

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th July 2017

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**First Reading from the prophet Zechariah 9: 9-10**

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 9, 11-13**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia

**GOSPEL: According to Matthew 11: 25-30**

**Communion Antiphon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

### *Saints of the Week*

St Benedict (Tues 11/7)

St Henry (Thurs 13/7) St Camillus de Lellis (Fri 14/7)

St Bonaventure (Sat 15/7)

**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](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org) or visit our website at [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org). CatholicCare Sydney: Helping families live and thrive.

### **Your vocation can provide sustainable solutions to global poverty**

Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to assist build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations. Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the requests of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there.

If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can **join a 13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience** starting on **September 24<sup>th</sup>**.

The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. We have more information on the notice board. You can also call **Roger during business hours** on **02 9560 5333** or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au).

### **Jubilee of the Schoenstatt Family Movement-Time for Us to celebrate**

**When:** Sunday 16th July - 11am to 4pm

**Where:** Family Hall, 11am Mass followed by Family Fiesta, 2pm Reflection of the Jubilee (Children's Program will be available) 3pm Adoration and Renewal of the Covenant. 3.30pm Afternoon Tea.

**FREE EVENT** but Registration essential for catering purposes: [https://](https://www.trybooking.com/PRRR)

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For more information please email: [families@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:families@schoenstatt.org.au)

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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### **St Christopher's Catholic School**—*Through faith and love we serve*

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When we hear the term, *yoke*, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder *my* yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus *was* easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 *mitzvot* (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

## Parish News:

**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** A reminder to parents who have enrolled their child in the Confirmation program there is a compulsory meeting that a parent must attend 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.



**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

**SEAFARERS SUNDAY 9/7/17** Parishes are asked to support chaplains helping seafarers at ports and at sea.

This year's theme is "In the midst of the storm" highlighting the mental vulnerabilities of seafarers on the oceans.

You can donate by posting a cheque to:

Stella Maris Seafarers Centre  
PO Box 368 Canberra ACT 2601

or via electronic banking to:

BSB Number: 083-347

Account Number: 649 518 680,

Account name: Stella Maris Seafarers Centre. *Thank you for your prayers and support.*

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th July 5.30pm.....John Cheadle (RIP)  
Sunday 9th July 8.00am .....Parish Intentions  
Sunday 9th July 9.30am .....Special Intention  
Monday 10th July 9.15am.....Paul Conlon (RIP)  
Tuesday 11th July 9.15am.....Vocations  
Wednesday 12th July 9.15am.....For the Sick  
Thursday 13th July 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory  
Friday 14th July 9.15am.....Australian troops 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.**

## SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

**Help Tackle Homelessness and build affordable housing! – 12<sup>th</sup> July Assembly**

Join Archbishop Anthony, our Archdiocesan Justice & Peace Office, St Vincent de Paul NSW, Catholic Care Sydney and Sydney Alliance to be part of an Affordable Housing Assembly with the NSW Planning and Housing Minister. Join Sydney Catholics putting their faith into action to advocate for more affordable housing across Sydney. We'd love small groups (family, friends, fellow parishioners) to come along and stand with Sydney families struggling to meet the cost of living in our city and help make it a more equitable place for all.

**WHEN & WHERE:** July 12; 6pm for 6:30pm-8:15pm, St Mary's Cathedral College Hall, 2 Mary St, City. There's parking nearby the Cathedral at the Domain carpark, or easily accessible via public transport.

Please register via the Justice & Peace Office - [kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org) or call 02 9307 8465

**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](http://www.acyf.org.au)

*We Pray For The Sick :* Cyril Ferriere, Arthur Aguilar

*Recently deceased:* John Cheadle

*Anniversaries:* Paul Conlon



*Assisting the sick.*