



# 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



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

### Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 4

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

I will rise and go to my father.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### 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 parishioner with envelope number 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 Parish Priest

A mother found herself struggling with an increasingly rebellious teenager. It all came to a head late one night when the police called the mother to come to the police station and pick up their child who had been arrested. The mother and the teenage child didn't speak on the way home, nor did they speak for a couple of days, until at last the mother broke the tension by giving her teenager a small, gift-wrapped package. The teenager opened it with an air of indifference and found inside a small rock. "Well, that's cute, Mum. What is it?"

"Read the card," the mother replied. As the teenager did so, tears began to trickle, and the card fell to the floor. The card read: "This rock is more than 200 million years old. That's how long it will take before I give up on you."

That is what Jesus is telling us in today's readings: He never gives up on us and is always seeking to bring us into the love, warmth and joy of his presence.

God has always been a God of mercy and patience, a God who seeks out the lost and helps them to be found.

Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel is often referred to as "the gospel within the gospel," because it is the very essence of the good news about our Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially one parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," and it has three illustrations: the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the famous story of the lost son (or the prodigal son).

When someone or something is lost, it can be easy to eventually give up hope that it will ever be found. But God never gives up, and God's love is always waiting and ready for our return. When something is recovered, the reaction should be JOY. Jesus is constantly joyful when someone or something that was lost is found.

Most Catholics know about the story of the lost sheep and even the story of the Prodigal Son. However the story of the lost coin is equally as interesting.

The coin in question in this parable was a silver drachma. Since the primitive houses at the time of Jesus were very dark, often with one little circular window, and since the floor was made of beaten earth covered with dried reeds, it was practically impossible to find a tiny coin if a person dropped it to the ground. But the woman in today's Gospel tried her best to get it back because it was worth more than a whole day's wage for a worker in Palestine. If the coin was one of the ten silver coins attached by a silver chain to the traditional Jewish headdress of a married woman, it was as important to her as the wedding ring is in our society today. It's physical value was something, but it's sentimental and spiritual value was even higher. Thus, we can understand the woman's joy when at last she saw the glint of that lost coin.

The joy of God, and of all the angels, when one sinner comes home, is like the joy of a woman who loses her most precious possession, with a value far beyond money, and then finds it again.

As Christians we believe in searching for the love of God, because we know and experience Jesus Christ as a loving friend who comes to search for us and to save all people and all things that have been lost in the darkness of the world.



**First reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 ::::**

*The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.*

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 ::::**

**R. I will rise and go to my father.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice, a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 ::::**

*Christ came to save sinners.*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-10 ::::**

*There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Catholic Missions Parish Appeal will be on next weekend. Please give generously.**

**Community Consultation about the Future of Catholic Schools in the Sutherland Shire**

Sydney Catholic Schools invites all parishioners to participate in a discussion about the successes and needs for our local schools. This consultation is to consider all stages of education, from early learning to the end of secondary school.

The Sutherland Shire is both growing and changing, and we want to prepare our students for the future, so they leave school with the knowledge and experiences that will enable them to thrive. We are taking this opportunity to look to the future of Catholic education in our region. Please drop by for some light refreshments and an opportunity to contribute to this consultation process. All in the community are encouraged to give input.

**Cronulla – after the 10am Mass on 15 September**  
**Bundeena – after the 9am Mass on 29 September**

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney ::::**

If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police.

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney can be contacted on (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org)

Our Parish Priest can also be a person of support and guidance. The Church has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

