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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Communion Antiphon:

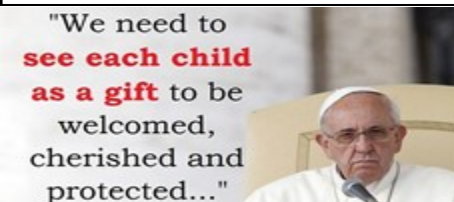
Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Congratulations To



Javier & Lyla Karim, Kadee, Khloe & Kai Kordovolos, Corbin Pistola and Spencer McBride 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

Having journeyed through Lent for four weeks, I may well feel in need of the reassuring words of Isaiah (First Reading).

Just as the Lord promised to give abundant water to sustain the exiles from Babylon on their journey home, he will also guide me through the rest of Lent, supporting me with spiritual food and drink.

In gratitude, I pray the response to the Psalm: 'What marvels the Lord worked for me, indeed I am glad', recalling the joy of the exiles as they returned to their country.

Paul reminds us that 'nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus'. He is aware that he needs not try for perfection by his own efforts. I take comfort in this, and forgetting the past, look forward to what is still to come (Second Reading).

Jesus defuses a tense and potentially violent situation by forgiving the woman who sinned, and then turning the tables on her accusers: 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her' (Gospel). Although he does not condemn her, she is to 'go away and not sin any more'.

Perhaps this helps me in these last days of Lent to pray to the Lord that he be 'my Saviour again and renew my joy'. I may also want to pray for all those people around me who still feel in exile, that the expectation of new life at Easter might help them to come home.

REFLECTION

As I come to my time of prayer, maybe in my favourite place, or wherever I can give a few moments to the Lord, I consider what mood I am in. What am I hoping for today? I then read the familiar story a few times, and put the text aside. I spend some time recalling it in as much detail as I can ... the people, their actions, their words, their looks. Is there some element of the story I find strange or surprising? If so, I tell the Lord about it and ask him to enlighten me.

Perhaps I find myself focusing on the woman. I reflect on how she must have felt as the story unfolds. What are my feelings towards her today? There may have been times in my life when I have been the accuser ... perhaps self-righteous or condemning? With hindsight and the help of the Lord, how would I act now? I ponder, and share what is in my heart with the Lord, trusting that he will hear me and guide me.

Maybe I have come across a similar situation ... perhaps someone in trouble with the law or hounded by the media, who was able to change completely and become once again a valued member of society. Who or what caused them to change? I give thanks for them and those who helped them. Eventually, I conclude my prayer. Slowly, I make a grateful sign of the cross.

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

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: Isaiah 43:16-21 ::::

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125 ::::

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14 ::::

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel: John 8:1-11 ::::

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

Mosaic Morning ::::

Please join us in Thornton Hall on April 13th at 10.30am to start getting creative. After our last mosaic class in November last year, we were asked by all who attended to "do it again" As part of our Lenten Journey we will mosaic some beautiful larger crosses. The cost of the class is \$15.00 including all your mosaic material and morning tea. Numbers are limited so please put your name down, the list will be in the back foyer. At this time lets us remind ourselves the power of the cross..... **"Battles are won, not with weapons, but with God. They are won where the way leads to the cross."**

Palm Sunday ::::

Palm Sunday is just two weeks away, 14th April. Have you any Palms in your garden that you can cut and bring in??

Or perhaps you may have some Olive tree branches. Could you please cut them and bring them in to the church on Friday 12th or Saturday 13th April?

This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * Sophia's on top of the world
- * New Notre Dame Vice Chancellor
- * Meet the world's best teacher
- * We won't budge on confession
- * Movie review: *Wonder Park*
- * What's with Ringgate?

Still the best Sunday Paper





Calendar for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed. St Vincent de Paul Day Conference: 10.00am at the Chapel. Lenten Group: 6.30pm.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel. Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5.30pm at St Aloysius. Lenten Group: 6.00pm.
Wednesday:	Care and Concern coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. St Aloysius Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall.
Thursday:	No notice.
Friday:	Stations of the Cross: 12.00pm at the Chapel.
Saturday:	No notice.

