



ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CRONULLA

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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 11:1-13

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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



Sophia Tourneur and Elara Sanderson whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through their Baptisms we pray they 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

As a child I remember seeing signs outside construction sites and even some important places that read: "Trespassers will be prosecuted." For years I have prayed the Lord's Prayer, and heard about the trespasses. Some versions of the Lord's Prayer as used in other Christian denominations and as we have in our Gospel this week, translate the Greek original as 'sin.'

But over the years, I have begun to like the depth that the word 'trespasses' gives to the Lord's Prayer. Trespasses encompasses something more than just sin. A person who is a trespasser is someone who illegally enters and invades someone else's space, or someone who tramples or invades someone else's freedom. I think this also gives a little more depth to the reality of sin.

Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer we ask forgiveness for the indifference we have shown towards others, we ask forgiveness for those who are closed in on their own well-being, we ask forgiveness for those who with their decisions have created situations that lead to tragedies of isolation, violence and war, and we ask forgiveness for those who refuse to forgive the trespasses of others.

A few years ago, shortly after Pope Francis was elected Pope, he made his first major trip outside of Rome to the Southern Italian Island of Lampedusa. Lampedusa is a small European island 170km south of Sicily and about 120km from the Northern African country of Tunisia and 150km from Libya. More than 150,000 people have left Africa in the last 10 years to try to come to Lampedusa to seek asylum. It is estimated that more than 35,000 people died *en route* to the Island of Lampedusa over the last ten years.

During his visit to Lampedusa 6 years ago, Pope Francis used a preaching-stand, a bishop's staff, an altar and a chalice all made from the recycled wood of ship-wrecked asylum seeker boats, which had been piled up along the nearby coastline. Due to the similarities with some of our own regional situations and the approach of some within our society, I thought it fitting to reflect on some of the words of our Holy Father on this most important issue.

Pope Francis asks: "Are we willing to forgive the trespasses of desperate people who need assistance, who are running to us for protection, freedom and life, or are we just like the priest and the Levite from the Good Samaritan Story, who push the problem away, and walk the other direction. The culture of well-being, that makes us think of ourselves before others, this brings about the globalization of indifference. We have become accustomed to the suffering of others, it doesn't concern us, it's none of our business.

Can we not forgive the trespasses of others, especially of people who have trespassed because they seek freedom and a safer life for their family? Should we be forgiven for our trespasses if we are unwilling to forgive others?"

The situation of asylum seekers is one of the most difficult issues in our country. Unfortunately, the mainstream media rarely reports nor is able to report about the situation of asylum seekers. Most of the people who have or are illegally seeking asylum have travelled halfway round the world, been forced from their homes in search of freedom, peace, and dignity, they have stopped at numerous countries before arriving in Australia, and they've probably been conned along the way.

Trespassers should be prosecuted, but asylum seekers should be forgiven for their trespassing, especially considering the circumstances that many are escaping from. Simply abandoning or turning them away as if it is not our problem, falls into that path of indifference that Pope Francis speaks of. There is no clear moral answer to how we should respond to asylum seekers or illegal arrivals. Deep reflection, open conversations and regional solutions are required if we desire action that is not driven by political outcomes but a genuine care for humanity.

"Lord, forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."



**First reading: Genesis 18:20-32 ::::**

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6-8 ::::

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14 ::::

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead.

You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 ::::

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."'

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

No 9.30am Mass on Thursday 1st August due to 10.30am Funeral for Sr Loreto McLeod RSM.

Priestly Ordinations for Archdiocese of Sydney— Deacon John Jang (currently assigned to the Parish) and 6 other deacons, will be ordained next Saturday 3 August at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am. All Welcome.

Charitable Works Fund Parish Appeal ::::

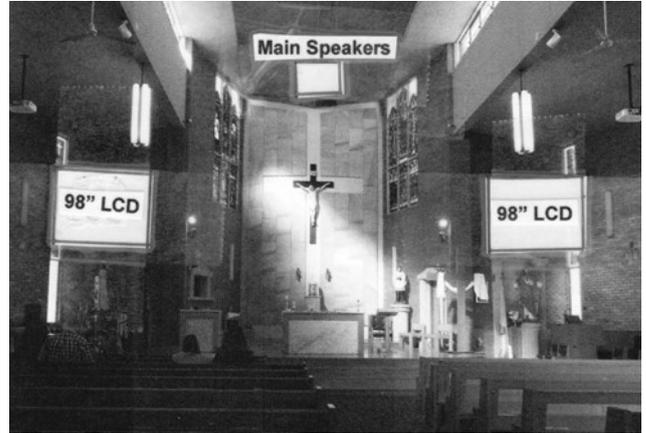
In the coming weeks, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal, **3rd and 4th August 2019**. The Parish has a target of \$6600 to raise on this appeal.

