

Twenty–Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th October 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 5: 1-7

Responsorial Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4: 6-9

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 21: 33-43

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

Saints of the Week

St Denis and companions, martyrs & St John Leonardi (Mon 9/10)
St John XXIII (Wed 11/10)
St Callistus I pope, martyr (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

Mount St Benedict Centre – Children’s Meditation Workshop

This fun workshop is for children aged 5-12 years, and aims to build a healthy body and mind. By teaching a variety of simple meditation techniques using breath and visualisation, creating mandalas and moving the body in a conscious way, children are encouraged to find that centre of stillness inside. This can help with anxiety, building confidence and understanding emotions.

Date: Saturday 28 October 1.30pm-4.30pm.

Cost: \$30 BYO Afternoon Tea

Where: 449D Pennant Hills Road. Entrance off Hull Road.

Reserve your place by email mtstbenedict@goodsams.org.au or phone 9484 6208

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat: 3-5 November

This weekend retreat in Sydney is designed to bring psychological and spiritual healing to anyone who has been affected by an abortion experience including women, men, couples and grandparents. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Australia is supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Confidential inquiries: Telephone or SMS 0400 092 555, info@rachelsvineyard.org.au

For more information visit: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A Sunday 8th October 2017

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God *will* find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Sahara Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. It is wonderful to see the energetic work of the new immigrants and refugees in our parishes (including the Bishop of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

Fr. Michael Tate ©

Best wishes to all our HSC candidates !

Parish Collections

1/10/2017 **First:** \$ 718.70 **Second:** \$892.05

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 next Sunday 15th October at 4pm in the church. A **parent only** needs to attend.

PARISH FETE 16/9/2017 After expenses approximately \$13,000 was raised.
We Thank everyone involved in making this another successful Parish fete.

EXTRAORDINARY THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THIS PARISH!

An extraordinary form of Mass is being offered every Saturday morning at 10:30am at St Christopher's, Holsworthy conducted by Fr. Nicholas.

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 was held on Saturday 30th September, however further training and information sessions to follow.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 21/22 OCTOBER 2017

'Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst again' **John 4:14**

There are over 12 million forgotten farming families in Vietnam, living in the coastal mountain regions, who desperately require access to clean drinking water and nutritious food as they struggle to survive on less than \$2 per day. Together, we can provide them with essential community health, education and spiritual growth resources to ensure they can have a future filled with hope. There will be envelopes in the pews on the 21/22 October for your donations.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS & THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



The month of November is dedicated to the repose of the Souls of loved ones, and there are no individual Mass Intentions written in our parish bulletin during this month. For those who wish to include all their deceased loved ones in all the Masses we will be celebrating during this month, are asked to take a November Mass Offering Envelope. These are available on the Offertory table at the back of the Church. We ask you to bring these back by **Tuesday 24th October 2017** so that they can be included in the Book of Remembrance, which will be brought down in the Offertory Procession and placed in front of the Altar at all the weekend Masses in November.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7th Oct 5.30pm.....Rita Kolster RIP)
Sunday 8th Oct 8.00amParish Intentions
Sunday 8th Oct 9.30am.....Special Intention
Monday 9th Oct 9.15am.....Thanksgiving Mass
Tuesday 10th Oct 9.15am.....Edsel Pereira (RIP)
Wednesday 11th Oct 9.15am.....For the Sick
Thursday 12th Oct 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 13th Oct 9.15amAustralian troupes serving overseas
Saturday 14th 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. For more information visit www.griefftograce.org

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings. Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

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:

Anniversaries: Rita Kolster & Edsel Pereira



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