

ST.ALOYSIUS GONZAGA Catholic Parish of Cronulla

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As A Community We Serve God



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ... Year B

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading:

Isaiah 43: 18-19. 21-22. 24-25\

On account of me your iniquities are blotted out.

Responsorial:

Lord heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 1: 18-22

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, was not yes and no; in him it is always yes.

Gospel Acclamation:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners. ALLELUIA!

Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12

Communion Antiphon:

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your names. O Most High



Congratulations To

Beau Trudgett whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism, we pray he will love and serve the Lord always.

We are supposed to preach without preaching not by words, but by example, by our actions.

All works of love are words of peace.

..... Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the Law of abstinence from meat binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are who are baptised.

On Fridays during Lent the law of common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) prayer—for example: Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary,

(b) self-denial—for example: not eating meat; not eating sweets or desert; giving up entertainment to spend with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.

© helping others—for example: special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (22nd February) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive (5th April). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed.

THE PASCHAL PRECEPT ::::

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (3rd June, 2012) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the Faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be 3 Masses in the Parish Church of St Aloysius Gonzaga on Ash Wednesday. 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 7.00 pm.



At Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena:

There will be a Communion Service celebrated by Deacon Sam Lynch commencing at 7.30 pm, with the distribution of the Blessed

Ashes.

On Tuesday morning this week last years Palms will be solemnly burnt in St Aloysius' and St Francis de Sales school yards for distribution on Wednesday.



CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday:	<p>St Aloysius Playgroup: This addition to the Wednesday group will gather in Thornton Hall at 10.00am.</p> <p>The St Vincent de Paul Day Conference will meet in the Parish Centre at 10.00am.</p> <p>The St Vincent de Paul Evening Conference will meet in the Madden Room at 7.30pm.</p>
Tuesday:	<p>The 55 and over Club: This group of seniors will gather in Thornton Hall at 10.00am for carpet bowls and other activities. Come along and join with them.</p> <p>The Legion of Mary meet in the Parish Centre at 4.00pm.</p>
Wednesday:	<p>ASH WEDNESDAY, A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE. SEE MASS TIMES ON FRONT PAGE THIS BULLETIN.</p> <p>St Aloysius Playgroup: This group of mums and dads will gather in Thornton Hall with their little ones at 10.00am</p> <p>Care and Concern: There will be a Coffee Morning at the Coffee Shop at Monro Park Lane (All Welcome) 10.00am.</p> <p>The Rosary Guild will meet in St Aloysius' Church Chapel at 12.30pm.</p>
Thursday:	No Notices
Friday:	<p>Stations of the Cross will be in St Aloysius' Church at 12.00pm.</p> <p>Fr Thomas Kurunthanam's Farewell Mass in St Aloysius' Church at 7.00pm, followed by supper in Thornton Hall.</p>
Saturday:	<p>Care & Concern Ministry Special Needs Dinner. 7.00pm on Thornton Hall.</p> <p>Vigil Mass of the 1st Sunday of Lent .. Year B will be celebrated at St Aloysius' Church at 6.00pm.</p>
Sunday:	<p>Masses of the 1st Sunday of Lent.. Year B will be celebrated at St Aloysius' Church at 8.00am, 10.00am and 6.00pm.</p> <p>Mass at Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena at 9.00am</p>

FAREWELL JIM ::::



Jim Bunyan died last Monday after a long time of ill health. It was only in March last year that he and his loving wife Beth celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. During the 59 years Jim and Beth lived in Cronulla they became involved in many of the parish events, nothing was a trouble to them.

Jim had a beautiful singing voice, and since the very early days, the 1960s up until about a year ago, Jim was always there in the St Aloysius Church choir, singing praise to God each Sunday and on other liturgical occasions when he was home.

As a member of the Sydney Male Choir, Jim travelled to many places in the years he was with them, giving joy to many with song.

Jim, we pray that God will bestow many of His blessings on you as you, no doubt, join His choir of angels. Jim's funeral Mass was celebrated at St Aloysius' Church last Friday.

