

Twenty– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th September 2017

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.



First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13: 8-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 18: 15-20

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Saints of the Week

The Most Holy Name of Mary (Tues 12/9)

St John Chrysostom (Wed 13/9)

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Thurs 14/9)

Our Lady of Sorrows (Fri 15/9) Sts Cornelius & Cyprian (Sat 16/9)

Parish Collections

3/9/2017 **First:** \$792.05 **Second:** \$929.95

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 We congratulate our 37 candidates who received the Sacrament at St Mary's Cathedral last Sunday. It was a most memorable event. A very big **thank you** to those involved in preparing these children...Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers...



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Enrolments close this Thursday 14/9 and forms are in the church foyer. Please return to the parish office asap.

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 this Tuesday 12/9 there will be Mass at the nursing home at 11.00am .

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A **Sunday 10th September 2017**

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

Fr. Greg Sunter

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH FETE **Saturday 16th September 2017**

ONE WEEK TO GO!!

It's not too late to volunteer for the fete. There are still a few flyers to be delivered. 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.

This week we are asking for donations of:

- Packets of Jaffa's and Jelly Beans for the **Lolly Store**
- Donations of milk and sugar (full cream, skim milk and soy milk). These items can be dropped off on Friday, 15th or on the morning of the fete.
- We are asking parishioners to take home a plate and return it either on Friday or Saturday with a cake or homemade slices on it to be sold on the cake and coffee stall
- The fete committee will be available to collect the above on the Friday 15th



The rides for the children are available for sale again this weekend after all the Masses.

Tickets are being sold at the school next Friday, 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

Any assistance parishioners can give us on Friday with the setting up of the stalls will be greatly appreciated.



Donations of plants are to be left near the steps of the hall by Friday, 15th. There is a container in the church foyer for all those busy people who have been making things for the **craft stall**. All items need to be handed in by next Friday

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

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

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 9th Sept 5.30pm.....Maria Louis RIP)
Sunday 10th Sept 8.00amRoland Hartin (RIP)
Sunday 10th Sept 9.30am.....Parish Intentions
Monday 11th Sept 9.15am.....For the Sick
Tuesday 12th Sept 9.15am.....Special Intention
Wednesday 13th Sept 9.15am.....Vocations
Thursday 14th Sept 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 15th Sept 9.15amAustralian troops serving overseas
Saturday 16th 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 : Sue Morris, Brian Cooney , Cyril Ferriere, Arthur Aguilar, Mark Cronin and Kerry Stark

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Roland Hartin & Maria Louis

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

