

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13th August 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading from the first book of the Kings 19: 9, 11-13

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 9: 1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 14: 22-33

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who give you your fill of finest wheat.

Saints of the Week

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe (**Mon 14/8**)
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (**Tues 15/8**)
St Stephen of Hungary (**Wed 16/8**)
St John Eudes (**Sat 18/8**)

PARISH FETE 16/9/2017

Our goal for this fete is to finally have air conditioning installed in the church and we are currently obtaining quotes for this to happen and so hopefully this time next year we will have a comfortably warm church in the winter and a cooler church in the summer.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the chocolate wheel and the trash and treasure requests. Keep up the good work.

We still require new quality gifts for the chocolate wheel. Perhaps you know someone who works for a retail company. Gift vouchers are also appreciated.

The rides for the children will go on sale after the weekend Masses 2nd/3rd September and 9th and 10th September.

Tickets will also be sold at the school on the two Fridays before the fete, 8th and 15th September.

Cost of tickets for unlimited rides will be:

Pre-purchased tickets - \$25 and \$35 purchased on the day. Single tickets are also available for purchase on the day.

The rides will be available from 10.00am -3.00pm

There will be a meeting for all volunteers in the church hall on **Monday 28th August at 7.30pm** to plan for the number of people required to help with each stall. **VOLUNTEERS ARE AN INVALUABLE PART OF THE SUCCESSFUL RUNNING OF THE FETE AND WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU.**

For further information please contact Helen Carter on 9824 1773 or 0418 403 842

Thank you for your continued support!



St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A
Sunday 13th August 2017**

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

Fr. Greg Sunter



Parish Collections

6/8/2017 **First:** \$935.00 **Second:** \$1,278.50
Charitable Works Fund Appeal \$836.90

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.

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 CONFIRMATION We have 40 children enrolled in this program. On Sunday 3rd September these candidates will receive this Sacrament at St Marys Cathedral. Please keep these children and their family in your prayers.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION We are in urgent need of parents to volunteer as Group Leaders for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Ongoing training and support will be given. Should you be interested please contact the parish office. If your child is in Year 2 or above and has been Baptised Catholic he/she is 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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS can now be downloaded All official photos can be downloaded from this site.

<http://giovanniportelliphotography.zenfolio.com/f127206437>

The coupon code system has now been activated and ready.

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.

SYDNEY MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES - CARE WORKERS NEEDED Casual Position

Sydney Multicultural Community Services specialises in the provision of support services to members of our multicultural communities.

We currently have a number of casual positions available for **Care Workers** who speak a second language to provide support services to older people in their own homes who come from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds (CALD).

more information please phone: (02) 9663 3922 or email info@sydneymcs.org.au

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th Aug 5.30pm.....Brian Cullen RIP)
Sunday 13th Aug 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 13th Aug 9.30am.....Lillian Bradley (RIP)
Monday 14th Aug 9.15am.....For the Sick
Tuesday 15th Aug 9.15am.....Special Intention (Cyril Ferriere)
Tuesday 15th Aug 7.00pmMargaret Gainsford (RIP)
Wednesday 16th Aug 9.15am.....Vocations
Thursday 17th Aug 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 18th Aug **9.00am** **School Hall**.....
Saturday 19th 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

Early Bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival close on Friday 18 August; payment to secure this rate must be finalised by Friday 25 August. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years of age are invited to contact our Deanery Coordinator for further information. **Western Deanery Call James 0487 213 444 or email westerndeanerysydney@gmail.com** The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia. Please support this major initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register. There are 30 free registrations available to State School students also available through the Deanery Coordinator.

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We provide immediate support to parents 7 days a week with our Parent Line NSW telephone counselling services.

Simply call 1300 1300 52 for immediate, professional support. To find out more about other CatholicCare services call 13 18 19, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org

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

Recently deceased: Frank Rochecouste

Anniversaries: Brian Cullen, Lillian Bradley & Margaret Gainsford



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