

# ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CRONULLA

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*Incorporating:* Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena

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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



## PINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

### Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

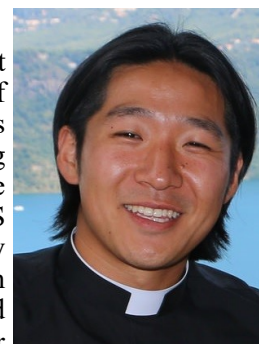
**Alleluia, alleluia!** Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

### Reflection from Fr Jang - our Assisant Priest

Jesus says to the disciples: "Get yourselves purses that do not wear out". I'm guessing either he was promoting top shelf leather wallets to his disciples OR he was using his words figuratively. Now, you may have seen the movie, The Big Short (2015), which portrayed the real life situation before the global financial crisis, where Michael Burry shorted the US housing market. Although a comparison with investment may be considered altogether worldly, Jesus is telling us that in committing to God and his church, there is a risk and potential benefit, as there is in investing. Where we put our money now affects how much money we will have in the future; what we do now has an impact on what we will become in the future.



A couple of centuries ago, Blaise Pascal, a famous mathematician and scientist, offered his famous wager putting the risk of believing and not believing in these terms or similar: Imagine that you don't believe in God and find out at the end of your life that he actually exists, and then he would punish you for all eternity, oh, then you would be very sorry. If on the other hand, you believed in God and found out that he did not exist, well, you probably didn't lose too much if you were wrong. By this simple thought process, Pascal concluded that it is a better risk management to believe in God and to live the life of Christian than not to. Insodoing Pascal proposed a fear-based rational grounds for maintaining one's faith in God and the Church.

This is useful, sure, but it is NOT the Gospel message. The Gospel message is not one of fear but of love and an offer of a great promise: that our sins are forgiven and that we are invited to be coheirs with God's Son, Jesus Christ, in eternal life. This doesn't mean that there is no risk. The risk that we take in committing to the faith is real, especially in today's world where many are antagonistic towards organised religion in general and the Catholic Church in particular. What is worth noting is that the historical and institutional Church, our parish and each domestic church (your household), are all vulnerable to reducing the message of eternal treasures to securing temporal goods, our own purses and investment portfolios here and now. When these are sought as an end in themselves then it may compromise our dedication to being disciples of Jesus.

When the famous martyr, St Lawrence, was asked by the Romans during one of the persecutions to bring forward the Church's treasures, he presented to the Romans all the poor he was taking care of, and for this offence Lawrence was put on a grill. In a similar way, by living according to our faith, we put our own security on the backburner and invest in what is the most secure of all – the love and providence of God. It must be admitted that when we invest in God and his Church with our whole being, we risk, among other things, dissillusionment with abuses of power and trust. We risk having our prayers apparently unheard. Ultimately, we risk holding onto a faith we do not fully understand. This is what faith is. As Scripture says: only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen (Hebrews 11:1-2).

As I was approaching my ordination to the priesthood, many people brought up the scandals in the Church and questioned whether I was making the right decision to live a life of celibacy. The reason why I have decided to answer God's call to the priesthood is not because the Church is perfect, or that I am perfect and can fix everything, but because I believe God continues to work through weak vessels. He revealed himself in Jesus Christ who established one Church and he continues to work through us despite our inadequacies, so that with his help we can ensure those who are insecure can receive true security in heaven.

### Acknowledgement of Country

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

**Baylen Bartlett and Mila Lipczynski** whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through their Baptisms we pray they may love and serve the Lord always.

BAPTISM

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 & protected." Pope Francis



**First reading: Wisdom 18:6-9 ::::**

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22 ::::**

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12 ::::**

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

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

**Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 ::::**

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses

that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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

**This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::**

- \* Seven new priests
- \* Thousands stand up for Life
- \* Meet Teresa - a confessor for the faith
- \* Movie review: Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw
- \* Fighting slavery in Sydney
- \* Art that's Divine

**Still the best Sunday Paper**

**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](mailto: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

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Parish Office closed.</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Legion of Mary:</b> 3.30pm at the Chapel. <b>Finance Committee meeting:</b> 6.30pm at the Parish Centre.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Care and Concern Coffee:</b> 10.00am at Monro Park. <b>Playgroup:</b> 10.00am at Thornton Hall.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mens Beer and BBQ (OLMC Burraneer)</b> 6.30pm. All Welcome

### Masses for the Solemnity of the Assumption: Thursday 15 August *Holy Day of Obligation.*

**Cronulla:** 7am, 9.30am, 7pm.  
**St Francis De Sales Woollooware:** 9.15am.  
**Bundeena:** 7pm

### Social Justice Group Update. Migration and Refugee Sunday is coming on 24/25 August.

In his Message for World Day of Migrant and Refugees 2019, Pope Francis challenges us to reflect on our deep spiritual relationship with all involved in this pilgrimage. He constantly says "it is not just about migrants" to urge us to see that it really is about all of us in our own journey of spiritual fulfilment to be God's people. In so many ways migration and seeking refuge are common and engaging experiences that all share. It is in comparing our own attitudes and reactions to others experiences that we can be enlightened about our own progress in our response to God's call to intimacy with Him. If we accept that the Lord Jesus continues to enliven us with the values of His Good News then we can more realistically assess how genuinely we accept those values and apply them in our own journey by examining our own attitudes, reactions and actions to migrants and refugees. In other words, we can judge our own progress by assessing how we judge those who are migrants or seeking refuge in our midst. *"it is **not** just about migrants"*

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

#### Father Tom 40th Anniversary of Ordination

Father Tom Carroll extends an invitation to all parishioners to attend his 40th Anniversary Ordination celebration on 1 September at 8.30am Mass at St Finbars, San Souci. Morning tea will follow in the parish hall.

