

**Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C. 3rd Nov 2019**

Entrance Ant : Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.

First reading : from the Book of Wisdom 11 : 22 , 12 - 2.

Responsorial Psalm : I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.

Second Reading : from 2 Thessalonians 1 : 11 , 2 : 2.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much He gave us His only Son., that all who believe in Him might have eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 19 : 1 - 10.

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in Your presence, O Lord.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Charitable Works

The Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal will run this weekend and we need your help. The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion giving your gift the power to change lives for the better. (visit www.cwf.org.au to find our more), Your parish will have special envelopes for your use or alternatively, visit the CWF website to donate securely by credit card (please remember to include your nominated parish as this helps them too).

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Envelopes can be taken home and returned next week if required.

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Church in Australia is dedicating the month of Nov 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.

For more info see: <https://catholic.org.au/drought>

Men's Breakfast at Menai

All men are welcome to attend an invaluable experience of food, faith and fellowship on Sat 30 Nov from 8 am – 12 pm at Holy Family Parish, Menai.

Timetable: 8:00 Adoration / 8:30 Mass offered by Bishop Umbers / 9:30 Cooked breakfast / 10:00 Talk by Peter Holmes Prophet, Priest & King, followed by group discussion and Q&A. Cost: \$10/head. Book now at www.trybooking.com/BFULH

St Christopher's Parish Holsworthy

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

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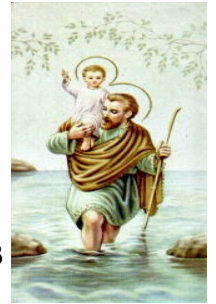
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The change of seasons is always an opportune time to marvel at the magnificence of the natural world of which we are a part. Its colours, its textures, its smells all reflect the limitless imagination of the creator. Perhaps the most marvellous feature of the world is the interconnectedness of all the elements of which it consists. Somehow the spirit of the creator is manifested through each and every aspect of this universe. And we are part of it all. The universe may be as a grain in the balance or a drop of morning dew, but each grain and each drop contains within it the possibilities of the future. Offering hospitality is a profound social act. When we offer hospitality, we invite another into our world, into our lives. We shift our attention from our own cares and concerns to the needs and comfort of the other. By the act of hospitality we transform strangers into friends and intimates, just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus. The hospitality that Jesus offers dissolves all constraints. Relationships disregard the biased measures of propriety, forging bonds of reconciliation and issuing everyone an invitation to intimacy. The hospitality that Jesus offers recreates the world from one of insider versus outsider to one of universal inclusivity. Sinners become friends, the lost are found, and all are restored to the rightful place as children not merely of Abraham but of God. The creativity of the creator is matched by the compassion of the re-creator.

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Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

Bunnings 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 it 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 on 9825 1679.

Liturgy Committee

Fr Xiang would like to have a Liturgy Committee in the Parish and is asking for expressions of interest in this Ministry. The Liturgy Committee would be responsible for the planning of weekend Masses, e.g., the Order of the Mass and Liturgical events in the Parish including Christmas & Easter.

Volunteers are also required to operate the laptop for Masses where musicians/choirs are not available. Please contact Fr Xiang on 9825 1679 if you would like to become part of a vital function of our Mass celebrations.

Parish Hall

There has been a delay with the demolition of the hall with a date to still be confirmed. When demolition/construction does commence the area will become a construction site and we ask all parishioners to be patient and take care in the area and parking 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. Contact the Parish Office if interested.

Hedge Trimming

The hedges surrounding the Church are becoming overgrown and it would be appreciated if we could have a few volunteers (with hedge trimmers) to do this. Wearing of safety equipment is compulsory for this job.

Please contact Helen Carter on 0418 403 842 if you are able to assist.

November Mass Offerings and the Book of Remembrance

All names provided have been printed in the Book of Remembrance.

The list is contained in the table at the front of the Altar. 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.

Monthly Novena

The monthly Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held this Wed, 7pm.

Volunteers for Ministry

We are immensely thankful to all who volunteer their time and skills in helping minister to our Church community. The ongoing running of our Parish would be impossible without support. At present we are looking for anyone who would be willing to go on the church cleaning roster. We are also looking for expressions of interest for Catechists in 2020. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

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

Mon 4th Nov - St Charles Borromeo

We Pray For The Sick

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



Anniversaries

All intentions included in the Book of Remembrance

Recently Deceased

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