

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary time  
Year C. 27th Oct 2019**

**Entrance Ant :** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

**First reading :** from the Book of Sirach 35 : 12 - 14, 16 - 19.

**Responsorial Psalm :** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**Second Reading :** from 2 Timothy 4 : 6 - 8 , 16 - 18.

**Gospel Acclamation :** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**Gospel :** according to Luke 18 : 9 - 14.

**Communion Antiphon:** We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**Sydney Archdiocese News**

**Charitable Works Fund 2019 Pastoral Appeal Next Weekend**

Next weekend, parishes 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 Pl & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on Nov 24.

**ACU Centre for Liturgy: "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing"** What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick? These questions will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation at ACU Strathfield 25A Barker Road, Strathfield on Saturday 9 November from 9am to 4.45pm (registration from 8.30am). Cost is \$60 and registration (including lunch) is essential at: [http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral\\_formation\\_days](http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral_formation_days). All are welcome. For info phone 9701 4751.

**All Souls Day Cemetery Masses 2019**

Rookwood Catholic Cemetery, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel. 2 Nov 12pm  
Liverpool Cemetery, Reflection Chapel. 2 Nov 10.30am  
Kemps Creek Cemetery, The Pavilion. 3 Nov at 2.30pm

**St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy**

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

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It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavours to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track. Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened. Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart. © 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.

#### Mass for All Saints / All Souls days

Mass for All Saints Day will be celebrated on Friday 1st November at 7:00am in the Church and 9:00am at St. Christophers School. All welcome. Mass for All Souls will be celebrated on Saturday 2nd November at 7:00am in the Church as well as the Vigil at 5:30pm.

#### November Mass Offerings and the Book of Remembrance

All names provided have been printed in the Book of Remembrance. Each weekend in November, this book will be brought to the altar during the Offertory. Any new intentions this month will be included in all the November Masses and added to the Book of Remembrance for next year. There will be no individual Mass intentions published in the Church bulletin.

#### National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Church in Australia is dedicating the month of November 2019 as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain. Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are being encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought, which also invites people to provide assistance to those most in need. The month of prayer is an additional response to the local work being done in affected communities. For more info see: <https://catholic.org.au/drought>

#### Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

November Saturday day retreat

How do we pray in the middle of a very busy and hectic life?

Topic: Prayer

When: November 2, 2019. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre 247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville 2566

Cost: \$30 Contact: 02 8795 3400 - Presenter: Mr Geoff Stumbles

## 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

28th Oct - St's Simon & Jude - Apostles

1st Nov - All Saints Day

2nd Nov - All Souls Day

### 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

James Mascurine, Petronilla Fernandes, Charlie & Eliane Huet, Gabriel Do Pao, Valentine Vamadevan

### Recently Deceased

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