

The TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD 6th August 2017

Entrance Antiphon: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard; This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well please. Listen to him.

First Reading from the book of Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth..

Second Reading from the second letter of St Peter 1: 16-19

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved,
in whom is all my delight. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 17: 1-9

Communion Antiphon: When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
or we shall see him as he is.

Saints of the Week

St Sixths II, St Cajetan (**Mon 7/8**) St Mary of the Cross (**Tues 8/8**)
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (**Wed 9/8**)
St Lawrence (**Thurs 10/8**)
St Clare (**Fri 11/8**)

PARISH FETE 16/9/2017

Thank you to the people who have donated items to the **Trash & Treasure**, please drop off quality items on the weekends after Mass so that they can be stored away.

This week we are asking for donations for the **Chocolate Wheel**. Items such as, **new** electrical goods e.g. (toasters, electric jugs & beaters) and any suitable prizes for this stall. Please contact Helen Carter 0418403842 if you are donating such items.



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

- * **Craft & Jam stall**—can anyone knit, crochet and have time to make a few things.
- * **Plants**—now is the time to 'strike' some cuttings we have pots if you need them.
- * **Books & Board games**
- * **CD's, and DVD's (no VCR tapes thank you)**
- * Donations of cakes for the **Cake Stall**— we will be handing out 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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We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

Fr. Michael Tate ©

Parish Collections

30/7/2017 **First:** \$ 966.80 **Second:** \$963.30

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.



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL – 06 AUGUST.

This weekend we will be holding the appeal. Parishes of the Sydney Archdiocese rely on the services provided by the CWF to deliver assistance to families in crisis, development programs for the disadvantaged, equal access for our deaf and hearing impaired, pastoral support from its chaplaincy service, training for our future priests and faith education for our Catholic parish primary school children. Your donation will ensure that the CWF can continue its charitable and pastoral works in your local community, so we ask you to please give generously. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Tuesday 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation there will be Mass at 9.15am and 7.00pm



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Parents of children in Year 2 or above who have been Baptised Catholic are eligible to enrol for this Sacrament. Enrolments will be available to download from the parish website www.stchristophers.org.au and there will be enrolment forms in the church foyer from Thursday 24th August - 14th September 2017.

St Francis Xavier's Parish, Lurnea

Holy Land Pilgrimage

There are limited places still available for the pilgrimage to the Holy Land early next year 2018.

Anyone interested or for more information on this pilgrimage please contact Will on 0404 270 579 or email will.querubin@gmail.com

THE GRAIL

"In a Gentle Way, You Can Shake the World"

Young Women's Retreat

13-15 October 2017

Jamberoo Abbey

Registration via www.trybooking.com/RAXG by 8 of September



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5th Aug 5.30pm.....Frank Rochecouste RIP)
Sunday 6th Aug 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 6th Aug 9.30am.....Harry Kat (RIP)
Monday 7th Aug 9.15am.....For the Sick
Tuesday 8th Aug 9.15am.....Special Intention
Wednesday 9th Aug 9.15am.....Vocations
Thursday 10th Aug 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 11th Aug 9.15am.....Australian troops serving overseas
Saturday 12th Aug.....**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.**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL – ACYF

With the Australian Catholic Youth Festival just a little over 120 days away and early bird registrations closing on 18 August, we are mounting a big campaign over the next few weeks to maximize Parish and Deanery registrations. Each Deanery now has an ACYF Co-ordinator available as the contact for any enquiries from young people within the parish. Enquiries about the Festival and interest to attend the Festival as part of a deanery group are welcome. The Deanery Poster lists each deanery and respective parish and contact person available to call or email.

MASS FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 20th August at 10.30am. Morning tea will follow in St Mary's Cathedral chapter Hall. **RSVP and enquiries** can be directed to LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8404.

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

Recently deceased: Frank Rochecouste

Anniversaries:

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

