

# ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CRONULLA

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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

### Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my  
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry  
to you all the day long.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good  
News.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the way, the truth,  
and the life, says the Lord; no one comes  
to the Father, except through me.  
**Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your  
work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from  
the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

### 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.

### Congratulations To

**Hamilton Cashin & Lily Schofield**  
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



### Message from our Parish Priest at the Solemn Installation as Parish Priest on 23 August, 2019

**"Peace to this place and to all who dwell here."**

I thank you all for the most generous and heartfelt welcome  
that you have extended to me. Last Friday I was formally  
welcomed to this place and to this Parish and I give praise  
and honour to the Creator of Heaven and Earth, who has  
provided so many beautiful experiences of his goodness in  
this place of paradise.

I acknowledge those who have cared for and lived on this land throughout  
history, to the indigenous ancestors, leaders and emerging leaders of the  
Gweagal People of the Dharawal Nation. 249 years ago, Christians visited  
parts of this Parish for the first time and interacted and impacted the people of  
this land. Today I walk on this land and I pledge to walk lightly (even despite  
my large size) with a respect for God's gifts found in all people and in all  
elements of creation that we experience in this place.

I thank the Prime Minister Scott Morrison, our State Member Mark  
Speakman and all those who have made me feel so welcomed to this  
community over the last 6 weeks.

I come into this Parish to interact with all people as a Catholic priest, but also  
I come as a Christian, as an Australian, and as a human being.

St Augustine, one of my great heroes in the faith from the 5<sup>th</sup> century,  
famously said to his community when he was appointed Pastor in Hippo, in  
present day Tunisia: "With you I am a Christian, and for you I am a priest."

I echo this comment and extend it further.

I come here today to experience and to share peace with all people – to  
Catholics and to all Christians, to people of other faiths and people of no  
faith. I ask you all to interact with me with genuineness and gentleness and to  
help me to be the best person I am called to be, and I will try to help you to be  
best people you are meant to be.

Today also as a priest I come to share the three great missions of Jesus Christ,  
and they are great missions – the mission to worship the Lord in holiness, the  
mission to share the good news with joy and the mission to authentically  
build a community and civilisation that is committed to love others through  
outreach to those in most need. Although these missions are ancient, they are  
new because they encourage me, and hopefully all people, to look towards the  
future and use every means possible to make this message the message of this  
moment in history.

Our Church is at a crossroads, and I believe that together we are called to  
renew our personal relationships with Jesus Christ, the Church and with each  
other and to live these in a new and fresh way which will give dignity and the  
fullness of life to all people.

I invite you to come with me on this journey of faith in the Cronulla Parish. I  
don't entirely know what the future will bring, but I can assure you, that  
together with the grace of God, we will serve the Lord and we will have fun  
in discovery God's plans for the future.

Thank you all for your welcome and I am overjoyed and humbled to have  
been called to this community as your Parish Priest.



**First reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 ::::**

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116 ::::**

**R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!  
**R.**

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. **R.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 ::::**

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 ::::**

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all

you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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

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

**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

**Annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn—this Wednesday.**

Please join the Church across Sydney for the annual Mass to be held next Wednesday 28 August at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral.

At this time when the life of the unborn child is so threatened by the recent NSW legislative processes, your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

**Thank you for all who helped with the Installation Celebration on 23 August.**

What a night we had on Friday. Thank you to everyone who participated and made the night so joyful— with the music, food, decorations, servers, hosts and welcomers, visitors and involvement of so many. What a great night! Thank you!

**Father Tom Carroll 40th Anniversary of Ordination ::::**

Father Tom extends an invitation to all parishioners to attend this special celebration on 1 September at 8.30am Mass at St Finbars, San Souci. Morning tea will follow in the parish hall.

