

# ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CRONULLA

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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**  
**HAPPY FATHERS DAY**

## Prayer of the Church:

### Psalter Week 2

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

### Acknowledgement to 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.

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

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



## Message from our Assistant Priest

**"When you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there"**



Humility is a difficult topic to speak about. As soon as someone mentions humility, you know he or she is not being very humble, since humble people generally don't speak about themselves. The exception seems to apply to those who are legitimately in an office of authority and responsible for advising someone. Fathers, who we give thanks for today, have such a role in proposing humility and modesty to their children. One could say that it is the father's humility which is shown in his concern for such responsibility as someone in the position of authority.

In the same manner, Jesus' authority is felt when he speaks of humility to the Pharisees in today's Gospel. In noticing how the guests picked the places of honour, Jesus advises them to "make way to the lowest place and sit there." The Pharisees would not have enjoyed being spoken down to. Yet although Jesus was considered below their ranks, they must have recognised the authority of truth and wisdom in what Jesus was saying.

One might believe that humility wipes away hierarchy altogether, but actually, it appears that humility points to a certain deference to authority. In the parable, the host of the house does not put the guests in a circle and say to them, "you are all the same", but rather, the host determines the places where guests will sit accordingly. The humble person knows his place, not according to the standards of the world, but according to the standards of the Master himself. This is reflected in the beatitudes where the mourning and persecuted are exalted. The people whom society considers weak and useless are the most precious to God the Father.

This doesn't mean we are to bury our talents and stop working in order to be humble. Rather, we are to work all the more harder with the gifts God has given us to be his humble servants and to look after all those who are precious to God. This responsibility is a fruit of conversion where humility plays an important role. Each time we hear the Word of God and receive the Eucharist, and each time we go to the sacrament of reconciliation and confess our sins, we are called to recognise the authority of God and align the pattern of our daily lives according to the concerns of our Father in heaven. In this way, God the Father will exalt us in the life to come as he exalted his Son, the humble one who did not consider his divinity as something to be grasped but became man and suffered death for us, even death on a cross.

Finally, on this Father's Day, I would like to thank Fr James. You have helped me through a very important period of my life in leading me into my ordination and in my first weeks as a priest. I also want to express my gratitude to the parishioners at St Aloysius, the school communities, the brothers at De La, and our office staff for this great time I've enjoyed in Cronulla over the last six weeks. It has been truly humbling to be serving you and to be working by your side. I will take these experiences with me to Rome, and my hope is that the memories will sustain me over the next two semesters back at uni. Thanks again and please keep me in your prayers.

**First reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 ::::**

*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

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

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7, 10-11 ::::**

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24 ::::**

*You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

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**Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14 ::::**

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the

lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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

**New Weekday Mass Times in the Chapel**

**From next Friday, 9.30am Mass will now be at 9.15am.**

**From Tuesday 10 September**, all 9.30am Masses will have been replaced with 9.15am Masses.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Chapel at Cronulla and Thursday at 9.15am at St Francis de Sales School, in the school Chapel.

For any parishioners interested, on Wednesdays and Fridays, Stella Maris welcomes all to their Mass which is celebrated in their Chapel at 11.30am.

