



# ST.ALOYSIUS GONZAGA Catholic Parish of Cronulla

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*Incorporating:* Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena

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As A Community We Serve God



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time .... Year B

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading:

**I am filled with sorrow all day long.**

**Responsorial:**

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading:

**Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the gospel.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!** He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.  
**ALLELUIA!**

**Gospel:**

**Communion Antiphon:**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



**Congratulations To**

**Lucas John Hardy** whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray he will love and serve the Lord

always

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

CALVARY HOSPITAL CHAPEL

111 Rocky Point Rd, Kogarah

THIS TUESDAY

7th FEBRUARY, 7.30pm

An Invitation is extended to all who have suffered grief or bereavement and especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary.

### HELP OUR CATECHISTS!

Our parish is very blessed to have a core group of very committed catechists who go into our State Schools to teach kids their Catholic faith, but they need **your** help! Our catechists are experienced and trained for the teaching of the kids, but often they could really use someone to accompany them into the classroom, not to teach, but to assist them by handing out work, checking on work being done by the children, answering a child's simple question about what to do next, and offering an encouraging and friendly smile!



You won't be asked to teach! You won't need to spend any time in preparing questions, but you will be an enormous support and help to the catechist simply by being in the room! We have hundreds of Catholic children in our state primary schools within the parish and classes can have 40 children in them. A catechist helper is an enormously helpful person to assist in the work of teaching these kids their catholic faith since it makes it possible to give far more of them that little bit of individual attention.

If you can turn up for half an hour a week, hand out papers to kids, listen and offer a smile and encouraging word, then you can make a difference in a child's life that they will always remember, and that Jesus will never forget either!

So ~~store~~ store up treasure for yourselves in heaven! Call the parish centre and ask Cathy about becoming a catechist helper in our state primary schools and make an enormous difference to our kids and our parish!

### The power of truth :::::

Why does truth give birth to hatred and why does a man speaking the truth become an enemy? ò It is because truth is so loved that those who love something else would like to believe that what they love is the truth, and because they do not like to be deceived, they object to be shown that in fact they are deceived ò They love the truth when it enlightens, but hates it when it accuses them ò They love truth when it reveals itself and hate it when it reveals them.  
ò ò .. St Augustine (354



## CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>MEMORIAL OF St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs</b> <b>St Aloysius Playgroup:</b> This addition to the Wednesday group will gather in Thornton Hall at 10.00am. <b>The St Vincent de Paul Day Conference</b> will meet in the Parish Centre at 10.00am
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>The 55 and over Club:</b> This group of seniors will gather in Thornton Hall at 10.00am for carpet bowls and other activities. Come along and join with them. <b>The Legion of Mary</b> meet in the Parish Centre at 4.00pm. <b>The Pastoral Council</b> will meet in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>St Aloysius Playgroup:</b> This group of mums and dads will gather in Thornton Hall with their little ones at 10.00am <b>Care and Concern:</b> There will be a Coffee Morning at the Coffee Shop at Monro Park Lane (All Welcome) 10.00am. <b>The Rosary Guild</b> will meet in St Aloysius' Church Chapel at 12.30pm.
<b>Thursday:</b>	No Notices
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Memorial of St Scholastica, virgin.</b> <b>The Youth Group</b> will meet in Thornton Hall at 6.30pm.
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Mass celebrated by Father Thomas Kurunthanam for the Wedding Anniversary of Kyrstina &amp; John Sakowicz at 4.00pm at St Aloysius' Church.</b> <b>The Vigil Mass of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B at St Aloysius' Church will be celebrated for the Wedding Anniversary of Ron and Thelma Stannard at 6.00pm.</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Masses of the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.</b>

### POSTPONEMENT OF PARISH RETREAT

Unfortunately, at very short notice and due to unforeseen circumstances, it has become necessary for us to temporarily postpone the Parish Retreat "OPENING THE DOOR". It is thought, at this stage, that we might try to re-schedule this year's retreat some time in August this year, hopefully at the same Marist Brother's venue in Mittagong.

