

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th November 2017

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading from the book of Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 25: 14-30

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Saints of the Week

The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Tue 21/11)
St Cecilia (Wed 22/11) St Clement 1, St Columban (Thur 23/11)
St Andrew Dung-Lac (Fri 24/11), St Catherine of Alexandria (Sat 25/11)

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

CATHOLICCARE..... Are you struggling with your finances and behind on payments?

CatholicCare Financial Counsellors provide free independent and confidential counselling to people experiencing financial difficulty.

Call us on 13 18 19 to find out more or email us connect@catholiccare.org
CatholicCare Sydney www.catholiccare.org

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 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.

A Christmas Celebration 2017 – Friday 15 December 2017

Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes including congregational carols and music to lift your spirits in the joy of the season! For tickets and more information please visit www.achristmascelebration.com.au

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

Administrator:	Rev. Andrew James
Assistant Priest:	Rev Thomas Alukka Varghese
Assistant Priest:	Rev Nicholas Rynne
Permanent Deacon:	Rev. Mr. Al Salu
Secretary:	Mrs. Anne Bennell
Parish Office Hours	Mon 10.00am—3.30pm Thurs, Fri 10.00am—3.30pm 195 Heathcote Rd Holsworthy 2173
Address:	<u>PO Box 389, Moorebank 1875</u>
All correspondence to:	www.stchristophers.org.au
Website:	stchris@tpg.com.au
Email:	(02) 9825 1679
Tel:	(02) 9825 1488
Fax:	



St Christopher's Catholic School—*Through faith and love we serve*

Principal:	Mr. Tony Boyd
School Tel:	(02) 9825 3251
School Mail:	205 Heathcote Rd Holsworthy 2173

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November 2017



God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men
which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
omitted, all the voyage of their life
is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear:
'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

Fr. Michael Tate ©

Parish Collections

12/11/2017 **First:** \$1,173.15 **Second:** \$1,455.15

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND NOVEMBER APPEAL Thank you for supporting last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal \$1,036.05 was raised. Through you, our six benefiting agencies (CatholicCare, Ephpheta Centre, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Catholic Chaplaincies and Seminaries) can continue their passion for making a positive contribution in people's Lives.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION There are 51 candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

A **"WORKING B"** will be held on **2nd December from 8.00am –1pm.**

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 will be provided. 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*



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER.



The **Christmas Carols** will commence at **5.00pm** and the **BBQ at 7pm.** Thank you to the people who have volunteered to help on the day, however, we need many more helpers to 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.

A sausage on a roll with onions and sauce and a drink will be available for \$2. We will 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. A raffle is organised with 1st prize being a food hamper plus gift vouchers for 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes. Cost will be 3 tickets for \$2.

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 10th December, as hampers are to be given out the following Saturday morning. Thank you for your generosity.



Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th Nov 5.30pm.....
Sunday 19th Nov 8.00am
Sunday 19th Nov 9.30am.....
Monday 20th Nov 9.15am.....
Tuesday 21st Nov 9.15am.....
Wednesday 22nd Nov 9.15am.....
Thursday 23rd Nov 9.15am.....
Friday 24th Nov 9.15am
Saturday 25th 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.**

CHILDRENS LITURGY We are in urgent need of parents to volunteer for this most important ministry on a roster basis of once a month during school terms. Should you wish to know more information, please contact the parish office 9825 1679.

CHRISTMAS CAKE ORDERS We are taking orders for Christmas cakes, Dark and Light, small & medium sizes and are individually gift wrapped. Anyone wishing to place an order please contact the parish office on 9825 1679. All money raised goes towards the upkeep of the church and grounds.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL will be holding a Mass at 6.30pm in The Domain, Sydney on Saturday 9th December 2017. It will be Australia's biggest Catholic Mass since World Youth Day Sydney 2008, and everyone is invited. There are prayer cards in the church foyer to take home.

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY is available from the Piety stall each week \$2.00

We Pray For The Sick : Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney,
Cyril Ferriere & Arthur Aguilar

Recently deceased: Mark Cronin

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

