

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th June 2017

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.



First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the romans 5: 12-15

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 10: 26-33

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Saints of the Week

St Cyril of Alexandria (**Tues 27/6**)

St Irenaeus (**Wed 28/6**)

Sts Peter and Paul (**Thurs 29/6** First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church (**Fri 30/6**))

HOLY FATHER'S UPCOMING APPEAL: The annual Holy Father's Appeal will be held next weekend. Through this appeal you will become a vital partner of Pope Francis in his mission to deliver corporal works of mercy to where they are needed the most, anywhere in the world. Please consider giving your generous support. Thank you.

PARISH YOUTH COORDINATOR Ms Marie Teriana is stepping down as our parish youth coordinator to volunteer abroad for NET Ministries Mission. Marie is asking for support in this endeavour either financially or through prayers. There is more information available on the back table in the church. We wish her well in her missionary work, and a big thank you for bringing our young people together.

Should there be a young adult who would like to volunteer and take up the role of our Parish Youth Coordinator, please speak with one of the priests after Mass.



The Parish Fundraising Committee invite you to the 2nd Annual Bingo Day and sausage sizzle on 10:30am to 2:30pm **Sunday, 23 July** in the Parish Hall. Bingo tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20 dollars and are good for all bingo games for the day. Each ticket includes a raffle ticket and there will be all day raffle draws between the bingo games. There are plenty of prizes to be won and it's fun for all the family.

St Christopher's Parish Fete will be held on **Saturday 16th September, 2017** in the church grounds. Over the next few weeks we will be asking for donations for the trash & treasure stall, books, plants, craft items, cans of drink & bottled water & of course the invaluable volunteers to help out on the day. Please contact Helen Carter on 9824 1773 for further information regarding the fete.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Fr. Andrew will be writing in the Parish bulletin aspects of the Catholic Faith and Mass— and this week's topic is:

Understanding the Mass

Hopefully all of us can accept the fact that we do not understand the Mass as we should. The Mass is the highpoint of our Christian life, one thing we need to recapture is that we should not demand that the Mass should be immediately understandable. As the Benedictine writer Jeremy Driscoll states the Mass is not created by us but by God.

I will not get very far in understanding the Mass if I think I have the right to have it be meaningful to me in ways that I define. That would take away all possibility of receiving the Mass as a gift from another, from God. He defines it, it is His initiative, His action.

The Mass is a ritual, and this means it requires initiation, reception, a sense of performance.

We should remember the words of Christ "Do this in memory of me", Jesus gave us actions to carry out, we are not then free to simply recreate the ritual every time with constant innovation. To enter into a ritual you need to understand the rules of the game. One of the rules is that the Priest is not actually the centre of the Mass our encounter with Christ is more central. The actions of the Priest are not as central as many think and there is no need to see every action the Priest carries out. The mass is also not an interaction with the Priest. The priest is praying to God and addressing God. Speaking on the Eucharistic prayer Driscoll says

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We should first of all note the direction of the Priest’s language. He is still addressing himself to God the Father. This is important. The priest is not doing something **so much for the people to hear and see but more so that the Father may hear and see.** He performs his narrative before God at an altar in heaven. The people join the priest in this intention.

The Priest is praying to God especially in the Eucharistic prayer. The interaction is then not with the people, we are all speaking to God. Making eye contact with everyone is not central to the ritual of the Mass. One of the unintended consequences of the move to saying the Eucharistic prayer with the priest facing the people is the Priest has become more central. Cardinal Ratzinger describes it in the following way.

In reality what happened was that an unprecedented clericalization came on the scene. Now the priest—the “presider”, as they now prefer to call him—becomes the real point of reference for the whole liturgy. Everything depends on him. We have to see him, to respond to him, to be involved in what he is doing. His creativity sustains the whole thing. Not surprisingly, people try to reduce this newly created role by assigning all kinds of liturgical functions to different individuals and entrusting the “creative” planning of the liturgy to groups of people who like to, and are supposed to, “make their own contribution”. Less and less is God in the picture. More and more important is what is done by the human beings who meet here and do not like to subject themselves to a “pre-determined pattern”. The turning of the priest toward the people has turned the community into a self-enclosed circle. In its outward form, it no longer opens out on what lies ahead and above, but is closed in on itself. The common turning toward the east was not a “celebration toward the wall”; it did not mean that the priest “had his back to the people”: the priest himself was not regarded as so important. For just as the congregation in the synagogue looked together toward Jerusalem, so in the Christian liturgy the congregation looked together “toward the Lord”.

The ritual requires that we think less of the Priest and ourselves and more about God.

Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, *What Happens at Mass*, (Chicago: Gracewing, 2005,) vi
Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, *What Happens at Mass*, cit., 89.

Fr. Andrew James

Parish Collections

18/6/2017 First: \$1,926.95 **Second:** \$1,203.55

St Vincent de Pauls’ Winter Appeal \$1,329.00

St Vincent de Paul society wishes to thank parishioners for their generous donations last weekend.

MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

First Friday of the month

Friday 7th July 2017 7.00pm



Mass Intentions

- Saturday 24th June 5.30pm.....Paul Baumann (RIP)
- Sunday 25th June 8.00am ... Parish Intentions
- Sunday 25th June 9.30am.....Natty Alphonso (RIP)
- Monday 26th June 9.15am.....Francis Parangundram (RIP)
- Tuesday 27th June 9.15am.....Vocations
- Wednesday 28th June 9.15am.....For the Sick
- Thursday 29th June 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 30th June 9.15am.....Australian troupes serving overseas
- Saturday 1st July.....**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.**



Sacrament of Baptism are held on the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the Month following the 9.30am Mass. Godparents are examples of faith to the child. They must be confirmed and practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years old. There must be at least one Catholic godparent, a non-Catholic may act as a Christian witness. Parents must attend a pre-baptismal instruction, which is held on

the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month at 11.00am in the Parish Hall. Please contact the parish office 9825 1679 for further details.

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 29th June 2017.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2017/2018 the New Financial Year Envelopes for 2017/2018 are 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 to be able to budget for the ongoing expenses of the parish.

Planned Giving envelopes tax deduction is only for the period 1/7/2016 – 31/12/2016. We thank everyone who contributed this financial year.

We Pray For The Sick : Cyril Ferriere

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Paul Baumann, Natty Alphonso & Francis Parangundram