Parishioners, who wish to receive a refund of any retreat fees that have already paid, are of course welcome to approach our Secretary, Kim, between 9.00am and 3.00pm Monday to Friday for a full refund. Once again, our apologies, and we will advise the Parish of the new arrangements as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Cathy Sammut at our Parish office on 02 8522 0300.

### MASS OF FAREWELL

Celebrated by M

Fr Thomas Kurunthanam

Friday 24th February, 2012

St Aloysius' Church 7.00pm

All Parishioners are invited to join in this celebration.

and

After Mass, join in a farewell supper to Fr Thomas

in

Thornton Hall

To make this farewell supper for Fr Thomas a real celebration would you please bring along a plate of sandwiches or cakes or biscuits. It would be really appreciated.

Please contact Cathy or Kim at the Parish Office to volunteer any help on the night.

Envelopes are available at the entrances of our churches if you wish to contribute to a gift that we can present to Fr Thomas on behalf of the parish as a thank you for his dedication to our parish.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER :::::

An ecumenical prayer service for this day of Prayer in the World is being hosted at **Our Lady of Fatima Church**, Port Hacking Road, Caringbah, on **Friday 2nd March at 10.30am.**

All parishioners are invited and if you require more information please contact Elaine Maher on 0402078418.

## A Message from Cathy to Catechists :::::

Dear Catechists,

Welcome back to another year, thank you for your support in agreeing to teach Scripture at our State Schools, what a wonderful way to serve our Lord.

I have yet to hear the start dates for our Primary State schools when they will be ready for our classes to begin, but assume it will be the week after next. I will be in contact with you all by phone and notify you of the start dates.

Our books have arrived and will be in the foyer of St Aloysius' Church next weekend for you to collect, please contact me if this presents any problems for you, I am happy to drop books to you. (Bundeena Catechists will also be given their books.)

I have assumed that you would all like to teach the same years, as you did last year, if there is any change please let me know. At the moment we are looking for more catechists or helpers in the class rooms, and we ask our parishioners to please have a good think about coming along to help, only 30 minutes a week, but the benefits will last a lifetime.

Kind Regards  
Cathy Sammut



Please note back page of bulletin for change of Mass times;

There will be no 7am Mass on Mondays or Tuesdays. There will be two 9.30am Masses on Tuesdays one at St Francis De Sales School Chapel and the other at St Aloysius Church. Please note 9.30am Mass on a Friday will be celebrated at St Aloysius Church

### LENTEN GROUPS

Lent begins in just three weeks time and we will be organising Lenten prayer/discussion groups as in previous years. This year's Sydney Archdiocese small group Lenten program is entitled "Make Disciples of All Nations" and calls us to contemplate and discuss how we each live out the mission of Jesus in day to day life, especially with regard to spreading the Gospel to others. Watch the noticeboard at the back of the Church at Cronulla for sign up sheets for groups. We are looking for expressions of interest from parishioners willing to host a Lenten prayer group in their home. Please contact Cathy at the Parish Centre to get your group organised as soon as possible. Organise early to ensure that you have enough prayer booklets ready to start on the first Sunday of Lent!

### NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

With the arrival of our new Parish Priest last weekend, we are pleased to announce that this week we will be returning to two daily masses Tuesday to Friday with a couple of small changes. At St Aloysius there will now be 9.30am Mass Tuesday to Friday. At St Frances de Sales, Hill Street, Mass will be celebrated on Tuesdays at 9.30am during school term. There will be 7.00am Mass at St Aloysius, Cronulla Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be 7.00am mass on Tuesdays at St Aloysius' only during school holidays in place of the 9.30am mass at Hill Street. We will have two daily masses in the parish only while there are two priests in residence. During times when one priest is absent it will be necessary to reduce the schedule to one daily mass.

**Watch the bulletin to be advised when this may occur throughout the year.**

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