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

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**As a Community We Serve God**

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 4

#### Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

#### First Reading:

Sirach 27:4-7

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

#### Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

#### Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

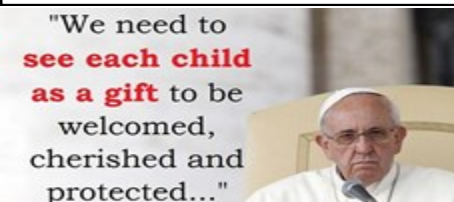
#### Communion Antiphon:

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

**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.**

**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**

Today's readings urge us to draw life from hearts filled with the goodness and teachings of the Lord ... to live virtuous lives that bear sound fruit. In the First Reading, the author uses images from everyday experience to highlight the importance of our words, suggesting that our moral worth (or the lack of it) can be proved by our speech. The Psalmist speaks of the value of continual gratitude to God, and also paints a picture of the sturdiness of the person of virtue. Paul encourages the Christians in Corinth to see Christ's resurrection as the source of their hope. He also exhorts his hearers to persevere in doing good and working for the Lord. (Second Reading)

In the Gospel Luke 6: 39-45, Jesus also uses simple reflections on human experience in his teachings. Disciples must learn from their master, and in the process become like him. Having warned against the danger of judging others, he also states that just as a tree's value is judged by its fruit, so the true test of human virtue is the way we live our life. This week, we may desire to pray for a discerning heart and spirit, committed to trying to find God's invitation and his will in the actions and fruits of our daily life.

#### REFLECTION

Aware that God desires my company, I begin my prayer time gently and slowly. I allow myself to become increasingly conscious of God's loving presence in this moment ... of his living Spirit within me. I read Jesus's parables a couple of times. Can I sense his presence as I read them? I listen to his voice as he teaches. Which of the vivid pictures that they evoke invite me to linger? Perhaps I am conscious of some blindness that prevents me from following Jesus's teachings. I speak to him of this. Maybe my heart has been judgmental of others.

Am I able to recognise and acknowledge how my life is not always based on God's love and truth? Perhaps the third parable of the tree and its fruit draws me. As Jesus's disciple, I may want to examine the fruits of my own life with an open heart. I speak to the Lord about what has arisen in my prayer time. I give thanks for the 'sound' fruits of my life ... and if I can, ask forgiveness for the 'rotten fruits'. I end with a slow sign of the cross. Our Father ...

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



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

### STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The news of Cardinal George Pell's conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal's legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served.

In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.

February 26, 2019

**Big Thank you, from Social Justice Group and people of HatoUdo, Timor Leste. With your support we have raised sufficient funds for the local village community to purchase sufficient materials to complete stage 1 of the bakery building.**


**First reading: Sirach 27:4-7 ::::**

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

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

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16 ::::**

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 ::::**

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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

**Gospel: Luke 6:39-45 ::::**

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told

by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

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

**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



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### Calendar for the Coming Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Parish Office closed. <b>St Vincent de Paul Day Conference:</b> 10.00am at the Chapel.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Legion of Mary:</b> 4.00pm at the Chapel.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Combined School Mass for Ash Wednesday:</b> 9.30am. <b>Care and Concern coffee:</b> 10.00am at Monro Park. <b>St Aloysius Playgroup:</b> 10.00am at Thornton Hall.
<b>Thursday:</b>	No notice.
<b>Friday:</b>	No notice.
<b>Saturday:</b>	No notice.

#### Lenten program ::::

A Lenten program focusing on the Gospels of Lent, prayer and the conversion story of St Augustine will be held on Tuesday nights at 6pm in the Chapel commencing 5th March. The sessions will last for about an hour and there is no cost involved. Please contact Vicki Rolland on 0414523449 if you require further details. Please note I would be also happy to email the sessions each week to those interested.



#### 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*

#### Ash Wednesday 6th March ::::

As a Christian celebration Ash Wednesday (6 March 2019) is about conversion – coming to see life differently and acting accordingly. It introduces Lent, a period of introspection and review of one's personal life. But personal lives can never be separated from relationships, not only with family and friends but with workmates, fellow citizens, fellow human beings and with the world of which we are part. For people who want a better world, conversion is always on the agenda. Ashes are also places where possibility can arise. From the ash of bushfires grass and plants spring green. On a bomb-levelled city a better place for its citizens can be built. Out of a scorched relationship wisdom and compassion can grow. When we attend to the ashes of our lives and our world, we can recognise their causes and change our way of life. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence

#### Social Justice Group ::::

The Social Justice Group will be hosting Lenten sessions again this year. We will be using the St Columban Mission Society Lenten Reflections. This year's theme, in line with the Lenten readings for Year C, is again based on the Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Laudato Si', "**The Grace of Place**".

This year the sessions will be presented differently and be facilitated by one of our resident retired religious brothers, Br Phillip Elwin fsc. Starts Monday evening, 11th March, at 6:30 in the church foyer and then each Monday evening during Lent.

#### Catholic women's organisations partner for International Women's Day Celebrations ::::

Join Catholic Women's League Sydney and Catholic Women's Mentoring for a free special event to celebrate International Women's Day. The evening event at the Polding Centre in Sydney will include opportunities for networking, a panel discussion and Q&A and the chance to learn about what both organisations can offer Catholic women of Sydney and surrounds.

**Date:** Friday 8 March 2019

**Time:** Drinks and Canapes from 5.30pm, Panel from 7pm

**Venue:** Level 8, Polding Centre, Liverpool St Sydney

**RSVP:** Register online <http://www.catholicwomensmentoring.org.au/>  
SydneyIWD or email [info@catholicwomensmentoring.org.au](mailto:info@catholicwomensmentoring.org.au)

**Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 9th and 10th 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						Kathy V.
Communion Ministers	B. Salmon N. Azar M. Remedios	C. Maher R. Winton I. O'Neill A. Cimino	K. Croxson K. Vitenov F. O'Driscoll B. Slamon	P. Morris R. Driscoll M. Awad L. Overton		
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Prayer of the Faithful	B. Salmon	G. Downes	R. McCabe	D. DeSouza	C. Tiffney	
Children's Liturgy					<b>Church Work</b> Sandra / Bernard	
Cleaning (Saturday)	S. O'Neill					
Parish Counting Groups	<b>This Week Group 1</b> L. Overton, M. Staunton, C. & M. Sammut		<b>Next Week Group 2</b> B. McWilliams, C. Sola, K. Burke, D. Symes			

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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 **Dominic Mandile, Fr Graham Kings, Beryl Huntingdon, Rita Johnson and Marilyn Fisher** who died recently. We pray for **Bob Schaerer and Aileen McAlister** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Mick McMahan, Lorenza Salmeri, Giuseppe Badolato, Margaret Andre, Morgan McNamara, Barbara Wells, Alfred Zammit, Barbara Burke, 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'*

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