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

- \* Thousands march for Life
- \* MPs stand up for faith
- \* \$30,000 scholarships on offer
- \* Mary: Full of grace
- \* Movie review: *The Angry Birds Movie 2*
- \* Trouble in Rome



**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).

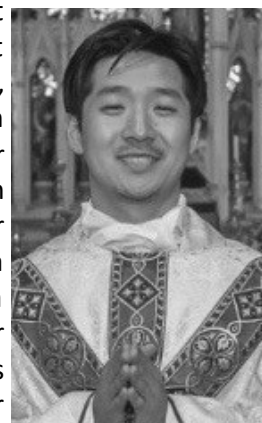
You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

## Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week

<b>Monday:</b>	Parish Office closed.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Legion of Mary: 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Rosary Guild: 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.
<b>Thursday:</b>	
<b>Friday:</b>	No notice.
<b>Saturday:</b>	Care and Concern Friendship dinner: 6.00pm at Thornton Hall.

## Reflection on the Sunday Readings from Fr John Jang Getting on the Bandwagon of Jesus!

Parents do not generally recommend just *anything* to their children. For the most part, they don't say to their children, "O, since the government has social welfare in place, you should live a carefree life", or "since we have a great family trust, carry on living in the moment." Rather, the father or mother disciplines the child to cultivate a sense of responsibility which builds up a person's place in society. Similarly, God, our father, disciplines us in order that, with his help, we can become more like his Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.



The safety net of God's mercy is a real one. The family trust is built on the merits of Christ's sacrifice and the works of mercy from all the saints. Indeed, God is the "Father of mercies", as we are told in the absolution formula in the rite of reconciliation. However, our dependence on God's mercy, then, can be sometimes a little skewed, for God doesn't simply say, "since you can trust the goodness of my mercy, just go on living out your lives without care or worry." Rather, he disciplines us to obey his commandments.

If we don't want to take God's mercy for granted we must become intentional disciples. Without this intentionality and without the passion of being a devoted follower of Christ, one might find him/herself on the way to becoming a "bandwagon follower" of Christ. Such a person is described in this Sunday's Gospel as the one who says, "Lord, Lord... we once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets." In this parable of Luke, the Lord is clearly not impressed with only half-hearted devotion.

We always have the risk of becoming bandwagon followers of Christ. In order to counteract the tendency to laxity, we are called to a life of prayer. Of course, you should give yourselves a pat on the back for participating in Mass, the great prayer of the Church. However, we must also pray at home, in the car, before and after meals, before bed and upon waking. Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist as well as Lectio Divina (praying with a passage of Scripture) are also great longer prayers.

In the brain, we have neural pathways that become stronger and faster with repetition. By praying every day, we fortify those pathways of communication that connect us with God. Becoming disciplined in prayer can help make intentional disciples of us, or else we risk becoming simply bandwagon followers of Christ. We have a choice to make and a habit to cultivate, guided by our Father in heaven. Let us not take our heavenly inheritance for granted, but give ourselves in prayer with joy so that we may become more faithful and loving followers of Jesus Christ.

### 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.



PRIME MINISTER

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

**INSTALLATION OF FATHER JAMES MCCARTHY AS PARISH PRIEST**

I send my best wishes to the congregation of St Aloysius's Parish in Cronulla.

For over a century, there has been a Catholic presence in Cronulla. That presence has proclaimed the good news of the Gospel to generations of local residents.

The Parish has cared for the sick, fed the poor, educated children and sought to answer the eternal question "Who is my neighbour?"

Today, you are installing the Parish's 8th Parish Priest in Father James McCarthy.

Fr McCarthy is no stranger to the Parish having served as a deacon and having participated in the Parish's preparations for the Sydney World Youth Day.

He brings a youthful outlook to the Parish. That seems appropriate, as the namesake of the Parish St Aloysius was a young man and is now the patron saint of young Christians.

Fr McCarthy has an eclectic interest in sport from American Football to cricket. His lifelong support of the Bulldogs will have to change, but I will leave that to the Parish community to resolve!

I send my prayers and best wishes to the Parish of St Aloysius and I wish Fr McCarthy every success as he seeks to guide this wonderful local community of faith.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Prime Minister of Australia  
Member for Cook



*Speaking the truth in love*  
*Eph 4:15*

21 August 2019

STATEMENT FROM MOST REV. ANTHONY FISHER OP  
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

The Victorian Court of Appeal has today upheld the verdict of historical sexual abuse allegations against Cardinal George Pell in a 2-1 decision.

From the outset the Cardinal has strenuously maintained his innocence. He continues to do so notwithstanding today's decision.

