

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 18th June 2017

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them
with honey from the rock.

First Reading from the book of Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10: 16-17

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to John 6: 51-58

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me
and I in him, say the Lord.

Saints of the Week

St Romuald (Mon 19/6) St Aloysius Gonzaga (Wed 21/6)
Sts John Fisher, and Thomas More (Thurs 22/6)
The most SACRED HEART of Jesus (Fri 23/6)
The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Sat 24/6)

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

ANNUAL MARRIAGE MASS & RENEWAL of VOWS This will take place on Sunday 2nd July at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 10.30am. All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

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

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

Greg Sunter



SACRAMENT of the EUCHARIST

We congratulate our 53 candidates as they receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Parish Collections

11/6/2017 **First:** \$1,005.10 **Second:** \$1,171.55

St Christopher's Parish news:

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION The Sacrament of Confirmation for our parish will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 3rd September at 2.00pm. Enrolment forms are available in the church foyer and will close on Thursday 22nd June 2017.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2017/2018 Next weekend we will distribute the New Financial Year Envelopes 2017/2018 which will be in the church foyer for givers to collect. 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.

Offering Envelopes



Mrs Anne Bennell is the Parish Safeguarding & Protection of children and vulnerable adults 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 next 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!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL, Today. Can you add a little comfort, dignity and hope for people facing a cold, bleak winter?

Donations can be made in the envelopes available on the church pews, please give them to the Vinnies' collectors in the foyer of the Church as you are leaving. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th June 5.30pm.....Anthony Alphonso (RIP)
Sunday 18th June 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 18th June 9.30am.....Special Intention
Monday 19th June 9.15am.....Australian troupes serving overseas
Tuesday 20th June 9.15am.....Vocations
Wednesday 21st June 9.15am.....For the Sick
Thursday 22nd June 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 23rd June 9.00am.....School Hall**Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Saturday 24th 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.**

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is returning to City Recital Hall on Friday, 30 June 7pm for an evening of seraphic singing accompanied by the Orchestra of the Antipodes. With a programme featuring J.S. Bach's Magnificat, Benjamin Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb and Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms, the Choir's ethereal sound will offer a musical experience to carry you through time and space. The crystal-clear acoustic of City Recital Hall offers concertgoers an opportunity to hear the Choir's technical and musical proficiency with a crispness which can't be experienced at home in the Cathedral. This one-night concert is sure to sell quickly, so make sure you book in advance. Tickets range from \$130- \$30 and can be purchased from www.cityrecitalhall.com.

Youth Spiritual Renewal Retreat – Divine Retreat Centre. 15 & 16 July 2017 from 9.00am – 4.30pm. The Lord guides and gives us strength for our journey. Each one of us have been called for a specific purpose in life. The purpose in life that will bring us closer to Him. This retreat will give everyone opportunities to hear from God in amazing worship experiences and help us to realise God's greater destiny in our lives. Come and experience what the Lord has in store for us. Age group: 18 to 30 years. Divine Retreat Centre, 160 Hensons Road, Somersby NSW 2250. Fr Michael Payyapilly – Director of Vincentian Missionaries. For any queries please contact Clary on 0434 099 088, Divine Retreat Centre Tel. 02 4372 1598 or email: clary.anato@gmail.com or ronymvc@gmail.com.

We Pray For The Sick : Cyril Ferriere

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Anthony Alphonso



Attending of the sick.