#### CONFIRMATION DATES 2019 ::::

Session One - Tuesday 3rd September - 6.30pm  
Session Two - Tuesday 10th September - 6.30pm  
Retreat - 18th September: 9am-3pm Thornton Hall  
Sacrament of Confirmation 20th September 7pm

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION ::::

**1) Planned Giving Envelopes for 2019/2020 and Receipts from 2018/2019 - please collect from foyer.**

**2) 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.

#### 3) CREDIT CARD GIVING

A very recent decision by the Catholic Development Fund to remove transaction fees to parishes for Credit Card Giving, has now made it more advantageous for parishioners to give via credit cards. Please contact the parish office if you would like to establish giving in this method.

#### 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.

**MENS NIGHT at OLMC BURRANEER:**  
**Beer and BBQ on Friday 16 August from 6.30pm.**  
**Come and meet the two new priests at Cronulla, meet some new mates or catch up with old ones.**

Get some quick tips on men's health for a happier, healthier life.

Have Sam Clear share his story of his amazing adventure Walk4One. In 2006 Sam travelled 15,600km on foot through South American, Central and North America, across Siberia by train, and on foot again from Moscow to the Western most point of Spain. Come and hear his story of extraordinary courage and love in action under incredible circumstances.

**RSVP by 12 August to [lisa.overton01@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lisa.overton01@syd.catholic.edu.au)  
[Info@olmcburraneeer.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Info@olmcburraneeer.catholic.edu.au)**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

- Change to Wednesday Mass schedule to 7am & 9.15am from 21 August.** A class from St Aloysius Primary will attend the 9.15am Mass
- Change to Thursday Mass schedule from 22 August to 7am (Cronulla) and 9.15am (Woollooware).** A class from St Francis De Sales Primary School will attend 9.15am Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to join at Hill St for this weekly Mass.
- Weekday Masses will be moved to the chapel space in the Cronulla Church from 20 August.** Larger Masses will remain in the main body of the Church.
- An Anointing Mass** will be scheduled on Saturdays every two months. Watch the Bulletin for Dates and times.



The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney  
and the  
Parish of St Aloysius, Cronulla,  
Our Lady of the Way, Bundeena &  
St John Fisher, Kurnell



Invite

*All Parishioners, Families and Friends of the Parish*

*to the*

*Liturgical Installation*

*Of*

*Father James Mc Carthy*

*as the*

*Parish Priest of Cronulla*

on

Friday 23 August, 2019

commencing at 6.30pm

at

St Aloysius Catholic Church, Nicholson Parade, Cronulla.

Please be seated by 6.20pm.

Please RSVP your attendance by 15 August, 2019

Via <https://forms.gle/ggiuyHcXhECghLyU6>

Or via [pastoral@stalcron.org.au](mailto:pastoral@stalcron.org.au) or by phoning 8522 0300

Supper will be served in the Thornton Parish Hall following the celebration.

Parishioners are asked to bring a plate of food to share with our guests.

## NSW My Community Project 2019 - Last days to Vote Voting Closes 15 August - PLEASE VOTE NOW

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. Anyone aged 16 years and over, resident in the Cronulla Electorate with a valid Medicare card can vote.

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

### WHERE AND HOW 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**, 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](http://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.

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

### PLEASE VOTE BY GOING TO [www.mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au](http://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

To improve the Parish's chances to obtain the \$128,000 grant for a new audio/visual system it is suggested that people vote as follows.


**1<sup>st</sup> Preference - St Aloysius Catholic Church Cronulla Audio and Visual System.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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)



**Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 17th and 18th 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						Frank
Communion Ministers	M. Remedios I. O'Neill G. Durante	M. Hennessy F. Schembri P. Elwin A. Cimino	B. Slamon K. Croxson A. Palumbo K. Vitenov	G. Stratton T. Merlino R. Driscoll C. Sammut		
Ministers Of the Word	A. Stempniak G. Durante	F. Schembri P. Elwin	K. Vitenov C. Iannelli	D. De Souza J. Wright	B. Shanahan M. Hills	
Prayer of the Faithful	D. Smith	M. Hennessy	S. Schembri	G. Stratton	C. Tiffney	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Brenda	
Cleaning (Saturday)	G. Vitano K. Gothard					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 5 P. & B. Watkins, C. Sola, J. & T. Stokes		Next Week Group 1 L. Overton, M. Staunton, C. & M. Sammut			

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St Aloysius Parish Cronulla

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 St Francis de Sales Primary ..... 9523 7323  
 O.L.M.C. Burraneer ..... 9544 1966  
 De La Salle, Caringbah ..... 9524 9133  
 De La Salle, Cronulla ..... 8522 1500

**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

**THURSDAY MASSES (For the Assumption):** 7.00am and 9.30am, 7pm.

9.15am (Woollooware), 7pm (Bundeena)

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 **Joan Johnson, Brita Ries, John Patrick Baldwin and Sr Loreto McLeod** who died recently.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Vincent Cosgrove, John Egan, Jenny Matheson, John O'Neill, Brian Small, Phil & Dominic Mandile, Barry Petith, Keith Hilder, 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