To Beth and the family whom Jim has left behind, we, on behalf of all his friends in the parish he served so well, offer our prayers and condolences.

May his soul rest in the arms of the Lord he loved so much.

CONDOLENCES :::::

On behalf of our parish community we offer our prayers and sincere condolences to the family of **Barbara Bourke** who died during the week.

Barbara, a member of our parish, lived a life of love for her family and her God. **We pray her Soul now rest in the arms of Our Lord and Saviour.**



VISIT By Cardinal Pell ::::

His Eminence George Cardinal Pell will be the Principal celebrant of the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 18th March, 2012, to formally install Rev Dr Tom Carroll as Cronulla parish's ninth parish priest. There will be a reception in Thornton Hall after the Mass where parishioners will have the opportunity to meet and speak with the Cardinal.

There will be a number of visiting priest concelebrants at the Mass and some special arrangements for music for that Mass which will be advised to our musicians shortly.

Offers of assistance from parishioners to assist with the reception in the Hall would be greatly received. Please contact Cathy Sammut at the parish office (85220300) if you can help her.

Feedback on Mass Time Change ::::

Thanks to those parishioners who were good enough to voice their opinion about the proposal to change the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Evening Mass times from 6.00pm to 5.00pm. It is not too late to voice your opinion! However, those who did voice their opinions were overwhelmingly in favour of keeping the Sunday evening Mass at 6.00pm and were overwhelmingly in favour to changing the Saturday Vigil Mass to 5.00pm. Watch next week's Bulletin for the final decision and announcement.



A REMINDER: Fr Thomas' Farewell Mass this Friday at St Aloysius' Church commencing at 7.00pm. Let's fill the church!

PROJECT COMPASSION :::::

Project Compassion money boxes will be available at the church entrances this Sunday in preparedness for Lent. Please remember those less fortunate than yourself this Lent by giving alms (putting money in the box) in a spirit of penance. A good spiritual practice is denying ourselves some small pleasure that we might have bought, such as an ice cream or other treat, and place the money we would have spent in the box. This is a wonderful way of teaching children both a spirit of self-denial and to live in solidarity with our fellow Christians in poor countries.

Remember ... By Sharing your Lent, you are not only helping others, you will be helping yourselves Your donations to Caritas over \$2.00 attracts a 100% tax deduction!

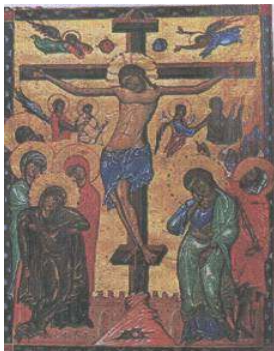


Stations of the Cross

On all Fridays during Lent the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 12 noon at St Aloysius Church. You are invited to come along and pray the agonizing journey of Jesus to his death on the cross.

In The Catholic Weekly this week :::::

- Vinnies joins call for \$2.5 billion housing boost
- A red letter day for Fr Paschal, 90
- New bishops in two dioceses
- Fr Chris Riley - new column
- Mass to open '40 Days' vigil at abortion clinic
- St Declan's - a parish with a big welcome on the mat



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Lenten Preparation Programme '

During the forthcoming season of Lent, Aloysius Parish will run a Lenten programme to prepare for Easter. Those who have attended in past years will be familiar with this programme. There are 6 weekly groups scheduled, as listed below, at different times, so that more people can come.

The programme is designed around five weekly meetings that follow the course of Lent. We focus on the Sunday scripture readings, particularly the Gospel, and the lives and example of Lent in in my own life of faith

Perhaps we find it easier to think of Jesus as our redeemer, saviour and Lord, and may not be used to thinking of him as our friend.

*At the Last Supper, the Lord said to his Disciples
"I have called you friends" (John 15:15).*

LENTEN GROUP VENUES IN THE PARISH :::::

On the notice board in the foyer of St Aloysius' Church you will see the following names of parishioners who will open their homes to those who wish to participate in the above Lenten Program. Please write your name and phone number on the venue you wish to attend.



