

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th July 2017

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah 55: 10-11

Responsorial Psalm: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 18-23

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him for ever. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 13: 1-23

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Saints of the Week

St Apollinaris (Thurs 20/7)
St Lawrence of Brindisi (Fri 21/7)
St Mary Magdalene (Sat 22/7)

PARISH FETE 16/9/2017

Plans for the next fete are well underway and I would like to give a brief outline of the help we will need from the Parish Community for the fete so that our goal can be achieved.

This week we are asking for quality items for our **Trash and Treasure stall**. As the saying goes "one man's trash is another man's treasure."

There will be bins in the church foyer from this weekend where items can be left. If you are donating larger items please contact Helen Carter 9824 1773.

Over the coming weeks we will be asking for donations for the following:

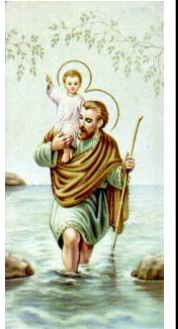
- * Craft & jam stall
- * Plants
- * Donations of gifts/vouchers suitable for prizes on the chocolate wheel
- * Books
- * Board games
- * CD's, and DVD's (no VCR tapes thank you)
- * Laptops
- * Donations of cakes for the cake stall— we will be handing out a cardboard cake trays a few weeks prior to the event, and we are asking parishioners to fill the tray with yummy cakes/biscuits/slices to sell on the day.



St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time? No.

Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind.

But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord. This led him to make the most amazing claim that:

'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.'

We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death.

We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'

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 only 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. Should any parishioner wish to contribute to the 2017/2018 Planned Giving envelopes, the parish offers envelopes, direct credit to bank account and Monthly Credit Card deductions. There are forms to completed in the church foyer, should you wish to contribute by any of these payments.

The Parish Fundraising Committee invite you to the 2nd Annual **Bingo Day** and sausage sizzle on 10:30am to 2:30pm **next 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.



CAKE STALL The parish is holding a Cake stall on the 5/6 August after the weekend Masses. As usual to make this a success we need donations of S/R & Plain Flour, Sugar (brown & white), butter, eggs, dates, walnuts, copha, bananas, carrots, crushed pineapple and Philadelphia cream cheese. All donations can be left in the church foyer no later than Monday 31st July 2017. Any ingredients that need refrigeration please call past the parish office on Monday 31st July to drop them off.



CATHOLICARE..... 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th July 5.30pm.....Eileen & Paul Michael (RIP)
 Sunday 16th July 8.00amParish Intentions
 Sunday 16th July 9.30am.....Special Intention (Kerry Stark)
 Monday 17th July 9.15am.....Zach Dalco (RIP)
 Tuesday 18th July 9.15am.....Vocations
 Wednesday 19th July 9.15am.....For the Sick
 Thursday 20th July 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
 Friday 21st July 9.15am.....Australian troops serving overseas
 Saturday 22nd 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:

Australian Catholic Youth Festival Update

Sydney is getting ready to host this large gathering from 7 – 9 December this year. Already there are over 12,000 registrations in groups. This will be the largest gathering of young people since World Youth Day in 2008. Our local Deanery would like to ensure that we have a group of young people attending the Festival and being part of the Year of Youth celebrations during 2018.

To find out more about this Festival please go to www.acyf.org.au

At this stage our parish does not have a Parish Youth coordinator—should any parishioner be interested in being our Youth coordinator, please speak with a priest after Mass.

Position Vacant: 2018– Family Educators

Applications are invited for the position of Family Educator based in 24 systemic Catholic primary schools across the Archdiocese of Sydney. To see locations please go to <https://sydcatholicsschools.nsw.edu.au> Click on Employment , Positions Vacant.

Applications close August 4, 2017.

For further information contact meredith.lemos@syd.catholic.edu.au

We Pray For The Sick : Cyril Ferriere, Arthur Aguilar, Mark Cronin and Kerry Stark

Recently deceased: John Cheadle

Anniversaries: Eileen & Paul Michael, Zach Dalco



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*