



# ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CRONULLA

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

St John Fisher, Kurnell

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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

### Prayer of the Church:

#### Psalter Week 4

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid!

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon:

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

### 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

**Samuel Giovenco** 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.

## Weekly Reflection from our Parish Priest

### No Pain, No Gain!

I notice in life that when I begin to work in a new place, or undertake a new ministry, I only feel comfortable and at ease with the new work after I have experienced a difficult situation. I know that everything in life won't be difficult, so once I have worked through a challenging situation, I have the confidence to progress even if things get difficult again.

Today's readings can be difficult to understand.

The Gospel begins with a strange speech by Jesus. *"I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!"* (Luke 12:49). The symbol of fire has many meanings. In the Old Testament, fire was often associated with judgment. Some interpret today's Gospel as saying that Jesus will bring judgment on the earth, and with the sound of the second half of the statement, that judgment will not be good. Fire, however, is also a symbol of the Paschal mystery – through fire and death, comes new life and resurrection. Furthermore, fire is a symbol of the Holy Spirit – we think of the tongues of fire at Pentecost. The Spirit is God's gift to us which keeps God alive in us. But, to give us the Spirit, Jesus firstly endures his death. Could that be why Jesus says before his death: how I wish it – 'the fire of the Holy Spirit' were blazing already? I think this fire of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus is talking about in today's Gospel.

Jesus continues: *"There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!"* (Luke 12:50). Again, this sentence is strange. Why is Jesus talking about baptism, a baptism he receives in distress, if only 5 chapters earlier in Luke's Gospel, Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist. There is an expression in English "a person underwent a baptism by fire." A baptism by fire is not literally walking through fire but it does mean a very difficult first experience. For Jesus, baptism by fire isn't a reference to the rite of baptism per se, but rather a revelation that Jesus must undergo the most difficult of experiences. This baptism is of course his suffering and death.

For many people, they view baptism as a nice ritual to welcome a child into the world. But baptism involves much more than a 'welcome to the church'. Christian baptism is a death experience while also being a resurrection experience.

Like the life of Jesus, the Christian life will not be easy, and we should all expect that being a Christian will involve challenges and even persecution for our faith. Jesus' baptism by fire is like our difficulties in preaching the Gospel to our families or living the message of Christ consistently everyday in our world. Jesus understands and he knows our predicaments, and if we do endure the pain, we will be, in Paul's words, running "steadily in the race we have started," and we will reach the finish line – the kingdom of Heaven.



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



**First reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 ::::**

*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4, 18 ::::**

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! **R.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4 ::::**

*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-53 ::::**

*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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.

**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.

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

## Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Parish Office closed.</b> <b>St Vincent de Paul Day Conference:</b> 10.00am at the Chapel. <b>St Vincent de Paul Night Conference:</b> 7.30pm at the Chapel.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Legion of Mary:</b> 3.30pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Care and Concern Coffee:</b> 10.00am at Monro Park. <b>Playgroup:</b> 10.00am at Thornton Hall. <b>Rosary Guild:</b> 12.30pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room.
<b>Thursday, Friday and Saturday:</b>	No notice.

Could the parishioners with envelope numbers: 198 and 596 please contact Kim in the office.

### Please sign the Petition to NSW Parliament

Last week, the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 (Bill) passed the NSW Lower House. It will now proceed to the NSW Upper House for a vote and, if passed, it will make abortion legal up until birth in NSW, for any medical, physical, psychological or social reason, as long as two doctors agree.

The Bill has been rushed through Parliament, but there is still time for your voice to be heard in this debate.

Please act immediately to try and stop this Bill by signing petition this weekend.

Please sign the petition, located at the rear of the Church, to ask Members of the Upper House to vote against this Bill, and to be provided with other opportunities to protect life from conception until natural death in NSW.

\* THANK YOU to all the NSW politicians who voted for life, especially to our local State member Mark Speakman MP, Attorney General for NSW.

### This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

\* THANK YOU to all the NSW politicians who voted for life

\* How millennials are connecting with the Church

\* Berala celebrates

\* Francis's letter to priests

\* Movie review: *Unplanned*

\* Spring Reading Guide

**Still the best Sunday Paper**



## 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"*

### St Aloysius Social Justice Group - Chocolates on Sale next weekend

#### *"Friendship across the Sea in Action"*

#### HatoUdo, Timor Leste, Education Scholarships

Next weekend the SJG will have FAIRTRADE chocolates on sale to support our High School Education Scholarships for young people in HatoUdo. Your support is much appreciated. We can assure you all the funds raised through the sale of the chocolates assists third world farmers, the scholarship recipients and some construction items for the HatoUdo bakery project we support.

**Donations are always welcome.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

- 1. Change to Wednesday Mass schedule to 7am & 9.15am from 21 August.** A class from St Aloysius Primary will attend the 9.15am Mass
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. An Anointing Mass** will be scheduled on Saturdays every two months. Watch the Bulletin for Dates and times.

### 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.



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.

*All involved in the various Parish ministries will be presented throughout the Church  
as part of the celebration. Booklets will be provided direction on the day.*

Please RSVP your attendance

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.

**✕ JESUS**

**— WAS A REFUGEE**



**—**  
**MIGRANT &  
REFUGEE DAY**

**25 AUGUST 2019**  
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**NEXT SUN-  
DAY**



**Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 24th and 25th 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						Carolyn E.
Communion Ministers	I. O'Neill N. Azar M. Remedios G. Durante	L. Tesoriero A. Tesoriero C. Marr C. Coady	F. O'Driscoll B. Slamon K. Croxson R. McCabe	R. Driscoll L. Ison M. Boyd T. Merlino		
Ministers Of the Word	D. Smith N. Azar	G. Downes T. Smith	B. Slamon R. McCabe	I. Erceg J. Boyd	F. Warner M. Baldwin	
Prayer of the Faithful	M. O'Connor	M. Downes	F. O'Driscoll	I. Williams	C. Toutounji	
Children's Liturgy					<b>Church Work</b> Sandra / Bernard	
Cleaning (Saturday)	R. Butterfield Adam					
Parish Counting Groups	<b>This Week Group 1</b> L. Overton, M. Staunton, C. & M. Sammut		<b>Next Week Group 2</b> J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra			

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 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:** Please note that Weekday Masses are now celebrated in the Weekday Mass Chapel  
 St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:

**Monday: (No Mass)**  
**Tuesday to Friday: 7am**  
**Wednesday: 7am and 9.15am (Note new Mass time)**  
**Thursday: 7am (Cronulla only)**  
**9.15am (at St Francis De Sales, Woollooware)**  
**Friday: 7am & 9.30am**  
**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.



We pray for **Joan Johnson, Brita Ries** and **John Patrick Baldwin** who died recently. We pray for **Helen Forbes** and **Bruce Rohr** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Brian Small, Dakota Donohue, 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