Tuesday	6.30pm.	In St Aloysius' Church Chapel.	Vicki Rolland
Tuesday	7.30pm	35 Wilshire Ave, Cronulla.	Fran Schembri
Thursday	7.30pm	12 Oaks St, Cronulla.	Cathy Sammut
Thursday	10.00am	In the Parish Centre.	Fr Andrew
Friday	7.30pm	8/7-9 St Andrew's Place Cronulla.	Andrew Chris

Bundeena Group in the Meeting Room Wednesday nights 7.30pm. Please give your name to Brenda Phillis this Sunday if you will be attending

A REMINDER: After Fr Thomas' Farewell Mass this Friday a Farewell Supper will be given in Thornton Hall. We ask you to leave your plate of goodies in Thornton Hall before Mass

Masses Cronulla	Vigil Mass Saturday 6.00pm	8.00 am Sunday	10.00 am Sunday	6.00 pm Sunday	Bundeena Sunday 9.00am	Nursing Home	DIRECTORY Pastor..... Rev Dr Thomas Carroll JP Email Assistant Priest Rev Fr Andrew Benton Email andrewbenton@stalcron.org.au Deacon Rev Mr Sam Lynch Email samlynch@stalcron.org.au Pastoral Associate.....Mrs Cathy Sammut Parish Centre18 Giddings Ave CRONULLA 2230 SecretaryMrs Kim Plummer Office Hours 9.00 am to 3.00 pm Monday to Friday Phone 8522 0300 Fax9544 1451 Email..... admin@stalcron.org.au Internet Website www.stalcron.org.au Bulletin.....Mr Ken Maughan Phone9523 1357 Email bulletin@stalcron.org.au SCHOOLS St Aloysius Primary 9523 2593 St. Francis de Sales Primary9523 7323 O.L.M.C Burraneer 9544 1966 De La Salle, Caringbah9524 9133 De La Salle, Cronulla85221500
Acolyte	M. Sakowicz	V. Steed		T. Bishop	K.Maughan		
Communion Ministers	B. Kuschert B. Salmon M. Remedios J. Buhagiar	R. Winton M.Hennessy F. Schembri C. Coady	K. Vitenov A. Zammit A. Palumbo B. Slamon	P. Neate L. Overton D.DeSouza D. Gough		B. Slamon	
Ministers Of the Word	B. Salmon M. Boyd	J. Gallagher R. Winton	G. Hetherington K. Vitenov	I. Erceg L. Overton	B.Shanahan C. Feldick		
Prayer of The Faithful	B. Kuschert	M. Downes	A. Zammit	K. Berger	C. Tiffney		
Junior Altar Servers					Church Work K. Plumer		
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 6 J. Lynch, C. Muirsaon, J & M,Bainbridge.		Next Week Group 7 J. Keogh, J. Small, M. Remedios, M & S. Barlow.		The Prayer Tree Can you please pray for someone who needs your prayers? Phone Jane on 9527 9964		

Mass and other Liturgical Schedules

Sunday:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla

Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena:

Vigil Mass: 6.00pm. (Saturday). 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

Sunday Mass 9.00am

Weekdays: This week:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:

Monday: **(No Mass)** 7.00am **Communion Service**
 Wed, Thu & Fri: 7.00am **(See notice for Ash Wednesday)**

Mass Tue to Fri: 9.30am

Mass Saturday: 8.00am

Mass Tuesday: 9.30am

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Sat 5.00pm to 5.30pm (or on request)

Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Before Sunday Mass..

Baptisms: By appointment. **Morning Prayer:** Before Weekday 7.00am Masses.

Rosary: After the weekday Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: To be advised.

Anointing of the Sick in Mass: To be advised.

Anointing of the sick as required in the home or church. Please contact the Parish Centre.



We pray for the repose of the souls of **Jim Bunyan and Barbara Bourke** who died during the week. Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Thomas Kane, Brian Small, Diana Casaceli, Jean & Jim Quinn, Jean Givney, Allan Howarth, Megan Howarth.

MAY THEIR SOULS AND ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE

Your Contribution to the Church is your appreciation for your Parish. To become a regular contributor please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office or place it on the Sunday Collection Plate.

Planned Giving Envelope Request Form

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