

Twenty– Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd September 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 12: 1-2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 16: 21-27

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Saints of the Week

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (**Fri 8/9**) St Peter Claver (**Sat 9/9**)

Parish Collections

27/8/2017 **First:** \$1,002.40 **Second:** \$1,126.95

Parish News:

Sacrament of Baptism is 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 This Sunday 3rd September our candidates will receive this Sacrament at St Mary's Cathedral. Please keep these children and their family in your prayers.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION If your child is in Year 2 or above and has been Baptised Catholic, he/she is eligible to enrol for this Sacrament. Enrolments are available to download from the parish website www.stchristophers.org.au and there are enrolment forms in the church foyer until Thursday 14th Sept 2017.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS Parents of First Holy Communion candidates, all official photos can be downloaded from this site. The coupon code system has now been activated and ready.

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HAMMONDCARE Monthly Nursing Home Mass please note that the monthly Mass will now be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each Month at 11.00am (Tuesday 12th Sept).

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A Sunday 3rd September 2017

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus *wanted* him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dread-ful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get *behind* me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, *follow* me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

Fr. Michael Tate ©

Happy Father's Day



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH FETE Saturday 15th September 2017

Thank you to the volunteers who came to our meeting on Monday night. There is still time to put your name down to help out on the day we now have sheets listing the stalls available. It would be appreciated if you could nominate the time you are available as well. At least a further 10 more volunteers are needed.

VOLUNTEERS ARE AN INVALUABLE PART OF THE SUCCESSFUL RUNNING OF THE FETE AND WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU.

There are still some flyers to be delivered from this weekend. The flyers will be inside a plastic sleeve with a highlighted map attached of the area you wish to deliver in. Please fill in your details on the sheets provided the corresponding number on the package you are taking. Any leftover flyers please return to the foyer of the church.

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



Tickets will also be sold at the school in the afternoon 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

As the fete is only 2 weeks away we are also looking for donations of: Sugar, Milk (full cream and skim). Can be delivered on the Friday, 15th or on the day.

Help will be needed on the 15th September with the setting up of the stalls

Donations of books, CD's, DVD's, suitable gifts for the Chocolate Wheel and Trash & Treasure. 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.

To assist with our **Cake and Coffee Stall** cake trays will be handed out at all Masses on the weekend 8th & 9th September to be returned with cakes, cookies or slices on them on either the 15th (day before the fete) or on the day (16th).

Donations of **Plants** to be left near the steps of the hall from 15th September

There is a container in the church foyer for all those busy people who have been making things for the **Craft Stall**.



The fete committee will be available to collect the above on the 15th Sept. For further information please contact Helen Carter on 9824 1773 or 0418 403 842 Thank you for your continued support

Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal Date: 9th & 10th September 2017

This weekend marks the start of the **Priests' Retirement Foundation** Appeal – set up with the aim of looking after our sick and retired priests, it provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement.

As a way of expressing your gratitude for the men who've nurtured your Catholic faith and provided guidance, friendship and mercy through the years, we hope that you'll consider giving back and donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 2nd Sept 5.30pm.....Marie Billetts RIP)
Sunday 3rd Sept 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 3rd Sept 9.30am.....Pierre Severe & Sydney Requin (RIP)
Monday 4th Sept 9.15am.....For the Sick
Tuesday 5th Sept 9.15am.....Special Intention
Wednesday 6th Sept 9.15am.....Vocations
Thursday 7th Sept 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 8th Sept 9.15amAustralian troupes serving overseas
Saturday 9th Sept.....**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:

COALITION for MARRIAGE

The postal plebiscite on marriage begins on 12 September. There are consequences for changing the law on marriage, including what it means for education. In countries where the law has changed, primary schools and high schools, including faith-based schools, have been required to teach LGBTIQ issues as part of their curriculum, with no opt-out for parents. If you want to have a say in what your kids and grandkids are taught, you need to make your voice heard! It's ok to say no. More Info: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au

PETITION-Assisted Suicide Bill NSW: This weekend and next weekend you will have an opportunity to sign the petition against the Voluntary Assisted Dying bill tabled in NSW parliament on 14 September.

This bill allows persons to kill themselves or be killed by a physician assisted injection. It is impossible to safeguard such legislation against coercion and abuse. Many in the medical professions oppose this bill. You will hear more during Mass and volunteers will assist you in signing the petition after Mass.

More info: www.no euthanasia.org.au, click on *Take Action* and *NSW*.

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



Recently deceased: Marie Billetts & Sydney Requin

Anniversaries: Pierre Severe

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