Today's split decision amongst the judges is consistent with the differing views of the juries in the first and second trials, as well as the divided opinion amongst legal commentators and the general public. Reasonable people have taken different views when presented with the same evidence and I urge everyone to maintain calm and civility.

As the Cardinal may yet decide to appeal the judgment to the High Court of Australia, I am limited in my ability to comment on today's outcome.

Matters of the Cardinal's status within the Church can only be determined by the Vatican, not the Church in Australia. I anticipate that the Holy See may well wait until the appeal process has been exhausted.

I recommit myself and the Archdiocese of Sydney to doing all we can to ensure that past crimes are never repeated and that Church environments are the safest possible for children and vulnerable adults.

I pray for and will continue to support survivors of child sexual abuse at the hands of clergy and other members of the Catholic Church so that they may find justice and healing. I again say how sorry I am that you were harmed by people you should have been able to trust. I am conscious how you and your loved ones have had to live with the consequences of abuse for a lifetime.

I know that there are many in the Catholic community and beyond who will find it difficult to come to terms with this judgment, especially those who know the Cardinal and will struggle to reconcile this outcome with the man they know. I thank them for persevering in faith, hope and love.

# Message of Pope Francis for 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees

## ***"It is not just about migrants"***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Faith assures us that in a mysterious way the Kingdom of God is already present here on earth (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 39). Yet in our own time, we are saddened to see the obstacles and opposition it encounters. Violent conflicts and all-out wars continue to tear humanity apart; injustices and discrimination follow one upon the other; economic and social imbalances on a local or global scale prove difficult to overcome. And above all it is the poorest of the poor and the most disadvantaged who pay the price.

The most economically advanced societies are witnessing a growing trend towards extreme individualism which, combined with a utilitarian mentality and reinforced by the media, is producing a "globalization of indifference". In this scenario, migrants, refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking have become emblems of exclusion. In addition to the hardships that their condition entails, they are often looked down upon and considered the source of all society's ills. That attitude is an alarm bell warning of the moral decline we will face if we continue to give ground to the throw-away culture. In fact, if it continues, anyone who does not fall within the accepted norms of physical, mental and social well-being is at risk of marginalization and exclusion.

For this reason, the presence of migrants and refugees – and of vulnerable people in general – is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society. That is why *it is not just about migrants*. When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves, for everyone; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give voice to a part of ourselves that we may keep hidden because it is not well regarded nowadays.

"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" (Mt 14:27). ***It is not just about migrants: it is also about our fears.*** The signs of meanness we see around us heighten "our fear of 'the other', the unknown, the marginalized, the foreigner... We see this today in particular, faced with the arrival of migrants and refugees knocking on our door in search of protection, security and a better future. To some extent, the fear is legitimate, also because the preparation for this encounter is lacking" (*Homily in Sacrofano*, 15 February 2019). But the problem is not that we have doubts and fears. The problem is when they condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even – without realizing it – racist. In this way, fear deprives us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other, the person different from myself; it deprives me of an opportunity to encounter the Lord (cf. *Homily at Mass for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees*, 14 January 2018).

"For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same?" (Mt 5:46). ***It is not just about migrants: it is about charity.*** Through works of charity, we demonstrate our faith (cf. *Jas* 2:18). And the highest form of charity is that shown to those unable to reciprocate and perhaps even to thank us in return. "It is also about the face we want to give to our society and about the value of each human life... The progress of our peoples... depends above all on our openness to being touched and moved by those who knock at our door. Their faces shatter and debunk all those false idols that can take over and enslave our lives; idols that promise an illusory and momentary happiness blind to the lives and sufferings of others" (*Address at the Diocesan Caritas of Rabat*, 30 March 2019).

"But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight" (Lk 10:33). ***It is not just about migrants: it is about our humanity.*** Compassion motivated that Samaritan – for the Jews, a foreigner – not to pass by. Compassion is a feeling that cannot be explained on a purely rational level. Compassion strikes the most sensitive chords of our humanity, releasing a vibrant urge to "be a neighbour" to all those whom we see in difficulty. As Jesus himself teaches us (cf. *Mt* 9:35-36; 14:13-14; 15:32-37), being compassionate means recognizing the suffering of the other and taking immediate action to soothe, heal and save. To be compassionate means to make room for that tenderness which today's society so often asks us to repress. "Opening ourselves to others does not lead to impoverishment, but rather enrichment, because it enables us to be more human: to recognize ourselves as participants in a greater collectivity and to understand our life as a gift for others; to see as the goal, not our own interests, but rather the good of humanity" (*Address at the Heydar Aliyev Mosque in Baku*, 2 October 2016).