<b>Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week</b>		<b>CONFIRMATION DATES 2019 ::::</b> Retreat - 18th September: 9am-3pm Thornton Hall Sacrament of Confirmation 20th September 7pm
<b>Monday:</b>	Parish Office closed. <b>St Vincent de Paul Day Conference:</b> 10.00am in the Parish Centre.	<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>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Legion of Mary:</b> 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Confirmation Retreat Day:</b> 9.00am at Thornton Hall. <b>NO PLAYGROUP at Thornton Hall.</b> <b>Rosary Guild:</b> 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.	
<b>Thursday:</b>	No notice.	
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Sacrament of Confirmation:</b> 7.00pm at St Aloysius Church.	
<b>Saturday:</b>	No notice.	
<b>FINANCIAL INFORMATION ::::</b> 1) <b>DIRECT TRANSFER GIVING:</b> 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.  <b>Parish First Collection Details:</b> BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04152001; Account Name: Cronulla Parish Pastoral Revenue  <b>Parish Second Collection Details:</b> 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.  2) <b>CREDIT CARD GIVING</b> - Please contact parish Office.		<b>Safeguarding Training for Future Parish Volunteers Sunday 29 September at 11am.</b> Have you thought of volunteering some of your time and energy to help bring people to Jesus Christ and to serve within the Parish? If the answer is YES, then please consider undertaking the Safeguarding Training for Parish Volunteers that will be held in the parish at 11am (after 10am Mass) on Sunday 29th September. Training will last for 90 minutes and will be followed by a BBQ Lunch.  We also ask all volunteers who have not attended a safeguarding workshop or completed the online training to please attend. Many of our volunteers have asked for us to hold another training session face to face because they are not familiar with using online training. Please make sure you bring your Working with Children number with you (if you have it) so we can complete all the appropriate paperwork to become a parish volunteer. Look forward to seeing you all on Sunday 29th September at 11am.
<b>This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::</b> * Protest dogs Premier * Miraculous healing declared at Knock * The Saint who died to protect confession * Want to evangelise? Be a friend * Movie review: <i>Blinded by the Light</i> * The gift of the Ordinate		<b>Movie Night in Cronulla on 19 September at 6pm at the GU Filmhouse Cronulla. Come and see the new pro-life file "Unplanned"</b> "Unplanned" is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation. All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counselled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.  Until the day she saw something that changed everything. Tickets are selling fast for this once only viewing in Cronulla. Tickets are \$22 and can be booked through <a href="https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-event-cinemas-cronulla/">https://fan-force.com/screenings/unplanned-event-cinemas-cronulla/</a>
<b>Still the best Sunday Paper</b> 		<b>St Mary's Cathedral Is Recruiting For New Volunteers :::::</b> If you have a love of history and architecture, these passions can be brought to life by becoming a St Mary's Cathedral Volunteer Tour Guide. St Mary's Cathedral welcomes thousands of visitors on a daily basis, and Volunteer Tour Guides play an important role in helping visitor groups and tourists to explore the largest Cathedral in the Southern hemisphere. All are welcome to apply, as previous experience is not required. Tour guide training and induction will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the Special Liturgies Officer via email <a href="mailto:jennifer.foo@stmaryscathedral.org.au">jennifer.foo@stmaryscathedral.org.au</a> or phone 02 9220 0453.

**Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 21st and 22nd 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						Carolyn E.
Communion Ministers	M. Remedios M. Boyd K. Eaton B. Salmon	J. Cullerton D. Harden L. Oliver G. Downes	K. Vitenov F. O'Driscoll M. Sakowicz B. Slamon	G. Stratton L. Overton P. Morris R. Driscoll		
Ministers Of the Word	K. Eaton D. Smith	D. Harden L. Oliver	F. O'Driscoll K. Vitenov	I. Williams L. Overton	K. Plumer M. Baldwin	
Prayer of the Faithful	A. Stempniak	J. Cullerton	S. Schembri	V. Ohis	C. Tiffney	
Children's Liturgy					<b>Church Work</b> Beate	
Cleaning (Saturday)	G. Vitano K. Gothard					
Parish Counting Groups	<b>This Week Group 5</b> P. & B. Watkins, C. Sola, J. & T. Stokes		<b>Next Week Group 1</b> L. Overton, M. Staunton, C. & M. Sammut			

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St Aloysius Parish Cronulla

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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: PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FOR THIS WEEK AS FR JAMES IS ON RETREAT.**

**St Aloysius Church, Cronulla:**

**Mass****Monday: (No Mass)****Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday : 9.15am****Thursday: 9.15am (at St Francis De Sales, Woolooware)****Tuesday to Friday: 7am (Mass on Wednesday at 7am)****Saturday: 8.00am****Communion Service:****Mass:**

**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 **Claudi Giovenco, Ted MacDonald, Carolyn Thomson, Judith Howe, Elisabeth Watt, Mrs Ovens** and **Sr Valerie Green** who died recently.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Brian Small, Phyllis Mary Dwight, 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

