



ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CRONULLA

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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church:

Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Acknowledgement of the Land

St Aloysius Catholic Parish acknowledges the Gweagal people of the Dharawal Nation as the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years.

We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves in prayer and action to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



Congratulations To

Vincenza Messina

whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through her Baptism we pray they she may 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.

"We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected." Pope Francis



Weekly Reflection from our Parish Priest

Exploitation, Selfishness and Generosity

The question of the young lawyer "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" is a question that almost every committed person of faith asks themselves at some stage during their life. The way a person answers this question says a great deal about the individual person, where they put their priorities and how they live their lives. Exploitation, Selfishness and Generosity encapsulate the focus of the three people described in the famous Gospel of the Good Samaritan. These approaches to life are as common today as they were at the time of Jesus.

Exploitation and Terrorism: "What is yours is mine; I will take it by force."

For some people, they approach life with a similar attitude to the thieves who robbed the Jewish man on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Modern terrorist groups and criminal organisations accept this philosophy of life by exploiting others for their own gain through corruption, unjustly taking the possessions, hopes and joys of others and even terrorizing people in the misguided thought that they will inherit a better place in heaven. The steep, winding, country road from Jerusalem to Jericho was the safe haven of such bandit groups. In one sense, most people would assume that they don't fall into this group, however whenever a person manipulates or uses another person unjustly or inappropriately for their own gain, then it could be said that the person is approaching life with the "What is yours is mine" philosophy.

Selfcentredness and Selfishness: "What is mine is mine, I won't part with it."

This philosophy of the Jewish priest and the Levite is demonstrated by ignoring the wounded man and simply not getting involved. The misplaced zeal for their religious duty and for success in the workplace gave them two lousy excuses for their lack of intervention. Numbers 19:11 says "If the man is dead and we touch him we will be unclean for seven days and disqualified for temple service." They saw the Samaritan not as a person needing help but a possible source of ritual impurity and a reason to make their work-life more complicated. The priest and the Levite may have also thought that this was a trap set for them, with the bandits hiding to pounce on the generous helper. The priests were powerful upper-class authorities governing the temple worship, and the Levites were the priests' associates, who provided music, incense, sacred bread, temple adornments, administration and banking support. This wasn't their fight and it would have made life more difficult for them if either decided to intervene. This approach to life is very common today, especially in many workplaces where there is a strong hierarchical culture. It is often much easier to stay silent and to stay out of someone else's dispute than to stand up for the rights of those who are experiencing injustice.

Generosity and Service: "What is mine is yours as well. I shall share it with you."

The Good Samaritan was compassionate and generous enough to see the wounded Jew as a neighbour and not as an enemy. The Samaritan ignored the long history of hatred between his people and the Jews and decided to do whatever he could to help save another man's life. The Good Samaritan was putting himself at risk, since the robbers who had assaulted the traveller might still be nearby and waiting to pounce again. Nevertheless, he gave first aid to the wounded Jew, took him to a nearby inn and made arrangements for his food and accommodation by giving the inn keeper two "denarii" which was in fact enough to pay for more than three weeks board and lodging. The Samaritan also assured the inn keeper of further payment for any additional medical requirements.

The road from Jerusalem to Jericho passes right through our homes, our parish, our work-places and right through Cronulla. The Jericho Road is any place where people are being robbed or injured, either materially or more often psychologically or spiritually. Taking the dignity away of another person, reducing another person to simply a financial calculation, is living life with the philosophy of the bandits. Any place where there is suffering and oppression is a place to reflect on our values and approaches to life.

You may find your spouse, children or parents lying "wounded" by bitter words or scathing criticism or by other higher forms of abuse. Jesus is inviting us to have hearts of mercy, generosity and love for those who are hurting in any of the "Jericho roads" of life.



**First reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 ::::**

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 ::::

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah and men shall dwell there in possession. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20 ::::

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 ::::

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

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

Position Vacant – Plenary Council Discernment and Writing Group Chairs and Members ::::

As we move into the Listening and Discernment stage of our preparation for the Plenary Council 2020, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council is seeking people who are willing to be leaders and partners in the process of discernment. Opportunities are available to apply to be the Chair, or to be a member, of one of six Discernment and Writing Groups.

For more information, visit the Office for Employment Relations website www.employmentrelations.catholic.org.au or contact Ms Olivia Lee on (02) 9919 7822 or olivia.lee@catholic.org.au. Applications close on 22 July 2019.

