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As a Community We Serve God

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

Entrance Antiphon:
All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading:
1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

Responsorial Psalm:
You are my inheritance, O Lord.


Second Reading:
Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Communion Antiphon:
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Congratulations To

 **Charlie and Cooper Munce, Violet Cullerton** 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.

Weekly Reflection

The readings this week focus on the answers different people make to the call to follow the Lord. In the First Reading, Elisha leaves his people to follow Elijah, the Lord's prophet, but only after he has fed them and said goodbye to his parents. However, that is precisely what Jesus won't allow one of his potential followers to do along the road towards Jerusalem. Being Jesus' disciple involves total commitment and support, without any looking back, even when the conditions are demanding. (Gospel)

If we serve the Lord in freedom, and love our neighbour as ourselves, then the Spirit will guide us and help us not to become self-indulgent. (Second Reading) Then we can trust, with the Psalmist, that the Lord will show us the path of life: joy and happiness will be ours forever if we keep him in our sight and follow him. This week, we might want to reflect on great disciples who have followed the Lord unconditionally – such as St Oscar Romero or St Teresa of Calcutta – and be encouraged by their example.

REFLECTION

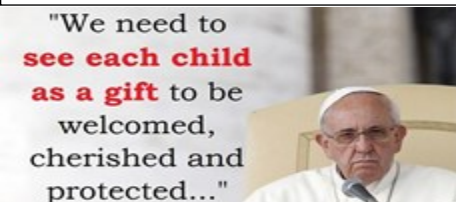
After coming to quiet, putting aside as best I can all the demands of my everyday life, I may want to repeat a short, familiar, well-loved phrase, such as 'O Lord my God, have pity on me' or 'This is the day the Lord has made, let me rejoice and be glad in it.' Eventually I read the psalm slowly, repeatedly, letting its inner rhythm resonate within me. When I am familiar with its words, I stop and ponder on a phrase which 'speaks' to me particularly. Perhaps I look at the lines starting with 'I', and ask myself: 'Do I do this?' – and if not – 'Would I like to?' I speak to the Lord about my answers.

Maybe I am drawn to reflect on the Lord being always at my side, even at night. Does it make my heart rejoice ... or do I feel threatened by his constant presence? How do I feel when I realise I am the Lord's beloved? Who else in my life calls me 'beloved'? I speak to the Lord about them and ask for his continued support, so they, too, might enjoy the fullness of joy and happiness for ever. I close my prayer with my own words of thanksgiving.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

As I prepare myself to spend some time with the Lord, it might help to ask myself why I want to do this, and what frame of mind I am in. With utter honesty I tell the Lord what is in my heart. After a while I pick up the leaflet and start reading the Gospel. I may need to read it several times before I become familiar enough with it to put it aside and reflect. What picture do I have of Jesus walking 'resolutely' to Jerusalem? With hindsight, I know what will take place there. How does that make me feel?

I may now want to turn to the three would-be disciples. Two of them want to follow Jesus ... but not just yet! Their requests seem eminently reasonable. I ponder. Do I recognise myself in one – or possibly all – of them? What has been ... is ... or will be my response to Jesus' call: 'Follow me'? Is it 'I will follow you if...' or 'I will follow you even if...'? I speak to the Lord, aware that he will never ask of me more than I can freely give. In time, I slowly bring my prayer to an end. I thank the Lord for allowing me to travel along with him today. Glory be ... Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham



Friendship across the sea

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





First reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21 ::::

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came to Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11 ::::

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18 ::::

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

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

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62 ::::

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury the dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Father's Appeal ::::

Today the annual Holy Father's (Peter's Pence) Appeal will be held. Envelopes will be on the pews.

Calvary Remembrance ::::

Calvary Hospital Remembrance Service: A Remembrance Service will be held **2pm on Saturday, July 6th**, in the Chapel at Calvary Hospital, 111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah.

An invitation is extended to all who have suffered grief or bereavement; especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary. Afternoon tea follows. Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved one.

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.



Calendar for the Coming Week

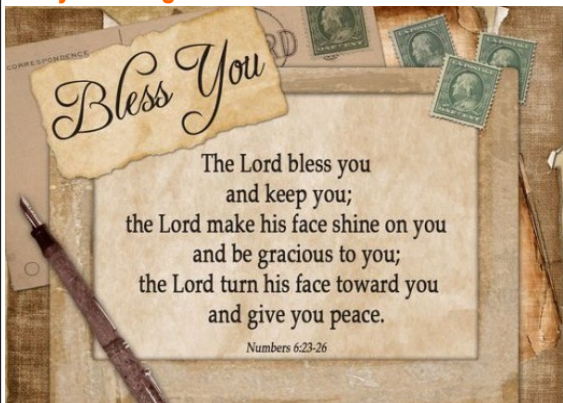
Monday:	Parish Office closed.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel.
Wednesday:	Care and Concern Coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Rosary Guild: 12.30pm at the Chapel.
Thursday:	No notice.
Friday:	End of School Term 2.
Saturday:	No notice.



Please pray for Fr Don Willoughby, who is currently sick.

Farwell Fr Tom::::

This weekend we say good bye to Father Tom as he moves to San Souci to become the Parish priest of St Finbar's. Father Tom has been Parish Priest Cronulla for just over 6 years and now Archbishop Anthony has asked him to move "across the bridge". We thank Fr Tom for his time with us at St Aloysius and wish him every blessing as he starts as PP at San Souci.



This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * Archbishop meets Pope
- * Jesus in Punchbowl: Eucharistic procession
- * Every mite counts
- * From nightclubs to church: Dawn Eden's story
- * Movie review: *Men in Black: International*
- * A gift for Timor's women



New Planned Giving Envelopes for 2019/2020 :::::

The new planned giving envelopes are available now in the back foyer. We ask all our parishioners to please take home their envelopes and start using them from the 1st July 2019. Our planned giving envelopes are for the 2nd collection which goes directly to maintaining our church.

Your generosity keeps our Parish Church doors open and we thank you. We ask those of you who do not contribute to our planned giving to think about coming on board and help keep our church the vibrant community it deserves to be.

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

Social Justice Group Update :::::

We would like to draw your attention to NAIDOC WEEK starting on 6/7th July. Please note this wonderful piece of Aboriginal art.



Artist: Queenie McKenzie - of Warmun Community
Title: 'People talking to Jesus in the Bough Shed' - 1995
From the Christof Collection of the Diocese of Broome

Peace to this house and all who dwell within

Celebrating the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Australian Catholic Church.




2019 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
Sunday 7 July 2019

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Supplied by the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 6th and 7th July

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 M. Remedios G. Durante K. Eaton	F. Schembri J. Cullerton G. Downes A. Cimino	B. Slamon F. O'Driscoll A. Palumbo K. Vitenov	G. Stratton M. Boyd P. Morris L. Ison		
Ministers Of the Word	M. Fennell K. Eaton	F. Schembri J. Cullerton	F. O'Driscoll R. McCabe	D. De Souza M. Boyd	M. Baldwin C. Toutounji	
Prayer of the Faithful	G. Durante	E. Molloy	K. Croxson	T. Boyd	K. Plumer	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Kerry	
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 **Valmarie Nethery, Pat Rolland, John McCormick, Sr Kathleen Dowse RSM, Judith Sandeman and Margaret Condon** who died recently.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Brian Small, Holy Souls, Mick McMahon, Harold Newcombe, Joseph Anthony Casaceli, Jim Downes, 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

Name.....Telephone Number

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