

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th October 2017

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**First Reading from the book of Exodus 22: 20-26**

**Responsorial Psalm:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1: 5-10**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia

**GOSPEL: According to Matthew 22: 15-21**

**Communion Antiphon:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

### *Saints of the Week*

ALL SAINTS DAY (Wed 1/11)

All Souls' Day (Tues 2/11)

St martin de Porres (Fri 3/11) St Charles Borromeo (Sat 4/11)

## SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

**INVITATION: LAUNCH of the new Archdiocesan Youth Office:  
Sydney Catholic Youth!**

You are all invited to the launch of the new Archdiocesan Youth Office:  
Sydney Catholic Youth!

**DATE:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

**TIME:** 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**VENUE:** All Saints Catholic Church, 48 George Street, Liverpool

Please join His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop Umbers, Bishop Randazzo and Bishop Brady as they launch Sydney Catholic Youth and celebrate one month out from the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

The Theme of the launch will be FAITH AND FIESTA! The night will begin with mass and then lead into celebrations of faith and culture. There will be performances by Sydney Archdiocese own Samoan, Filipino, Maronite and other Cultural Communities.

All young people are welcome to join us in prayer and celebration.

Contact – Chris Lee, Team Leader - Sydney Catholic Youth

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### **FOREST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK, LEPPINGTON**

There are 2 burial plots (side by side) for sale in the Catholic Section of Forest Lawn Memorial park Leppington close to the Stations of the Cross. Please contact 0403 112 758 for further information.

## 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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Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

*Fr. Michael Tate ©*

## Parish Collections

23/10/2017 **First:** \$ 956.55 **Second:** \$879.95

## NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS & THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



All the names that have been given have been printed in the Book of Remembrance. During November this book will be brought to the altar at the Offertory time at the weekend masses. Any new intentions this month will be included in all the November Masses, however they will not be written in the Book of Remembrance until a later time. There will be no individual Mass intentions published in the Church bulletin.

### **MASS & ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**First Friday of the month**  
**Friday 3rd November 7.00pm**



### **OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

The next monthly Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be on **TUESDAY** 7th November at **7:00pm**

### **LATIN MASS**

Mass, according to the Roman Missal of 1962, also called the "Extraordinary Form" of Mass, is celebrated at 11:00am on Saturday mornings at St. Christopher's. A full translation of texts will soon be available on screen during Mass.

**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.

### **SILENCE & SONG RETREAT FOR MEN**

Discover the heart of monastic life. Participate in the complete sung Monastic Office. The retreat is guided by the liturgy alone in an atmosphere of silence. Personal spiritual direction will be available each day. Day one will be devoted to workshops and training by the Australian Sacred Music Association. Day two the retreat begins at Matins with the Rule of St. Benedict then being observed. 2-6 January 2018, Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Wold, NSW. 5 days / 4 nights Quad Share \$399 per person Double Share \$549 per person all services provided. Please contact [retreat@sacredmusic.org.au](mailto:retreat@sacredmusic.org.au) <<mailto:retreat@sacredmusic.org.au>> or Ronan Reilly 0402613963

## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday 28th Oct 5.30pm.....Phil Azavedo (RIP)  
Sunday 29th Oct 8.00am .....Parish Intentions  
Sunday 29th Oct 9.30am.....Vocations  
Monday 30th Oct 9.15am..... For the Sick  
Tuesday 31st Oct 9.15am.....Valentine Vamadevan (RIP)  
Wednesday 1st Nov **9.00am.....School Hall**  
Wednesday 1st Nov 7.00pm.....November Mass Intentions  
Thursday 2nd Nov 9.15am.....November Mass Intentions  
Friday 3rd Nov 9.15am .....November Mass Intentions  
Saturday 4th Nov **11.00am.....Latin Mass.....November Mass Intentions**  
**Reconciliation Saturdays: 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**

### **St Benedict's Monastery – 2017 Christian Meditation and Renewal Days.**

You are invited to four introduction and renewal days at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia Tel: 9653 1159 Sunday 19 November Arrival: 10am for 10:30am Presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Conclusion: around 3pm. Books and CDs are available for sale, BYO picnic lunch, tea and coffee provided. Self-catering overnight accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry on 0438 282 318. Enquires to Ann Bergman: [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or 9498 2625 or Ann Lomas:[atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or 9456 4775.

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

*Recently deceased:* James Tierney

*Anniversaries* Phil Azavedo & Valentine Vamadevan

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