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Mt 18:10). ***It is not just about migrants: it is a question of seeing that no one is excluded.*** Today's world is increasingly becoming more elitist and cruel towards the excluded. Developing countries continue to be drained of their best natural and human resources for the benefit of a few privileged markets. Wars only affect some regions of the world, yet weapons of war are produced and sold in other regions which are then unwilling to take in the refugees produced by these conflicts. Those who pay the price are always the little ones, the poor, the most vulnerable, who are prevented from sitting at the table and are left with the "crumbs" of the banquet (cf. *Lk* 16:19-21). "The Church which 'goes forth'... can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 24). A development that excludes makes the rich richer and the poor poorer. A real development, on the other hand, seeks to include all the

world's men and women, to promote their integral growth, and to show concern for coming generations.

“Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all” (Mk10:43-44). ***It is not just about migrants: it is about putting the last in first place.*** Jesus Christ asks us not to yield to the logic of the world, which justifies injustice to others for my own gain or that of my group. “Me first, and then the others!” Instead, the true motto of the Christian is, “The last shall be first!” “An individualistic spirit is fertile soil for the growth of that kind of indifference towards our neighbours which leads to viewing them in purely economic terms, to a lack of concern for their humanity, and ultimately to feelings of fear and cynicism. Are these not the attitudes we often adopt towards the poor, the marginalized and the ‘least’ of society? And how many of these ‘least’ do we have in our societies! Among them I think primarily of migrants, with their burden of hardship and suffering, as they seek daily, often in desperation, a place to live in peace and dignity” (*Address to the Diplomatic Corps*, 11 January 2016). In the logic of the Gospel, the last come first, and we must put ourselves at their service.

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (Jn 10:10). ***It is not just about migrants: it is about the whole person, about all people.*** In Jesus’ words, we encounter the very heart of his mission: to see that all receive the gift of life in its fullness, according to the will of the Father. In every political activity, in every programme, in every pastoral action we must always put the person at the centre, in his or her many aspects, including the spiritual dimension. And this applies to all people, whose fundamental equality must be recognized. Consequently, “development cannot be restricted to economic growth alone. To be authentic, it must be well-rounded; it must foster the development of each man and of the whole man” (SAINT PAUL VI, *Populorum Progressio*, 14).

“So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God” (Eph 2:19). ***It is not just about migrants: it is about building the city of God and man.*** In our time, which can also be called the era of migration, many innocent people fall victim to the “great deception” of limitless technological and consumerist development (cf. *Laudato Si’*, 34). As a result, they undertake a journey towards a “paradise” that inevitably betrays their expectations. Their presence, at times uncomfortable, helps to debunk the myth of a progress that benefits a few while built on the exploitation of many. “We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved. They are an occasion that Providence gives us to help build a more just society, a more perfect democracy, a more united country, a more fraternal world and a more open and evangelical Christian community” (*Message for the 2014 World Day of Migrants and Refugees*).

Dear brothers and sisters, our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church’s mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated. If we put those four verbs into practice, we will help build the city of God and man. We will promote the integral human development of all people. We will also help the world community to come closer to the goals of sustainable development that it has set for itself and that, lacking such an approach, will prove difficult to achieve.

In a word, it is not only the cause of migrants that is at stake; it is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family. Migrants, especially those who are most vulnerable, help us to read the “signs of the times”. Through them, the Lord is calling us to conversion, to be set free from exclusivity, indifference and the throw-away culture. Through them, the Lord invites us to embrace fully our Christian life and to contribute, each according to his or her proper vocation, to the building up of a world that is more and more in accord with God’s plan.

In expressing this prayerful hope, and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Way, I invoke God’s abundant blessings upon all the world’s migrants and refugees and upon all those who accompany them on their journey.

