

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. 26th November 2017

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel. 34: 11-12, 15-17.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 20--26, 28.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Matthew 25: 31-46.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Saints of the Week
St Andrew (Thurs 30/11)

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

Senator Dean Smith introduced the *Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Bill 2017* to legalise same sex marriage, following the Yes vote winning the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey. This Bill is being debated by Parliament.

Senator Smith's Bill has a narrow view of religious freedom with protections confined to the marriage ceremony. Changing the law on marriage has much wider implications and requires protections for Australians and organisations with a traditional view of marriage.

If the Smith Bill is passed.

Under Australia anti-discrimination law as it currently stands, it would be possible to bring legal action against Clergy, business people, tradesmen, employers and employees for expressing the view, either privately or publicly that the true definition of marriage is an exclusive union between a male and female for life.

Labor, The Greens and some members of the Coalition are in favour of the Smith Bill. There are also members of the Turnbull Government who want to delay debate concerning protections for Australians and organisations with a traditional view of marriage—a delay in this debate makes it possible that no debate will occur.

It is likely that Federal Parliament will sit until December 7th .

Before December 7th the Bishops of Australia have asked that Catholics approach their members of Federal Parliament to discuss this issue.

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The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non-Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is completely incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

Fr. Michael Tate ©

Parish Collections

26/11/2017 **First:** \$856.75 **Second:** \$1,063.45

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION There were 51 candidates who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Wednesday evening. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

A **“WORKING B”** will be held NEXT SATURDAY 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, these cards are in the church foyer. - 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.



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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	25th Nov	5.30pm.....	
Sunday	26th Nov	8.00am	
Sunday	27th Nov	9.30am.....	
Monday	28th Nov	9.15am.....	
Tuesday	29th Nov	9.15am.....	
Wednesday	30th Nov	9.15am.....	
Thursday	1st Dec	9.15am.....	Valentine Varmadevan (RIP)
Friday	2nd Dec	9.15am	Thanksgiving Mass
Saturday	3rd Dec	11.00am.....	Latin Mass.....

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

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**

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.

Christmas Remembrance Service – 17 December 2017 at 7:30pm

All are welcome to join in St Mary’s Cathedral as we remember and pray for all those who have died and whose memory we cherish over the Christmas season.

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

Recently deceased:

Anniversary: Valentine Vamadevan



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