**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.

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Parish Office closed.</b> <b>St Vincent de Paul Day Conference:</b> 10.00am in the Parish Centre. <b>St Vincent de Paul Night Conference:</b> 7.30pm in Madden Room.	<b>CONFIRMATION DATES 2019 ::::</b> 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
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Legion of Mary:</b> 3.30pm in the Parish Centre. <b>Confirmation Session One:</b> 6.30pm at St Aloysius Church.	<b>A Father's Prayer</b> Father, I thank you for the gift of my family for whom I now pray, and upon whom I now ask you to shower your blessings. With Saint Joseph as my guide, may I always be ready to spend my life for them.  
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Playgroup:</b> 10.00am at Thornton Hall. <b>Rosary Guild:</b> 12.30pm in the Chapel.	Bless my wife whom you have given to me as my spouse, sharing in your wondrous work of creation. May I see her as my equal and treat her with the love of Christ for his Church. May Mary be her guide and help her to find your peace and your grace. Bless my children with your life and presence. May the example of your Son be the foundation upon which their lives are built, that the Gospel may always be their hope and support. I ask you, Father, to protect and bless my family. Watch over it so that in the strength of your love we may enjoy prosperity, possess the gift of your peace and, as the Domestic Church, always bear witness to your glory in the world. Amen
<b>Child Protection Week 2019:</b> The Archdiocese of Sydney and the Safeguarding and ministerial integrity office has chosen our parish to launch the 2019 child protection resource. The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney continuously strives to ensure the safety of children and young people is paramount. This Sunday marks the weeklong celebration of National Child Protection Week; the aim of this week is to engage members of our parish community in supporting and raising awareness of the protection of children. To celebrate this week the Safeguarding Office along with the children and young people of the Archdiocese of Sydney, have developed two fantastic resources, The Caring Code Journey and the Behaviour Code for Young People. The <b>Caring Code Journey</b> is an interactive resource that mimics that well known snakes and ladders game. It attempts to demonstrate to children aged between 5 – 12 years of age that all actions, whether positive or challenging will always have a reaction that could affect themselves as well as others. This resource will allow children to engage in discussions with others about positive and challenging behaviours that may arise as well as the importance of developing positive friendships. Ministry within the Church is about helping carry on the mission of Jesus, the <b>Behaviour Code for Young People</b> provides young people aged between 13 – 17 years of age who are participating in ministries within the Archdiocese, a list of the expected behaviours. It also provides young people and their parent/guardian with open and transparent steps and actions that a Youth Ministry Team Leader will follow if inappropriate behaviour is displayed in an effort to resolve an issue. The Caring Code Journey and The Behaviour Code form part of the Safeguarding Office's suite of child friendly documents and resources. Both these resources will be available in the church foyer or on the Archdiocesan Website.		<b>Anointing of the Sick Mass—Saturday 5 October at 10.30am</b> There will be Anointing of the Sick Masses in the Parish later this year. They will occur on the first Saturday of every 2nd month at 10.30am Mass. They will occur on 5 October and 7 December. The regular 8am Saturday Mass will be cancelled on these days. Please invite friends, especially elderly and physically sick members of your families to join us to celebrate this beautiful sacrament together.
		<b>Priests Retirement Foundation Collection - Special Collection</b> This Father's Day, please consider donating to the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Support our spiritual Fathers who have sacrificed and given so much. Your donation will assist retired Priests to live with dignity, and support their basic needs like meals, accommodation and medical expenses. The Archdiocese has set a target of \$9000 for the Cronulla Parish for this collection. It costs more than \$2 million per year to assist the 80 retired priests in Sydney. Please support those who have been there for us and donate via the envelopes to receive a 100% tax deduction. <b>Happy Fathers Day to our retired Priests</b>
		<b>A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney ::::</b> 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 <a href="mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org">safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org</a> . 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 7th and 8th September						
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						Kathy V.
Communion Ministers	N. Azar M. Remedios	M. Hennessy G. Downes L. Tesoriero A. Tesoriero	K. Croxson K. Vitenov F. O'Driscoll B. Slamon	P. Morris R. Driscoll M. Awad L. Overton		
Ministers Of the Word	A. Stempniak N. Azar	M. Hennessy E. Molloy	B. Slamon F. O'Driscoll	M. Awad L. Brbot	M. Venn F. Warner	
Prayer of the Faithful	C. Henry	M. Downes	R. McCabe	D. DeSouza	M. Hills	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Lorraine	
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:

Please note that Weekday Masses are now celebrated in the Weekday Mass Chapel

Mass

Monday: (No Mass)

Tuesday : 7am & 9.30am (Changes to 9.15am from 10 Sept)

Wednesday: 7am and 9.15am (Note new Mass time)

Thursday: 7am (Cronulla only)

9.15am (at St Francis De Sales, Woollooware)

Friday: 7am & 9.15am (Note new Mass time)

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.



We pray for Judith Howe, Bernard Sadhani, Elisabeth Watt, Mrs Ovens and Sr Valerie Green, who died recently. We pray for Alan Louis Andre whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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