Sacramental Program Dates 2019 ::::

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation 9th April

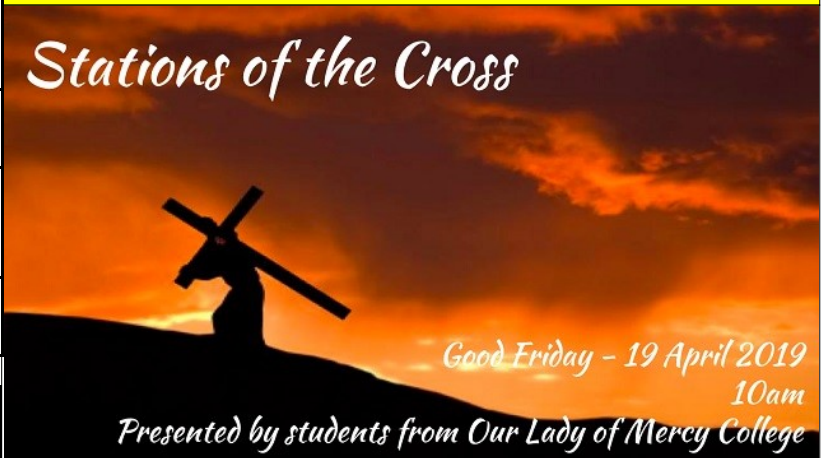
First Eucharist 2019
Session One 4th June 6.30pm
Session Two 11th June 6.30pm
Retreat Day 19th June 9.00am to 3.15pm
Sacrament of First Eucharist Sunday 23rd June / Feast of Corpus Christi

So What is the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is:

"The invitation to the door of forgiveness, freedom of sin and of guilt and with that; comes Peace"

Stations of the Cross



Please Join Us ::::

Every Friday during Lent at 12 noon, the Year 6 Pope Francis Students from St Aloysius Primary School are leading the Stations of the Cross for our Parish Community. Please join them and walk the Way of the Cross during this Lenten time.



Immaculate Conception Novena 2019 ::::



The Legion of Mary will be leading the Immaculate Conception Novena starting 19th April.

Day 1 – Good Friday 19th April – at the Parish centre (after Stations of the Cross)

Day 2 – Holy Saturday 20th April – at home.
Day 3 – Easter Sunday 21st April – at home.
Day 4- Easter Monday 22nd April – after morning devotion.
Day 5 – Tuesday 23rd April – after 7am Mass
Day 6 – Wednesday 24th April – after 7am Mass
Day 7 – Thursday 25th April – after 7am Mass
Day 8 – Friday 26th April – after 7am Mass
Day 9 - Saturday 27th April – after 8am Mass
Day 10 – Devine Mercy Sunday – 28th April – 1 hour of Devotion – to be announced.



Holy Week

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Last Supper 7pm

Good Friday

Stations of The Cross by OLMC 10am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11am

Passion of Jesus Christ 3pm

Stations of the Cross 10am, Our Lady of the Way Bundeena

Easter Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass 7pm


Easter Sunday

8am and 10am Mass St Aloysius Cronulla

9am Mass Our Lady of the Way Bundeena

(please note there is no 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday at St Aloysius Cronulla)

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 13th and 14th April

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	G. Durante K. Eaton B. Salmon N. Azar	J. Cullerton C. Coady P. Elwin I. O'Neill	R. McCabe B. Slamon M. Sakowicz K. Croxson	T. Merlino G. Stratton M. Awad R. Driscoll		
Ministers Of the Word	K. Eaton D. Smith	J. Cullerton E. Molloy	K. Croxson B. Slamon	T. Smith M. Awad	C. Toutounji F. Waugh	
Prayer of the Faithful	G. Durante	P. Elwin	K. Vitenov	D. De Souza	P. Livesey	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Anne	
Cleaning (Saturday)	S. O'Neill					
Parish Counting Groups	<u>This Week Group 7</u> P. & B. Watkins, J. O'Neill, A. Wagner, J. & T. Stokes		<u>Next Week Group 1</u> 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.**

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



We pray for **Michael Constance, Douglas Fry-Jensen, Sr Bernadette Franks (RSM)** and **Mary Constance** who died recently. We pray for **Geoff Hurst** whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Marie & Bill Cruickshank, Kurt Chytra, Phyllis Allan, Norman Allan, Phil & Dominic Mandile, Brian Small, Sylvia Dimarco, Michael Cilia & Lucy Caruana /Cilia, Mick McMahon, 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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