Your assistance helps the important Charitable activities of the Church in Sydney, including providing family counselling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming seminarians, outreach to Aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community. **Please give generously. All donations are 100% tax deductible.**

NSW My Community Project 2019 - THE PARISH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**Have you ever sat in church and found it difficult to see the text or images on the screens?
Have you ever struggled to hear clearly the words that are spoken at Mass?
Have you noticed feedback and balance problems with the singing and music?**

**If you answered YES to any of these,
then the Parish needs you to help
BY VOTING
and by
encouraging everyone you know
to vote
so the Parish can receive a NSW
Government Grant
to undertake this initiative.**



NSW My Community Project 2019 is a NSW Government Funding Program, inviting ideas from the community for projects to strengthen and enhance their local area. Applications for grants between \$20,000 and \$200,000 closed at 2.00pm on Wednesday 15th May 2019. A public vote of the residents of the local area is being used by the NSW Government to determine which projects are funded in each electorate.

On the 14th May 2019 an application for a \$128,000 Grant via the *NSW Government My Community Project 2019* was lodged on behalf of St Aloysius Parish in order to supply and install a complete new Audio and Visual System for St Aloysius Church.

Between the 15th May and the 15th July 2019, all applications were reviewed by the NSW Government for their eligibility and viability. On the 15th July 2019, a list of all successful Cronulla Electorate applicants, on which the public in our area can now vote, was published on the *My Community Project* voting website www.mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au

GREAT NEWS!

St Aloysius Parish's application for a new audio/visual system is included in this list.

There are eighteen successful applicants in the Cronulla Electorate ranging in value from \$20,000 to \$200,000.

The final selection will be chosen by a voting system of the local electorate.
Voting opened on the 15th July and closes on 15th August 2019.

Who can vote for the projects?

- Anyone aged 16 years and over
- Must be resident in the Cronulla Electorate
- Must have a valid Medicare card

The Parish is competing against a variety of other schools and community projects.

Please ask your friends, your husband and wives, your children, your grandchildren, your parents and grandparents, your neighbours and even other people at the gym, at school or even the Nursing Home to vote.

Instructions on where and how to vote are located on the reverse side of this sheet.

Thank you for your support in this important community and fundraising initiative.

WHERE TO VOTE?

- A. **ONLINE**— using a desktop computer, a tablet or a mobile device.
- B. **AT THE LOCAL SERVICE NSW CENTRE.** The closest is Shop G120, Westfield Shopping Town, Miranda. (Maybe make an afternoon and have coffee at Westfield while voting for the Parish Audio/Visual System).

TO VOTE ONLINE, people will need to either :

1. **Have a MYServiceNSW Account** (If you have done your rego for your car online, or receive other NSW Government grants, then you more than likely have an account already.)
2. **Register for a MYServiceNSW Account** at www.service.nsw.gov.au

All voters need to provide

- Their NSW residential address within the Cronulla Electorate
- Use their Medicare Card to verify their identity and age (this will also ensure each person can only vote once)
- A voter does not need a driver's licence and does not need to be on the electoral role.

HOW TO VOTE?

Each voter has to short list between 3 and 5 projects of the 18 listed projects in order of preference.

Points will be allocated as follows:

1 st preference	10 points
2 nd preference	5 points
3 rd preference	3 points
4 th preference	2 points
5 th preference	1 point

Projects in the electorate will be ranked in order of total points received. The project with the most points will be funded first, the project with the second most points will be funded second and so on until no more projects can be fully funded from the total funding available for the Cronulla electorate.

To improve the Parish's chances to obtain the \$128,000 grant, it is suggested that people vote as follows.

1st Preference - St Aloysius Catholic Church Cronulla Audio and Visual System.

