

Twenty–Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th October 2017

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 25: 6-10

Responsorial Psalm: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

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 22: 1-14

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Saints of the Week

St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque (**Mon 16/10**)

St Ignatius of Antioch (**Tues 17/10**) St Luke (**Wed 18/10**)

Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, St Paul of the Cross (**Thur 19/10**)

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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY NEWS:

The Marriage Law Postal Survey has 3 weeks to go. Catholics should be engaged in this democratic process. If you have not done so already, please fill in your survey form and return it by post to the ABS by the end of October. If you need a replacement form you can contact the ABS before 6pm on October 20 via their website or on their toll free number: 1800 572 113 to obtain a new form.

CATHOLICCARE..... Supporting the people of Sydney to live and thrive

Could you provide a short-term loving home for a child?

CatholicCare is seeking short-term foster carers who can love and care for children for a few months or up to two years. To find out more or to receive our Foster Care brochure, call 13 18 19 or email connect@catholiccare.org Visit our website: www.Catholiccare.org

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.

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@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

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"Communion under Both Kinds"

Fr. Andrew has written the following article in relation to 'Communion under Both Kinds'

In the West Holy Communion was administered under both kinds until the thirteenth century. At that time given the recognition that Christ is fully present under either species (bread or wine) communion under one kind (Bread) became the common practice in the Western Church. St. Thomas Aquinas for example counseled it was better to receive under the species of bread alone.

But on the part of the recipient the greatest reverence and caution are called for, lest anything happen which is unworthy of so great a mystery. Now this could especially happen in receiving the blood, for, if incautiously handled, it might easily be spilt. And because the multitude of the Christian people increased, in which there are old, young, and children, some of whom have not enough discretion to observe due caution in using this sacrament, on that account it is a prudent custom in some churches for the blood not to be offered to the reception of the people, but to be received by the priest alone.

Canon III of the Twenty-First session of the Council of Trent makes it clear that Christ is fully present in the species of bread alone.

CANON III. If any one shall deny, that Christ whole and entire, the fountain and author of all graces, is received under the one species of bread; because that, as some falsely assert, he is not received, according to the institution of Christ himself, under both species; let him be anathema. *Continued on Page 2*

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The entire Christ is present under the form of bread alone and this allows some good reasons for why the distribution of communion is typically in the West in one kind. Difficulties arrive with the regular distribution of the precious blood to all the faithful. It is hard to for example accurately measure how much is needed. The Bread keeps for a long period and can be stored in the Tabernacle. The precious blood will become sour and vinegar tasting if left and so it must be all consumed at the Mass. A further problem is that the sharing of the chalice represents a health risk. A number of priests have reported regular health problems coming from this practice and sharing a chalice does not represent a good hygienic practice. For this reason our Parish will return to the practice of offering the Eucharist in one kind.

Next week further information will be published **"Communion under Both Kinds"**

Fr. Andrew James (Administrator)

Parish Collections

8/10/2017 First: \$995.05 Second: \$1,249.15

Parish News:

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

Best wishes to all our HSC candidates !

Mass Intentions

Saturday 14th Oct 5.30pm.....Special Intention
Sunday 15th Oct 8.00amBailey Maher (RIP)
Sunday 15th Oct 9.30am.....Parish Intentions
Monday 16th Oct 9.15am.....Alwyn Pereira (RIP)
Tuesday 17th Oct 9.15am.....Paul Thomas Parackal (RIP)
Wednesday 18th Oct 9.15am.....For the Sick
Thursday 19th Oct 9.15am.....Souls in Purgatory
Friday 20th Oct 9.15amAustralian troupes serving overseas
Saturday 21st 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.

EXTRAORDINARY THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THIS PARISH!

An extraordinary form of Mass is offered every Saturday morning at 11.00am 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.

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. Further information contact the parish office 9825 1679.



The Bishop's Blend: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 6 November at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblend.eventbrite.com> or contact bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

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

Recently deceased:

Anniversaries: Bailey Maher, Alwyn Pereira and Paul Thomas Parackal

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

