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Incorporating: Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena

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As a Community We Serve God

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new
commandment; love one another as I
have loved you. Alleluia!**

Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38

Communion Antiphon:

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

Congratulations To

 **Shelby Faulkner** whom we
welcome to our Catholic
community this weekend.
Through his Baptism we pray
they will love and serve the
Lord always.

**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's readings speak about the compassion, love and mercy of God, and of our calling as Christians to allow the love he has given us to be expressed in our thoughts, words and actions. In the First reading, David has been pursued by King Saul, who intends to kill him. By chance, he and his men come upon Saul asleep in a cave. Saul is totally in their power, but David chooses not to kill God's anointed king. Instead he simply removes Saul's weapon from him. By his actions, David makes his righteousness clear to everyone.

The Second reading speaks of our human nature. We are created by God, as was Adam, in finite bodily form that lives on this earth. In Christ Jesus we find our true eternal being, made in his image. We are called to live our lives according to his likeness. The Psalm speaks of the ways in which God loves and heals us. He does not treat us according to our faults, but with mercy and compassion. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate', Jesus urges us (Gospel). His sayings are challenging and perhaps seem hard to live out. But we need not be sad: our recognition of weakness is also a cause for joy. We cannot live the life of a Christian without his help but need to rely on him, allowing him to deepen his life in each one of us.

This week I pray for the grace to depend more fully on Jesus, that his compassion, mercy and love may be shown in my life. As I come to my place of prayer, I allow myself as long as I need simply to become still and quiet. If I have been busy or preoccupied, this may take some time. When I am ready, I read the words of the psalm slowly, lingering over any word or phrase that has meaning for me.

Gospel Luke 6: 27-38 (part)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked'.

After coming to some stillness in whatever way is best for me, I read this Gospel passage slowly, paying attention to the feelings and thoughts evoked in me by its words. Jesus says these words 'to you who are listening'. I try to be attentive to his message; this is God's word for me today. When I am ready, I share my thoughts and feelings with our Lord. Perhaps I am aware of times when I have been able to respond in similar ways to those Jesus suggests. I recall these times with gratitude, and share them with the Lord, giving thanks for his love working through me.

Maybe I feel that some of his suggestions are simply too difficult for me? I share these thoughts with the Lord. I need not be sad. Jesus will help me in his mercy, compassion and love. I can rely on him. I may want to choose one person or situation that I will meet this week. I share with our Lord and ask for his help, knowing that I can always trust in his presence with me. I end my prayer in stillness. I may wish to pray Our Father ...

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: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 ::::

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 ::::

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repays us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 ::::

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man

was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 ::::

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

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'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

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 key areas for the ongoing faith, sacramental and social development of our community.

■ **Sunday 3rd March after 6pm Mass in the Parish Centre**

This meeting is being held to provide parishioners with the opportunity to share their thoughts about a way forward for the parish community.

You're Invited



Calendar for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel. Pastoral Council Meeting: 7.00pm at Parish Centre.
Wednesday:	Care and Concern coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. St Aloysius Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Funeral for Rita Johnson: 11.00am at St Aloysius.
Thursday:	No notice.
Friday:	No notice.
Saturday:	No notice.

Sacramental Program Dates 2019 ::::

Families with children making the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are asked to make note of the following important dates.

Registration afternoon and Commitment Mass:

First Reconciliation and First Communion 17th March 5.15pm

Reconciliation 2019

Session One: March 26th 6.30pm

Session Two: April 2nd 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation 9th April

First Eucharist 2019

Session One 4th June 6.30pm

Session Two: 11th June 6.30pm

Retreat Day 19th June 6.30pm

Sacrament of First Eucharist Sunday 23rd June / Feast of Corpus Christi

Confirmation 2019

Registration 5th May 5.15pm and 6pm Mass

Commitment Mass Pentecost Sunday 9th June 6pm

Session One 3rd September

Session Two 10th September

Retreat Day 18th September

Sacrament of Confirmation 20th September

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

Is anyone been able to help count the money once a month on a Tuesday? It is only an hour of their time once a month. Please contact Kim in the Parish Office.



Celebrating

Catholic Schools Week

For more information visit www.stacronulla.catholic.edu.au or call us on 9523 2593



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN



2019 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS
Tuesday 5 March 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Thursday 7 March 9:15 am - 10:15 am & 2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

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.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL ::::

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 4 day cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. CALL NOW FOR \$200 Discount and mention code: FS200. Valid till 15th March only.

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.

This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * The beauty of God through the lens
- * Vinnies sign up to homelessness plan
- * US Cardinal busted back to lay state
- * Movie review: *Isn't It Romantic*
- * Marriage prep worth its weight in gold
- * Students' legal win



Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 2nd and 3rd March

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						Priest
Communion Ministers	I. O'Neill B. Salmon K. Eaton M. Remedios	L. Oliver D. Harden L. Tesoriero A. Tesoriero	K. Vitenov F. O'Driscoll K. Croxson M. Sakowicz	G. Stratton R. Driscoll P. Morris L. Overton		
Ministers Of the Word	M. Fennell C. Henry	T. Smith D. Harden	K. Vitenov K. Croxson	C. Snow D. De Souza	M. Turner F. Waugh	
Prayer of the Faithful	K. Eaton	L. Oliver	S. Schembri	L. Overton	K. Plumer	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Brenda	
Cleaning (Saturday)	B. Potter A. Woodhouse					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 7 P. & B. Watkins, J. O'Neill, A. Wagner, J. & T. Stokes		Next Week Group 1 L. Overton, M. Staunton, C. & M. Sammut			

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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 **Rita Johnson, Marilyn Fisher, Eithne Gallagher** and **Stuart Jones** who died recently. We pray for **Giuseppe Badolato, Barbara Joan Short** and **Margaret Andre** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Morgan McNamara, Barbara Wells, Alojz Hojstric, Jim Bunyan, Phil Mandile, 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

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'It is in giving that we receive'

Planned Giving Envelope Request Form

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