

**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C. 20th Oct 2019**

Entrance Ant : To You I call; for You will surely heed me, O God; turn Your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of Your eye; in the shadow of Your wings protect me.

First reading : from the Book of Exodus 17 : 8 - 13.

Responsorial Psalm : Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading : from 2 Timothy 3 : 14 , 4:2.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 18 : 1 - 8.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Charitable Works Fund 2019 Pastoral Appeal

In the coming weeks, your parish will be asked to play an important role in supporting an important initiative of the Syd Archdiocese: The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you.

Archdiocesan Social Justice Walk with Christ

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on Nov 24.

Women's Prayer Weekend: 1-3 Nov - \$230 "Women Mystics"

Travel with us to the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, as we explore how women began to write mystical texts in the vernacular, sharing their experiences of prayer, their great love of Jesus and their understanding of God as both Father and Mother. This retreat will introduce some women from this era - Julian of Norwich, and three Beguine women: Hadewijch of Brabant, Mechthild of Magdeburg and Marguerite Porete. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquility at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park
RSVP Ph:46300233 contact@towersretreat.org.au
website: <https://towersretreat.org.au>

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer. As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call lectio divina, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

Bunning BBQ

St Christopher's Parish has been allocated another Bunnings Airport Bankstown BBQ on 7th December, 2019 from 8am – 4pm. As some of the Parish Council Members are not available on the day it would be appreciated if we could have some volunteers for the day, whether it be an hour, two or all day as we are expecting the day to be busy given the proximity to Christmas. All funds raised go towards the refurbishment of our Church, eg., replacement of the current lighting system in the Church. If you are able to assist in any way please let Helen Carter know on 0418 403 842 or contact the Parish Office, 9825 1679.

Parish Hall

A possible date for the demolition of the hall is 13th November, 2019. As the area will become a construction site we ask all parishioners to be patient and take care in the grass area and parking area.

New Screens and Microphones

There were a few small adjustment issues last weekend, eg., size of print and screen colour, but hopefully these will be rectified this weekend. If you are using the system please make sure ALL new microphones are returned to their "docking area."

Refrigerated Ice Cream Stand

We have a working refrigerated ice cream stand with covered lid, ice cream trays and scoops available for sale/donation to the Parish. It is on wheels. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

Catechist Meeting

The next meeting of Catechists will be on Monday 21st Oct at 10:00am in the Presbytery. Anyone wishing to know more about becoming a Catechist are welcome to attend.

November Mass Offering & The Book of Remembrance

The month of November is dedicated to the repose of the Souls of loved ones, and there are no individual Mass Intentions written in our parish bulletin during this month. For those who wish to include all their deceased loved ones in all the Masses during the month, please take a November Mass Offering Envelope. These are available at the back of the Church. We ask you to bring these back by Wednesday 23rd October so that they can be included in the Book of Remembrance which will be brought down in the Offertory Procession and placed in front of the Altar at all the weekend Masses in November.

Mass Times

Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

Adoration : Friday 7:00pm

Reconciliation : Sat 4:30 pm.

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals

By appointment. (No Baptisms on 3rd Sunday)



Adoration / Holy hour
Friday evening - 7:00pm

Saints of the Week / Feasts

22nd Oct - St. John Paul II

23rd Oct - St. John of Capistrano

24th Oct - St. Anthony Claret

We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Frank Ilankovan, Sofia Abener, Johny Price, Jeffery Crouche, Steven Aboud, Baby Sierra, Kerry Stark, Patricia Crowley, Robert Williams



Anniversaries

Charlie & Eliane Huet (13th)

Recently Deceased

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