

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd July 2017

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading from the second book of the Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are the chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 10: 26-33

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Saints of the Week

St Thomas, apostle (Mon 3/7)

St Elizabeth of Portugal (Tues 4/7)

St Anthony Zaccaria (Wed 5/7)

St Margaret Goretti (Thurs 6/7) Bl Peter To Rot, martyr (Fri 7/7)

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

CATHOLIC CARE..... We provide training and support for those interested in a career helping older people remain independent in their own homes. To find out more call 13 18 19 or email connect@catholiccare.org or visit our website at www.catholiccare.org. CatholicCare Sydney: Helping families live and thrive

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE - Praying With Poetry. We invite you to join us for the experience of exploring the ways in which poetry can lead to prayer in reflecting on the thoughts, feelings and experiences in selected poems attending to their images, rhythms and capacity to surprise. Poems selected will be from a wide variety of poets including Mary Oliver, RS Thomas, Jessica Powers, Denise Levertov to name a few. There will be time and space for reflection and the invitation for participants to share their favourite poem. The day will be facilitated by well-respected teacher and scholar Glenda Bourke sgs.

Date: Saturday 8 July 10am-3.30pm. **Cost:** \$30 Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch.

Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or Phone 9484 6208

Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.

POSITIONS VACANT:

Sacramental & Ministry Coordinator

All Saints Parish Liverpool (part time, 30 hours per week)

National Executive Officer

Catholic Religious Australia (full time, based in Annandale)

For further information on both positions, please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au OR by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055.

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

Administrator:	Rev. Andrew James
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In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Michael Tate ©

Parish Collections

25/6/2017 **First:** \$951.45 **Second:** \$1,001.05

Parish News:

The parish secretary will be on leave from Monday 3rd July until Tuesday 11th July. Should you require any assistance, either ring the parish office 9825 1679 and leave a message or alternatively speak to the priest after the weekday Masses. There will be no parish bulletin next weekend.



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 regarding the Baptismal form.

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. **A parent only** must attend the Information session on Sunday 30th July at 4pm in the church.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2017/2018 the New Financial Year Envelopes for 2017/2018 are in the church foyer 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 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.

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 in the church foyer. 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. Phone or text Ray Villarica 0400353531 for Bingo tickets.

St Christopher's Parish Fete will be held on **Saturday 16th September, 2017** in the church grounds. Calling on all craft makers who would be willing to make items to sell on the Craft Stall to please contact Helen Carter on 9824 1773

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1st July 5.30pm.....Valentine Vamadevan (RIP)
Sunday 2nd July 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 2nd July 9.30am.....Special Intention (Arthur Aguiliar)
Monday 3rd July 9.15am.....Roberta Evans (RIP)
Tuesday 4th July 9.15am.....Vocations
Wednesday 5th July 9.15am.....For the Sick
Thursday 6th July 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 7th July 9.15am.....Australian troupes serving overseas
Saturday 8th 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.**

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL: The annual Holy Father's Appeal will be held this 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. There are envelopes in the church pews. Please consider giving your generous support. Thank you.

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First Friday of the month
Friday 7th July 2017 7.00pm



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL. This 3-Day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, see our website www.acyf.org.au

We Pray For The Sick : Cyril Ferriere, Arthur Aguilar

Recently deceased: Valentine Vamadevan

Anniversaries: Roberta Evans



Anointing of the Sick