*From the Vatican, 27 May 2019*

FRANCIS

St Aloysius Social Justice Group  
St Aloysius Parish Centre  
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13th August, 2019

The Honourable Scott Morrison,  
Prime Minister  
Member for Cook  
Suite 102, Level 1  
30 Kingsway  
Cronulla NSW 2230.

Dear Mr Morrison,

July 19, 2019, marked the sixth anniversary since refugees began to be detained on Manus Island and later, Nauru. Some 800 refugees are still on one or other of these centres. It is time to reflect on Australia's approach.

The Refugee issue is a global one. We must bring our Christian principles to the fore when attempting to resolve this difficult issue. Remember, Jesus and his family became refugees. They were in genuine danger in their own land and sought safety in another land. Throughout history all religions have suffered persecution and many, from different faiths, including Christians, Jews, Hindus, Muslims and Buddhists, have fled their homelands. One of the great moral challenges of our time is how we act globally, nationally and in local communities to address the needs of persecuted peoples seeking asylum.

As people of faith, and particularly, people committed to following the religious and moral teachings of Jesus through the gospels, we need to ensure that it is the human rights and dignity of those seeking asylum that are forefront in our minds when we try to balance their needs with our need for border protection and national security. Pope Francis wrote this year "We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, loved and respected."

We believe it is well within the capacity of the Australian government

- to advocate for and contribute to policies and programs that address the needs of marginalised and persecuted peoples in their own countries;
- to promote and assist the development of regional solutions to constant flows of asylum seekers;
- to increase our intake of refugees from existing camps and centres in other countries;
- to reduce the dangerous practices of people smugglers and desperate sea journeys in unsafe boats;
- to humanely accept asylum seekers who arrive by boat or plane and expedite the processing of their applications;
- to grant permanent resettlement to all refugees in Australia on temporary visas.
- to grant amnesty to the remaining refugees on Nauru and Manus Islands so that they can settle in Australia (and/or New Zealand).



One of Australia's greatest achievements is how, after the demise of the White Australia Policy in 1973, we have welcomed people from many nations and religions and created a safe and harmonious society, richer in economic and social fabric because of the contributions of our migrants' families. At this time, more than any other in recent history, we need to share our humanity and common wealth with those fleeing persecution and war who seek safety in Australia.

We, the members of Cronulla St Aloysius Social Justice Group, urge you and every member of the Australian Federal Parliament to review the government's current approach. We need a better balance between acting humanely for those in offshore detention, those in Australia awaiting the processing of their asylum applications, and those onshore refugees on temporary visas while continuing to work on bigger picture policies that address global flows of refugees and national security.

We look forward to receiving your timely response reflecting the seriousness and immediacy of this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Frank O'Driscoll,

Convenor, St Aloysius Social Justice Group

On behalf of the members whose names are listed below:

Patricia Hickey

Mary Fennell

Frances D'Ambra

Toni Downes


Barry Jacobs

Phillip Elwin

John Bainbridge

John Fitzgerald

**Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 31st August and 1st September**

<b>Masses Cronulla</b>	<b>Vigil Mass Saturday 5.00pm</b>	<b>8.00 am Sunday</b>	<b>10.00 am Sunday</b>	<b>6.00 pm Sunday</b>	<b>Bundeena Sunday 9.00am</b>	<b>Nursing Home</b>
Acolyte						Priest
Communion Ministers	I. O'Neill M. Remedios G. Durante	P. Elwin F. Schembri I. O'Neill C. Marr	K. Vitenov F. O'Driscoll K. Croxson M. Sakowicz	G. Stratton R. Driscoll P. Morris L. Overton		
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Cleaning (Saturday)	M. Donnellan L. Beaudoire					
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 De La Salle, Caringbah ..... 9524 9133  
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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:****Please note that Weekday Masses are now celebrated in the Weekday Mass Chapel****St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:****Mass**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, Woolooware)**

Tuesday and Friday: 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.

We pray for **Bernard Sadhani, Elisabeth Watt, Mrs Ovens** and **Sr Valerie Green**, who died recently. We pray for **Helen Forbes** whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Geoff Hurst, Phil & Dominic Mandile, Reginald Buncombe, Brian Small, Bruce Rohr, 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**