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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 4

Entrance Antiphon:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading:

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading:

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 10:27-30

Communion Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Happy Mother's Day!

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.

Weekly Reflection

This Fourth Sunday of Easter is always kept as Good Shepherd Sunday, when we hear from the tenth chapter of St John's Gospel. This image of Christ the Shepherd caring for his followers has been used since the earliest years of Christianity. In the biblical way of shepherding, the shepherd leads the flock, calling each sheep by name. The sheep know and trust the voice of their shepherd, following him wherever he leads: a fine model for the love of Jesus for his disciples – and for each of us.

Paul and Barnabas (today's First Reading), in the face of jealousies, and expulsion by the Jews, reach out to the Gentiles with the good news of salvation. Those who accept the good news will find joy, and the Psalm praises God the Shepherd, the source of this joy.

John, in the Second Reading, describes a vision of God, as Lamb, shepherding the saved from every nation and he reveals (in the Gospel) the manner of that shepherding – with a great and tender care.

REFLECTION

I begin this time of prayer conscious that I desire to come before the Lord with deep trust. Like the sheep of the text, I wish to follow the Lord, to be with him, to stay close beside him.

I read the Gospel slowly, stopping often and pausing to allow the words to sink deep within me. I take my time.

I may like to ponder the 'one-ness' of Father and Son ... what is it like to be called to have a share in this unity?

I am not excluded, not forgotten, nor lost or stolen away. I am known by the Lord. I belong to him. How does this make me feel?

As I ponder being known in this way, being protected by him, I might notice a desire in me to respond to the Lord in some way. How do I listen to him in my daily life? In what ways do I already follow him?

How would I like to respond more deeply?

Perhaps I imagine myself and the Lord, together, safely in the sheepfold. We are resting in the warmth of the sunshine.

What do I want to say to him now? Perhaps I have a sense of him wanting to say something to me. Or we simply spend some moments enjoying each other's company.

When ready, I end slowly: Our Father ...

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"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: Acts 13:14, 43-52 ::::

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:1-3, 5 ::::

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17 ::::

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now

stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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

Gospel: John 10:27-30 ::::

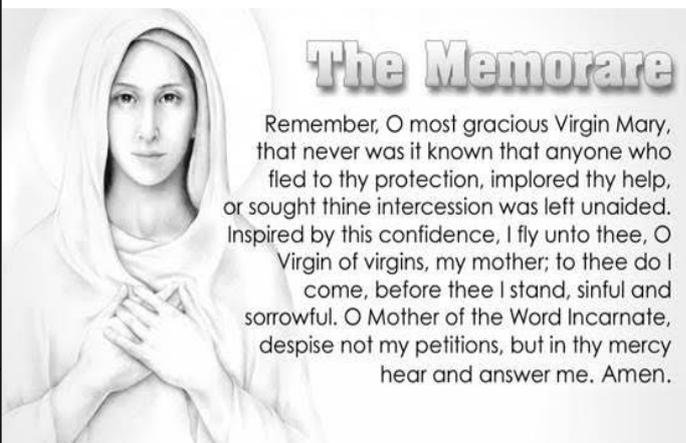
I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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

May is the Month of Mary ::::

Let us take some extra time to pray tenderly to Mary our Heavenly Mother during the month of May. Let us adorn Marys statue with flowers this May to show our love for her.



Father Tom moving on to a new appointment ::::

Archbishop Anthony has asked Father Tom to move to San Souci, St Finbar's as Parish Priest at the end of June. Father James McCarthy will be coming at the end of June to assume his responsibilities as Parish Priest of St Aloysius Parish. We will organise a farewell for Father Tom in June, so we can have the opportunity to say a fitting good, thank you and blessings for your new appointment.

This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * Bishop confronts Labor leader
- * She's 105? No way! Meet Sr Eymard
- * 'Be my priest'
- * Remembering Les Murray
- * Movie review: UglyDolls
- * An absence of bachelors? Huge response

Still the best Sunday Paper





Calendar for the Coming Week

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| Monday: | Parish Office closed. |
| Tuesday: | Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel. |
| Wednesday: | Care and Concern coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Rosary Guild: 12.30pm at the Chapel. |
| Thursday: | No notice. |
| Friday: | No notice. |
| Saturday: | No notice. |

If anyone can help with readers and communion ministers, especially at the 10am Mass, could they contact Kim in the office?

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney :::::

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



New rosters are now printed and available in the church foyer for readers and Communion ministers.

A Mother's Prayer for Her Children

Saint Joseph, you understand the worries and concerns that come with parenting children. Come to my aid and help me to care for my children's needs with love and reverence. As I grow through the years with my children, help me to listen to their concerns, and obtain for me the gifts of wisdom and good counsel. Gentle guardian of Mary and foster father of the Son of God, assist me in my vocation as a mother. I ask you to protect my children and to surround them in your fatherly care. Saint Joseph, pray for me! Amen.

Mother's Day prayer :::::

May our prayer warm the hearts of all mothers today. May they know that they are loved and precious. May they know they are worthy in their call. May they know that there's no failing so great that cannot be forgiven, forgotten and renewed in You Lord Jesus. May mothers today all over the world feel in their heart the joys of being called a mother and in all their goodness and all their failings, be blessed in Your love and forgiveness. We pray in Grace they belong close to You Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Confirmation Dates 2019

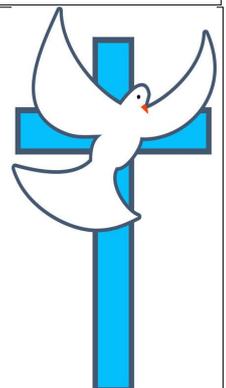
Commitment Mass Pentecost Sunday: 16th June 6pm

Session 1: 3rd September 6.30pm St Aloysius Church

Session 2: 10th September 6.30pm St Aloysius Church

Retreat Day: 18th September 9am—3pm Thornton Hall

Sacrament of Confirmation: 20th September 7pm.



Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 18th and 19th May

| 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 |
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| Acolyte | | | | | | Frank |
| Communion Ministers | M. Remedios I. O'Neill G. Durante | A. Tesoriero L. Tesoriero C. Coady R. Winton | B. Slamon K. Croxson A. Palumbo K. Vitenov | G. Stratton T. Merlino L. Overton C. Sammut | | |
| Ministers Of the Word | A. Stempniak | G. Downes R. Winton | K. Vitenov B. Slamon | D. De Souza J. Wright | M. Venn B. Shanahan | |
| Prayer of the Faithful | D. Smith | T. Smith | S. Schembri | G. Stratton | J. Hills | |
| Children's Liturgy | | | | | Church Work Lorraine | |
| Cleaning (Saturday) | G. Vitano K. Gothard | | | | |  |
| 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.

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



We pray for **Dr Stephen Pozzi, Ellen Tripoldi** and **Sr Veronica Earls (Cletus) RSM** who died recently. We pray for **Maria Carbone, Margaret & Keith Butler** and **Jean & Jim Quinn** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Brian Small, Josephine & Anthony Cozdina, Mick McMahon, Harold Newcombe, Joseph Anthony Casaceli, Helen Forbes, Mary Mullins and her sisters Monica and Julia, 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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