2nd to 5th Preferences (in any order)

- Cronulla 'Your Kitchen' Eat Well Live Well (\$20,000)
- Cronulla YMCA Street GYM (\$37,015)
- Sunny Shire Kids Sustainability Pilot Program (\$30,820)
- Shades for Cronulla Bowling Greens (\$36,480)

PLEASE VOTE BY GOING TO

www.mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au

Click on My Community Project – NSW Government

Select Cronulla

Log in to your MYServiceNSW Account

Browse projects

Short list between 3 and 5 projects in order of preference

VOTING CLOSSES on 15 AUGUST

If you require any further information or assistance, please contact Cathy Sammut 8522 0300 or Alan Wells 9527 9917.

It is now up to the St Aloysius Parish community to secure the maximum number of points in order to secure the grant. Keep in mind family members 16 years and over can vote.

Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 3.30pm at the Chapel. Pastoral Council Meeting: 7.30pm at Parish Meeting Room
Wednesday:	Care and Concern Coffee: 10.00am at Monro Park. Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday:	No notice.

All Sunday counters please note the new group numbers :::::

Group 1: L. Overton, M. Staunton, C. & M. Sammut
Group 2: J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra
Group 3: A. Wagner, J. & M. Bainbridge, J. Lynch
Group 4: M. & S. Barlow, G. Newcombe, J. Small, M. Remedios, B. de Souza
Group 5: P. & B. Watkins, J. O'Neill, J. & T. Stokes

Sr Loreto McLeod RSM Funeral Mass Thursday August 1st 10.30am :::::

Sad news that Sr Loreto passed away in Stella Maris last Friday. Sr Loreto was a much loved parishioner as well as an ex-Principal of Our Lady Of Mercy College. The Requiem Mass will be held here at St Aloysius Church Thursday August 1st at 10.30am.

MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE SUTHERLAND

Ex-students and staff are invited to celebrate 60 years since the College opened in 1959. On FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER there will be a visit to the school at 4pm followed by a 6pm function at Tradies Gynea. Bookings are essential. For further information contact Julie Banister: jewelbano@hotmail.com

This week in the Catholic Weekly :::::

- * Hospitals push back: WA Catholic Health Providers resist Government euthanasia plan
- * Love is grand: Couples celebrate marriage milestones
- * In His service: Priests celebrate Jubilees
- * Chosen: Meet our seven new priests-to-be
- * Movie review: *The Lion King*
- * Victoria: The dying state

Still the best Sunday Paper



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.

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 collect 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. Please consider giving via credit cards also.

:::::ABOUT DEACON JOHN JANG - New Deacon to the Parish.

I was born in South Korea and moved with my family to Sydney as a 7 year old. I'm the middle child of three. I grew up in Kenthurst and then we moved to Epping in year 10. I went to Normanhurst Boys and Baulkham Hills High Schools. I studied medicine at UNSW and worked in Mt Druitt and Westmead Hospitals as an intern.

I felt called to the priesthood and went back to university to study philosophy and after a year of discerning I joined the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush.

In the last four years I've been studying theology in Rome. I was ordained a deacon at St Mary's Cathedral last year and my pastoral placements have been at OLOF, Caringbah, and All Saints, Liverpool. I am excited to be at St Aloysius, Cronulla, and I am grateful your warm welcome. Please keep me in your prayers as I approach ordination to the priesthood next Saturday 3rd August. I will then be in Cronulla until 1 September as a newly ordained priest.

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 safeguardingquiries@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.

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 3rd and 4th August

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	M. Remedios N. Azar G. Durante	J. Cullerton L. Oliver D. Harden I. O'Neill	A. Palumbo B. Slamon K. Vitenov K. Croxson	T. Merlino L. Overton G. Stratton C. Sammut		
Ministers Of the Word	A. Stempriak M. Fennell	J. Cullerton D. Harden	C. Iannelli V. Vitenov	J. Wright D. De Souza	M. Hills B. Maughan	
Prayer of the Faithful	G. Durante	L. Oliver	S. Schembri	O. Wright	J. Hills	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Anne	
Cleaning (Saturday)	B. Potter A. Woodhouse					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 3 A. Wagner, J. & M. Bainbridge, J. Lynch		Next Week Group 4 M. & S. Barlow, G. Newcombe, J. Small, M. Remedios, B. de Souza			

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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 9am—(Now Every 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 **Joan Johnson, Brita Ries, John Patrick Baldwin, Sr Loreto McLeod and Dorrien McBride** who died recently. We pray for **Bruce Ohr, Thomas Northmore, John Martin, Rosemay Selway, Joy Ware and Keith Hilder** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Phil & Dominic Mandile, John & Mary Gatt, Greg Schembri, 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

