

Twenty–Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st October 2017

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2: 1-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 21: 28-32

Communion Antiphon: Remember, your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Saints of the Week

The Holy Guardian Angels (**Mon 2/10**) St Francis of Assisi (**Wed 3/10**)
St Bruno (**Fri 6/10**) Our Lady of the Rosary (**Sat 7/10**)

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 20th 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

Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering – ‘Everyone’s Business: Building an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy’

Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year!

We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the new Social Justice Statement, ‘Everyone’s Business: Building an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy’. There will be a mix of practical and informative sessions and time to renew or begin relationships with social justice leaders from other parishes. We will also have copies of the Statement and practical resources to take home with you. Our full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly!

There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Plenty of street parking and easy accessibility.
All most welcome!

WHEN: October 14, 2017 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm

WHERE: St Columba’s Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North

COST: Free

RSVP: Essential for catering: email jpointo@sydneycatholic.org | or call us 9307 8465

St Christopher’s Parish Holsworthy

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

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Twenty–Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A *Sunday 1st October 2017*



This week’s gospel passage is one of many within Matthew’s gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew’s gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week’s passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says ‘No’ but later does his father’s bidding. The second says ‘Yes’ but doesn’t follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said ‘Yes’ to God but by their actions said ‘No’. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as ‘sinners’ beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said ‘No’ to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying ‘Yes’ to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said ‘Yes’ to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a ‘religious profile’ but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said ‘Yes!’

Fr. Greg Sunter

Parish Collections

24/9/2017 **First:** \$ 1,072.85 **Second:** \$1,050.70

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 RECONCILIATION A reminder to parents who have enrolled their child in the Reconciliation Programme-the Information session for Parent/s ONLY is on Sunday 15th October at 4pm in the church. A **parent only** needs to attend. A Group Leaders' meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th October in the Parish Office, at 7pm

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.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The next **RCIA program for the Parishes of St Joseph's Moorebank and St Christopher's Holsworthy** will commence on 5th October 2017 at 7:00pm in the Presbytery of St Joseph's. The RCIA is a process by which adults become Catholics. It is for the un-baptised, non-Catholic Christians and for Catholics who may not have received the Sacraments of the Eucharist/Confirmation..

Anyone who is interested in attending, or would simply like more information please contact David Moore on Ph. 0412 405 792 or email davemo@bigpond.net.au

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



EXTRAORDINARY THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THIS PARISH!

An extraordinary form of Mass will be offered every Saturday morning at 10:30am at St Christopher's, Holsworthy, beginning on the first Saturday of October (Saturday 7th). This form of Mass is conducted largely in Latin and in a different style to the ordinary form of Mass offered in the parish.

Translations of Mass texts will be provided. An initial training session for altar boys, choristers and the faithful will be conducted in the church on Saturday 30th September at 2:30pm with further training and information sessions to follow.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 30th Sept 5.30pm.....Vernon Pereira RIP)
Sunday 1st Oct 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 1st Oct 9.30am.....Valentine Varmadevan & Cecil Rajakariar (RIP)
Monday 2nd Oct 9.15am.....Dolcie Pereira (RIP)
Tuesday 3rd Oct 9.15am.....Teodoro Peralta (RIP)
Wednesday 4th Oct 9.15am.....Tony Azavedo (RIP)
Thursday 5th Oct 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 6th Oct 9.15amAustralian troupes serving overseas
Saturday 7th Oct.....**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:

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 or phone 0407704539.

Calling all University students!

Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each University has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus.

Visit: www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.

Postal Plebiscite:

It's ok to vote NO in the postal plebiscite. Redefining marriage in Australia will have serious consequences. We have seen no safeguards for individuals of faith. Radical gay sex education will return to schools. For more info or to get involved see: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au

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

Recently deceased: Teodoro Peralta

Anniversaries: Vernon Pereira, Valentine Varmadevan, Cecil Rajakariar, Dolcie Pereira & Tony Azavedo



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