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As a Community We Serve God



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 2

Entrance Antiphon:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading:

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Communion Antiphon:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Congratulations To

Elodie Rudar, Jesse Tiernan and Harriet Lord whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray they will love and serve the Lord always.

BAPTISM

Please be aware that all relevant Archdiocese Policy, Protocols and guidelines for safeguarding children, are public documents and are available on the Sydney Archdiocese website.

Reflection

This week we are invited to reflect on the happiness which can be ours when we trust in the Lord. In the First Reading, the Prophet Jeremiah teaches us through curses and blessings (the language of the time), that we need to make a choice – either to trust in human beings or to trust in the Lord. Depending on our choice, we will inhabit a dry wilderness or feel fulfilled and happy. The same ideas are echoed in the Psalm, which also uses the image of a luxuriant and fruitful tree. It starts with a Beatitude: 'Happy indeed are those who ...', thus introducing the Gospel from St Luke. Shorter than the more famous Beatitudes passage from Matthew's Gospel, it contains a series of parallel warnings for those who make the wrong choices: 'Alas for you ...'.

St Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians (Second Reading), points to another source of our happiness: the resurrection of Christ. If Christ had not been raised, we would not have been saved, and would remain in our sins. As he rose again for us, we are the happiest of all people. This week, then, we might want to reflect on what makes us happy and on how much we trust in the Lord – and to wonder whether we might need to adjust some of our choices in order that others should have a greater share in this happiness.

GOSPEL Luke 6:17, 20–26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

PRAYER AND REFLECTION

After spending some moments coming to greater inner quiet, I read the text slowly, perhaps more than once. What is my reaction? If – given my own circumstances – I find this text challenging, I ask the Lord to help me see the true meaning of the words before me. It may help to imagine myself in the scene, listening to Jesus's words. What is the tone of his voice? When he speaks to his disciples, perhaps he also looks at me. What do I see in his eyes: warning, threat, love, compassion or...? How do I feel? I try to engage him in a conversation. What questions do I ask? What comments do I make? It could be that one of the situations he mentions applies to me at the moment. I spend time listening to his answers. As I bring my prayer to a close, I reflect on what I do 'on account of the Son of Man'. I give thanks for what he does for me. If I feel able to, I determine to place an even greater trust in the Lord.

Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham

"We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected..."



Friendship across the sea

The St Aloysius Parish Community Cronulla
linked in friendship with
St Joseph Parish Hato Udo Timor Leste





First reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8 ::::

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-4 ::::

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 ::::

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26 ::::

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The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



CATECHIST WANTED!

Can you help us....we need more labourers in the Vineyard!!!! Have you considered becoming a Catechist? Can you spare 40 minutes once a week? All training and resources are provided.

We are in need of Catechists at the following schools:
South Cronulla Primary School Tuesday mornings 11.30am Kindy,
Woolooware Primary School Tuesday mornings 9.30am Year 5

Please contact Cathy Sammut 85220300 or email pastoral@stalcron.org.au

We extend a warm invitation to all parents considering enrolling their children into De La Salle Catholic College Caringbah, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College Burraneer and De La Salle Catholic College Cronulla to meet our principals.



PARENTS IN TOUCH

A CONVERSATION WITH THE PRINCIPALS

focusing on the three school partnership & the Newman Gifted program

MS ANN FREEMAN (Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College Burraneer)
 MR PETER BUXTON (De La Salle Catholic College Caringbah)
 MR CRAIG MOONEY (De La Salle Catholic College Cronulla)

TUES, 26 FEB 2019 @ 6.30PM
 DE LA SALLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE CARINGBAH LIBRARY

RSVP: FRI, 22 FEB - geraldine.wilson@syd.catholic.edu.au



Calendar for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed. St Vincent de Paul Day Conference: 10.00am at the Chapel.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel.
Wednesday:	Care and Concern coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. St Aloysius Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Rosary Guild: 12.30pm at the Chapel.
Thursday:	Social Justice Group meeting: 5.30pm at the Chapel.
Friday:	No notice.
Saturday:	Care and Concern Friendship Dinner: 6.00pm at Thornton Hall.

Online Safeguarding Training for all Parish Volunteers ::::

Just a gentle reminder that all Parish Volunteers need to complete Safeguarding Children Training. There is online training you can register for, please use this link below for online training. **This is the google link to the online training <https://goo.gl/forms/JRvCvi301IRhVpsh2>**

A huge thank you to all parishioners who have already completed taken their safeguarding training.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

With many thanks to all those who generously donated to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. The amount of \$9914.15 was collected from our parish community. These monies have gone towards assisting struggling families in our community. We are so grateful for your support. Receipts have been sent out. If you have not received your receipt please call Vicki on 0414523449.

