

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S  
GOLDEN JUBILEE  
CELEBRATION



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Sunday 6th March, 2011

Thanks to all who helped make our celebration special.

Fr. Pat  
Sr. Joy  
Deidre Howard  
Helen Lauritz  
Ronnie Poskitt

**Principal Celebrant:**

Bishop Les Tomlinson  
and Concelebrants  
Fr Pat Jackson SAC  
Fr John Flynn SAC  
Fr. Eugene San SAC

**Choir:**

Singing Mums

**Altar Servers:**

Stephanie Vecchio  
Carla Costanzo  
Jessica & Joella Fernando  
Jacqueline & Monique Drake

**Commentator:**

Judy Auld

**Readers:**

Justin Tan  
Phil Green

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Offertory Gifts:**

Former Principals

**Extraordinary Ministers  
Of the Eucharist:**

Tony Wong  
Noel Roberts  
Gayle Roberts  
Chris Smith  
Eve Trpak  
Sharne Rolfe

**Liturgical Dance:**

St. Christopher's School Children

**Entrance Hymn:**

Sound the Trumpet (Mangan)

**Mass for St. Christopher's Golden Jubilee**

## Greeting & Introductory Rites:

### Opening Prayer:

God, our Father,  
Through the gospel and the Eucharist  
Bring your people together in the Holy Spirit  
And guide us in your love.  
Make us a sign of your love for all people,  
And help us to show forth  
The living presence of Christ in the world,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever.

**1st Reading:** Justin Tan

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah 63:7-9*

*Let me sing the praises of the Lord's Goodness,  
and of his marvellous deeds to the house of Israel.*

Let me sing the praises of the Lord's Goodness,  
And of his marvellous deeds,  
In return for all that he has done for us  
And for the great kindness  
He has shown us in his mercy  
And in his boundless goodness.

He said, 'Truly they are my people.'  
He proved himself their saviour  
in all their troubles.  
It was his Presence that saved them.  
In his love and pity  
He redeemed them himself,  
He lifted them up, carried them,  
Throughout the days of old.

This is the word of the Lord.

### Offertory Hymn:

Open my Eyes (Manubassan)

### Prayer over the Gifts:

Lord,  
We celebrate the memorial for the love of your Son.  
May his saving work bring salvation to all the world  
through the ministry of your Church.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

### Communion Rite:

#### The Lord's Prayer:

#### Fraction Rite:

#### Sign of Peace:

Peace for All time (Mangan)

### Communion Hymns:

A New commandment (Traditional)  
O God You Search Me (Farrell)

### Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray.

Father,  
You sustain us with the Word and Body of your Son.  
Watch over us with loving care;  
Help this Church to grown in faith,  
holiness, charity, and loving service.  
Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

### Reflection Hymn:

The Spirit Lives to Set Me Free (Kevin Mayhew)

## Prayers of the Faithful:

Dear God, we pray for our parish on its Golden Jubilee asking you to continue to bless us and thank you for the religious and parishioners who have given so much over these 50 years.

**Lord hear us.**

We pray for troubled nations of the world. May their leaders rule justly and bring peace to their lands.

**Lord hear us.**

Lord help us to listen to your word so we will be enlightened and led by Your Holy Spirit.

**Lord hear us.**

We pray for those who have no one to pray for them especially those most in need of your mercy.

**Lord hear us.**

We pray for our youth that they are strengthened, protected and given the wisdom and courage to make the right decisions to enable them to grow in our love.

**Lord hear us.**

We pray for the sick and lonely in our community that they will feel God's healing love through those who minister to them, we remember

**Lord hear us.**

We pray for those who have died that they will enjoy the eternal banquet of the Lord, and we remember.....

**Lord hear us.**

## Responsorial Psalm:

*R: I will praise you Lord.*

1. I will bless you day after day  
And praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
His greatness cannot be measured.

*R: I will praise you Lord.*

2. Age to age shall proclaim your works,  
Shall declare your mighty deeds,  
Shall speak of your splendour and glory,  
Tell the tale of your wonderful works.

*R: I will praise you Lord.*

3. They will speak of your terrible deeds,  
Recount your greatness and might.  
They will recall your abundant goodness;  
Age to age shall ring out your justice.

*R: I will praise you Lord.*

4. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
Compassionate to all his creatures.

*R: I will praise you Lord.*

5. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
And your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,  
And declare your might, O God.

*R: I will praise you Lord.*

**2nd Reading:** Phil Green

**1st Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9**

*I never stop thanking God for you.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Mozart's Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
I am the vine and you are the branches,  
Says the Lord, those who live in me,  
And I in them, will bear much fruit.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel:** Fr. John Flynn

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:9-17**

*I shall not call you servants any more, I call you friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,  
So I have loved you.  
Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments  
You will remain in my love,

Just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
And remain in his love.  
I have told you this  
So that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
Love one another  
As I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
Than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
If you do what I command you.  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
Because a servant does not know  
His master's business;  
I call you friends,  
Because I have made known to you  
Everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me,  
No, I chose you;  
And I commissioned you  
To go out and to bear fruit,  
Fruit that will last;  
And then the Father will give you  
Anything you ask him in my name.  
What I command you  
Is to love one another.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Homily:** Bishop Les Thomlinson

**Profession of Faith:**