

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th November 2017

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading from the book of Malachi 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10.

Responsorial Psalm: In you Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 23: 1-12

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

Saints of the Week

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Thurs 9/11)

St Leo the Great (Fri 10/11)

St Martin of Tours (Sat 11/11)

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SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

THE ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS

The Order of Malta invites all parishioners to Lourdes Day Mass 2017 to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 2nd December at 10.00am

A Blessing of the sick will take place during the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Those receiving the Blessings will, also be provided with a bottle of Lourdes Water for their personal use. There are brochures in the church foyer, please take one home.

The Archdiocese of Sydney's Encore Rome Pilgrimages is offering a competitive land tour package to Rome at \$500 off the normal price. Starting from Rome on 18th January, the 7-night Encore Rome Pilgrimage which will be led by Father Tom Carroll, has been designed for people who may have been to Rome before and offers inclusions such as the Mamertine Prison, St Peter in Chains Church, Borghese Gardens, Scavi tour, Vatican Gardens, Castel Gandolfo and much more. Price starts from \$1,790 per person.

Hurry, registrations must close soon so phone for a brochure on **1800 753 959** or go to www.romepilgrimages.com.

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There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people — particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins — truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives.

Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will *refresh you*. Take my yoke upon you *and you will find rest for your souls*. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30)

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

Fr. Michael Tate ©

Parish Collections

29/10/2017 First: \$1,064.75 **Second:** \$1,571.00

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL held 22/10/2017 raised \$595.00 Thank you for supporting this year's appeal through your kind gifts and prayers– or joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world.

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. Normal intentions will resume in December.



OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

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

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND NOVEMBER APPEAL The CWF has 3 appeals each year May, August and November. Parishes in the Sydney Archdiocese at each appeal have a quota for the November appeal our parish quota is \$2,800.00. Donations over \$2.00 are 100% tax deductible. Your generous donation can contribute towards the amount required. There are envelopes on the church pews this weekend for you to take home and return next weekend. We thank you in advance for your continued support of this Appeal.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas is fast approaching and plans for our Annual Christmas Carols on Sunday, 10th December from 5pm are underway.



The **Christmas Carols** will commence at 5.00pm and the **BBQ at 7pm.**

A sausage on a roll with onions and sauce and a drink will be available for \$2.

A raffle is also being organised with 1st prize being a food hamper plus gift vouchers for 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes. Cost will be 3 tickets for \$2.

We are also asking for about 20 volunteers to help set up for the carols and pack away at the end of the night. A form is available in the foyer for you to put your name down.

We also need to know approximate numbers attending for catering purposes. There is a form in the church foyer to leave your details (number of adults and children). This night is a great opportunity for parishioners to come together and share in the Joy of Christmas.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4th Nov 5.30pm.....
Sunday 5th Nov 8.00am
Sunday 5th Nov 9.30am.....
Monday 6th Nov 9.15am.....
Tuesday 7th Nov 9.15am.....
Wednesday 8th Nov 9.15am.....
Thursday 9th Nov 9.15am.....
Friday 10th Nov 9.15am
Saturday 11th Nov **11.00am.....Latin Mass.....**
Reconciliation Saturdays: 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM

ALL Mass Intentions during the month of November are for our dearly departed

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.**

WORKING BEE

Working Bee: The next working bee is scheduled for **SATURDAY 2nd December from 8am until 1pm**, to help ready the grounds for Carols by Candlelight. If you can spare just an hour or two to help the small group of dedicated parishioners who help maintain the Church ground, it would be much appreciated. **There is a clip board in the Church Foyer where you can leave your details.**



CHRISTMAS CAKE ORDERS Can remember the “baking ladies” making Christmas cakes for the parish a few years ago??



This year they are doing it again, and taking orders for Christmas cakes, Dark and Light, small & medium sizes. Anyone wishing to place an order please contact the parish office on 9825 1679. All money raised goes towards the completion of the water fountain in the Grotto.

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

Recently deceased:

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