This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * Archdiocese ramps up anti-slavery fight
- * Santa Sabina celebrates 125 years
- * Outsmarting the thought police



Volunteers are needed for Readers at the Masses and Communion Ministers. Please contact Kim in the Parish Office.

Moving Forward in our Faith Community: Connect, Listen, Share ::::



Where is the Lord inviting us?...

At a meeting in November about 35 parishioners identified a number of areas that they believed the upcoming Bishops' Plenary Council should consider. Consequently, the Parish put in a submission to the Council. Some of the areas identified are relevant to our local parish community, so these meetings will canvas the ideas of a wider group of parishioners to identify for the Pastoral Council some keys areas for the ongoing faith, sacramental and social development of our community.

- **Saturday 23rd February at 3.30pm in Thornton Hall**
- **Sunday 3rd March after 6pm Mass in the Parish Centre**

These two meetings are being held to provide parishioners with the opportunity to share their thoughts about a way forward for the parish community.

You're Invited

Welcome to Kindy Mass Sunday 24th February at 6pm ::::

All our new Kindy students and families from all our State and local Parish schools are warmly invited to attend our welcome to Kindy Parish Mass next Sunday 24th February at 6pm.

Where are our statues??

Don't panic....the statues of Our Lady and The Sacred Heart have gone to be refurbished. A very kind parishioner has generously paid to have these statues repaired and re painted. Hopefully they will be back in our church in 2-3 weeks' time.

TRUST LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS ::::

We are pleased to announce that we have officially sold out of all the TRUST Lenten Program books in record time. Due to overwhelming demand, we are now making the book (and Triple CD Resource) available as a digital download for purchase online with credit card only. The PDF downloadable book is \$7.70. Once you have paid for the product, you will be sent a download link via email valid for 72 hours. The purchaser is licensed to print one copy only. TRUST is a 76-page full colour PDF digital book (240x170mm) with bulk pricing starting from only \$5.00 per copy (for GST Free Catholic Religious Groups). TRUST also includes short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) in addition to the longer-form Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Gospel readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of the Lenten program for groups. Therefore, TRUST is also perfect for individuals who cannot attend a Lenten group. For those part of a Lenten group, we are honoured to have Fr Sean Cullen (parish priest at St Thomas Aquinas Parish in Bowral and St Michael's Parish in Mittagong) and Sr Hilda Scott OSB (vocations director at the Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo) providing the Sunday Gospel reflections and spiritual direction. The shorter daily reflections have been written by 14 fantastic clergy, religious and lay contributors from around the world. TRUST also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such Rembrandt, Riviere, Rubens, Fetti, Batoni and Ciseri which Monsignor Graham Schmitzer expertly breaks open as part of his popular artwork reflections.

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 23rd and 24th February

Masses Cronulla	Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm	8.00 am Sunday	10.00 am Sunday	6.00 pm Sunday	Bundeena Sunday 9.00am	Nursing Home
Acolyte						Carolyn E.
Communion Ministers	I. O'Neill N. Azar M. Remedios K. Eaton	F. Schembri C. Coady R. Winton M. Hennessy	F. O'Driscoll B. Slamon K. Croxson R. McCabe	R. Driscoll L. Ison L. Overton T. Merlino		
Ministers Of the Word	K. Eaton N. Azar	F. Schembri E. Molloy	C. Henry R. McCabe	V. Ohis O. Wright	B. Shanahan M. Venn	
Prayer of the Faithful	M. O'Connor	M. Downes	F. O'Driscoll	I. Williams	R. Watts	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Cathy	
Cleaning (Saturday)	R. Butterfield Adam					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 6 M. & S. Barlow, G. Newcombe, J. Small, M. Remedios, B. de Souza		Next Week Group 7 P. & B. Watkins, J. O'Neill, A. Wagner, J. & T. Stokes			

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Mass and other Liturgical Schedules**Sunday:**

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla Vigil Mass: Saturday 5.00pm. Sunday Masses: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Sunday Mass 1st Sunday of the month

Weekdays: This week:

St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Monday: **(No Mass)**
Mass Tuesday to Friday: 7.00am **and** 9.30am
Mass Saturday: 8.00am

Sacrament of Penance (Confession) **St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:** Sat 4.00pm (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.



We pray for **Reginald Buncombe, Eithne Gallagher** and **Stuart Jones** who died recently. We pray for **Morgan McNamara, Barbara Wells, Alojz Hojstric, Jim Bunyan, Phil Mandile** and **Josie Dimarco** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Alfred Zammit, Barbara Burke, Nino Jerusalem Sicut, Michelle Jerusalem Sicut, Tony & Rosaria Ficarra, Brian Small, Harold Newcombe, Joseph Anthony Casaceli, Helen Forbes, Mary Mullins and her sisters Monica and Julia, Jean & Jim Quinn, Paul & Jean Givney, Allan & Laurel Howarth and 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.

'It is in giving that we receive'

Planned Giving Envelope Request Form

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