

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th September 2017

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 55: 6-9**

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

**Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1: 20-24, 27**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia

**GOSPEL: According to Matthew 20: 1-16**

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### *Saints of the Week*

Sts Cosmas and Damian (**Tues 26/9**) St Vincent de Paul (**Wed 27/9**)  
St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz and companions (**Thurs 28/9**)  
St Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels (**Fri 29/9**) St Jerome (**Sat 30/9**)

### **Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes**

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 8 October (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Terry Brady.

Disabled Parking will be limited to the main drive entrance to the Grotto. Parking is also available in the surrounding streets and Council car park.

*Society of Our Lady of Lourdes*

### **Ageing and Awakening: God's Surprising Gifts!**

#### **Weekend Retreat—Jamberoo Abbey**

DATE: October 27-29

VENUE: Benedictine Abbey 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo

TIME: 9.00 a.m. commencing with Eucharist and concluding with Vespers at 5.00 p.m. on the 29th.

PRESENTER: Sr. Kerin Caldwell sgs

COST: \$100.00 for the talks plus accommodation fees.

BOOKINGS: Petrina 0242360533 cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

### **Catholic Bushwalking Club [www.cbcnsw.org.au](http://www.cbcnsw.org.au)**

is looking for new members. Bushwalking, Camping, Canyon and Skiing trips.

Please apply via website

or contact Linda 0478 919 427

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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### **St Christopher's Catholic School—Through faith and love we serve**

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## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A Sunday 24th September 2017



On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement.

Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner's final comment in the parable, 'the last will be first, and the first, last', is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus' kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted.

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

**Parish Collections**

17/9/2017 **First:** \$961.65 **Second:** \$1,128.75

***Parish News:***

**The Fete Committee** would like to thank Fr Andrew, Fr Thomas and Fr Nicholas for their support of the Committee over the last 3 months.

**A special THANK YOU must go to the Michael family for their generosity and support.**

We would also like to thank all who supported the fete whether as a volunteer, parishioners who delivered advertising flyers, made a donation of goods to our stalls or attended on the day. We also congratulate the parishioner who found the requested packet of Jaffas.

The Committee is very pleased with the successful outcome of the day and the benefits the Fete will bring to St Christopher's community. At this stage we are finalising outstanding invoices etc and should have a final figure as to funds raised by next weekend. *Thank you once again,*

The Fete Committee

**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 RECONCILIATION** A reminder to parents who have enrolled their child in the Reconciliation Program-the Information session for Parent/s ONLY is on Sunday 15th October at 4pm in the church. A **parent only** needs to attend.

**YOUTH CHOIR** We are looking for High school students who would like to join the parish Youth Choir. This choir sings at the 9.30am Mass on the 4 & 5th Sundays of the Month. If your child is interested please contact Grace on 0422 887 742 for more details.

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

The next monthly Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be on

**TUESDAY** 3rd October at **7:00pm ...**

Please notice the **change from Wednesday to Tuesday evening.**



**MASS & ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**First Friday of the month**

**Friday 6th October 7.00pm**



**Mass Intentions**

Saturday 23rd Sept 5.30pm.....Mavis Pawsey RIP)  
Sunday 24th Sept 8.00am .....Parish Intention  
Sunday 24th Sept 9.30am..... Eliata Ramalinga (RIP)  
Monday 25th Sept 9.15am.....For the Sick  
Tuesday 26th Sept 9.15am..... Audrey Jackson (RIP)  
Wednesday 27th Sept 9.15am.....Vocations  
Thursday 28th Sept 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory  
Friday 29th Sept 9.15am .....Australian troupes serving overseas  
Saturday 30th 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:**

**It's ok to say NO:** You can vote no in the postal plebiscite and still love your same-sex attracted relatives and friends. Voting no does not make you a bigot. Serious consequences will follow any redefinition of marriage in Australia. Just this week no campaigners have been physically and verbally assaulted and have lost their jobs. Vote no to protect our freedom. To volunteer, donate or for more info visit:

[www.coalitionformarriage.com.au](http://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au)

**Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse** – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing [info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au](mailto:info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au) or phone 0407704539.

**CatholicCare** Sydney supports people living with a disability to find meaningful work, including young people leaving school. Come to our Vocational Skills Info Day for young people with an NDIS plan. 10.30am to 4pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Level 1, 45-47 Scott Street, Liverpool.

For more information contact our CCareline Team on **13 18 19**

or email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

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

*Recently deceased:* Sue Morris

*Anniversaries:* Mavis Pawsey, Eliata Ramalinga

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

