lighted candles: at least two in any celebration, or even four or six, especially for a Sunday Mass or a holy day of obligation. If the diocesan Bishop celebrates, then seven candles should be used. Also on or close to the altar, there is to be a cross with a figure of Christ crucified. The candles and the cross adorned with a figure of Christ crucified may also be carried in the Entrance Procession. On the altar itself may be placed the *Book of the Gospels*, distinct from the book of other readings, unless it is carried in the Entrance Procession.

Having established that the General Instruction allows us to use six candles (and even seven in the presence of the Diocesan Bishop) A legitimate question would be why six candles on the Altar? Some people may think this is excessive or an innovation. The practice was used in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite. The lighting of six candles upon the altar was done for every high Mass, four candles were lit at a sung mass or *Missa Cantata*, and two for all other Masses. A High Mass was said on special occasions, to reflect this we now have three levels of celebration in the Church. Solemnity, Feast and Ferial or Memorial days. The highest level is a solemnity. To mark a Solemnity we light six candles. Each Sunday can be considered a solemnity, this is why at Sunday Mass six candles are lit. Of course Mass is said each day and there are other levels. The next level is a feast. A feast day is usually given for an important saint for example and Apostle or a patron of a nation feast also occur to mark an important event in Christ's life. On these days four candles are lit. The final level is a memorial where we typically remember the life of a particular saint. We also have Masses on weekdays where no particular celebration is given. These are known as ferial days from the latin word feria that means a free day. On memorials and ferial days two candles are lit. This means the number of candles that are lit will indicate the level of importance of the ceremony that is going to take place.

Fr. Andrew James

Parish Collections

4/6/2017 **First:** \$1,204.65 **Second:** \$1,197.50

St Christopher's Parish news:

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Next weekend our 53 candidates will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion) at the following Masses: Saturday Vigil 17/6 & at the 9.30am & 2.00pm.. Please keep these children and their family in your prayers.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Enrolment forms are now available in the church foyer.

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 from 24/25 June 2017 for collection. 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 10th June 5.30pm.....Thomas Kolster (RIP)
Sunday 11th June 8.00am ... Parish Intentions
Sunday 11th June 9.30am.....Audrey Jackson (RIP)
Monday 12th June 9.15am.....Joan Bruszewski (RIP)
Tuesday 13th June 9.15am.....Vocations
Wednesday 14th June 9.15am.....For the Sick
Thursday 15th June 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 16th June 9.15am.....Michael Pereira (RIP)
Saturday 17th June.....**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.**

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting its annual *Winter Appeal* on next weekend: Saturday 17th June and Sunday 18th June.

Donations can be made in the envelopes available on the church pews on that weekend. Your support will add a little comfort, dignity and hope for people facing a cold, bleak winter.

Mrs Anne Bennell is the Parish Safeguarding & Protection of children Officer for the Parish. Should you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office on 9825 1679.



CODE OF CONDUCT The Archdiocese of Sydney requires that all volunteers in any capacity in the parish which includes the following: Altar flower ladies/Church cleaners/Commentators/ Extra ordinary Eucharistic ministers of Communion/church wardens/ Readers **are required to read & sign the Code of Conduct form.** Once you have read & signed they can be placed in the box in the church foyer as you leave the church.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S YOUTH GROUP (11-18yrs old)

Please be advised that the next youth group meeting will be held on Sunday, 25th June, 2017 at 11:30am-1pm in the Parish hall. Youth group members are encouraged to bring a friend along. See you all then!

We Pray For The Sick : Cyril Ferriere

Recently deceased: Helen Roberts & Valentine Vamadevan

Anniversaries: Thomas Kolster



Attending of the sick.