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 and Activities for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm at the Chapel. St Vincent de Paul Meeting: 7pm in the Chapel
Wednesday:	Care and Concern Coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. Rosary Making Guild: 12.30pm to 1.30pm (Chapel)
Thursday:	No notice.
Friday:	No notice.
Saturday:	No notice.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

1) Planned Giving Envelopes for 2019/2020 - please collect from foyer. All parishioners are asked to please take home envelope packs and start using them immediately. Planned giving envelopes are for the 2nd collection and assists with maintaining the church and running the Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

2) Receipts for the 2018-2019 Financial Year: please collection from the rear of the church.

3) DIRECT TRANSFER GIVING: Please consider using a direct recurring automatic transfer for Sunday offerings. It is a safe, secure process that each person can easily setup via their own online banking to give to the parish on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis.

Parish First Collection Details: BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04152001; Account Name: Cronulla Parish Pastoral Revenue

Parish Second Collection Details: BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04155000; Account Name: Cronulla Parish Collections Clearing Account
Please use your envelope number (if you have one) as a reference for each transaction, so that transactions can be matched to your envelope.

4) GIVER CENSUS DATA FORM

Please fill-in a giver census form, located within the new envelope packs and return to the Parish either in a giving envelope or directly to the Parish.

Journeying to a Better Marriage ::::

St Luke's Revesby would like to invite you to a special event. We work on our health, careers, our cars, even our homes but how often do we work on our marriage?

Chris Da Silva from the Archdiocese of Sydney will be sharing an inspiring talk called: Journeying to a Better Marriage

Tickets are only \$20.00 per person or \$15.00 for seniors, with dinner included. The event will be held On Saturday 20 July 2019 at 6:15pm
St Luke's School Hall
1 Beaconsfield Street, Revesby, NSW 2212
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=519266&>

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? ::::

CatholicCare's Home Care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call **CCareline** on **13 18 19** to find out more.

This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * Back from the dead: Former ISIS captive describes his experience
- * Miracle healings
- * We will never break the seal
- * Religious freedom for Australia?
- * Movie review: Spider-man: far from home
- * Euthanasia media bias? You judge

Still the best Sunday Paper



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal ::::

Many thanks go to our parish community for the tremendous generosity shown in our Winter Appeal. An amount of \$13753.45 was collected. These monies provide much needed financial assistance to the struggling families in our community. Receipts have been sent out. If you have not received your receipt please call Vicki on 0414523449.



Installation Mass of Fr James McCarthy as the Parish Priest of Cronulla: Friday 23rd August, 2019 from 6.30pm - All Welcome.

Mark this date in your calendar for a once in decade event in the parish. There will be a special Mass and commissioning followed by a reception.

Ignite Youth and Family Conference Sydney: October 3-6 ::::

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time ever this October 3-6, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus.

Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available as well. For more information, visit www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/ or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

Retreat Weekend: 19-21 July 2019 - \$230 Contemplation for the Professional Person: Mr Lou Nulley ::::

Primarily directed at the lay-person or professional who would like to lead a more contemplative life amid the pressures of every day responsibilities and commitments, this retreat will provide some valuable insights and methods to allow you to live a more contemplative life through prayer, mindfulness and meditation practices. It will also provide a framework to enable you to experience a more balanced life, achieving what's most important to you. Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, RSVP Ph:46300233 or Email contact@towersretreat.org.au website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 20th and 21st 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						Frank
Communion Ministers	G. Durante I. O'Neill M. Remedios M. Atkins	L. Oliver D. Harden J. Cullerton C. Coady	R. McCabe K. Vitenov B. Slamon K. Croxson	G. Stratton R. Driscoll L. Overton M. Boyd		
Ministers Of the Word	A. Stempriak G. Durante	J. Cullerton D. Harden	K. Vitenov K. Croxson	C. Snow M. Boyd	M. Venn B. Shanahan	
Prayer of the Faithful	D. Smith	L. Oliver	R. McCabe	O. Wright	C. Tiffney	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Marie / John	
Cleaning (Saturday)	G. Vitano K. Gothard					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 2 B. McWilliams, C. Sola, K. Burke, D. Symes		Next Week Group 3 J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra			

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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 **Doreen McBride** and **Valmarie Nethery** who died recently. We pray for **Angelo & Concetta Paino, Keith Hilder, Cameron O'Brien, Bernard Michael Short** and **Greg Schembri** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Phil & Dominic Mandile, Brian Small, 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**Friendship across the sea**

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

