

## Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th November 2017

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**First Reading from the book of Wisdom 6: 12-16.**

**Responsorial Psalm:** My soul is thirsting for you O Lord.

**Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4: 13-18**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: According to Matthew 25: 1-13**

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters He leads me.

### *Saints of the Week*

St Albert the Great (Wed 15/11)  
St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude (Thur 16/11)  
St Elizabeth of Hungary (Fri 17/11)

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.romepilgrimages.com).



Sr Helen Madden who was the Pastoral Associate for the parish and who has now retired has asked if parishioners would still save their used stamps This helps the Josephite Missions in Peru. There is a white box on the table in the foyer to place them in next time you come to church. *Thank you*

## St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

*Fr. Michael Tate ©*

**Parish Collections**

05/11/2017 **First:** \$1,090.85 **Second:** \$1,318.00

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND NOVEMBER APPEAL** Is being held this weekend. 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 and we thank you in advance for your continued support of this Appeal.

**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.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Christmas is fast approaching and plans for our Annual Christmas Carols on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> prize being a food hamper plus gift vouchers for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.** The Society strives to restore hope and dignity to those who seek its help by providing assistance throughout the year thanks to the generosity of the Church community. At Christmas time, food hampers and gifts are distributed to needy families of the district. If you can help, please take from the piety shop counter - a gold card for a Christmas Gift or a silver card for a Food Donation, then bring back your donation to the Church no later than Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, as hampers are to be given out the following Saturday morning. Thank you for your generosity.



**Mass Intentions**

Saturday 11th Nov 5.30pm.....  
Sunday 12th Nov 8.00am .....  
Sunday 12th Nov 9.30am.....  
Monday 13th Nov 9.15am.....  
Tuesday 14th Nov 9.15am.....  
Wednesday 15th Nov 9.15am.....  
Thursday 16th Nov 9.15am.....  
Friday 17th Nov 9.15am .....  
Saturday 18th 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.**

A **“WORKING B”** will be held on **2<sup>nd</sup> December from 8.00am** in the morning. A truck and excavator have been made available to clear some rubbish left from the fete plus clear the area near the presbytery fence. Possible critters have taken up residence.

**A lot of manpower** will be required to assist on the day. Morning tea available.

Please register your name on the appropriate sheet in the foyer of the church if you are able to assist.

Thank you,  
*The Fete Committee*



**CHRISTMAS CAKE ORDERS** Can you 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 :* Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere & Arthur Aguilar

*Recently deceased:*

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

