



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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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

Callum Law and Elijah Moore 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.

Reflection from Deacon Greg

What does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? In today's gospel Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behavior but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness, and generosity in his time of need and great want.

Jesus' point is simple. He says: *"For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light."* The steward knew that his time of employment was coming to an end and before his last day arrives, he uses his connections and position to prepare for the future.

The steward was smart. The Greek word translated into the English "prudent" can also be translated as "astute". Jesus is saying that that's a good quality to have. We are supposed to be creative and ingenious in life. But he reprimands his followers for not applying that same astuteness to the more important project of preparing for eternity.

We are all like that steward. We know that our lives will come to an end, sooner or later. We know it for a fact. And yet, are we effectively utilizing our resources and opportunities to prepare for what will come next? This is the question Jesus wants us to ask ourselves. Are we energetically building Christ's Kingdom now, so as to be able to enjoy it forever later?

Many of the great men and women of the world - the CEOs, the athletes, the movie stars, the political leaders - are exemplary in their tenacity, their determination, and their astuteness. They set a goal and let nothing stop them from achieving it. They turn everything into an opportunity to advance their cause. No sacrifice is too great. Imagine how different the Church (and the world) would be if every Christian pursued holiness that energetically.

Today's gospel concludes with a lesson from Jesus that we *"cannot be the slave both of God and money."* Money in itself is not a bad thing. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that differences in levels of wealth "belong to God's plan, who wills that each receives what he needs from others and that those endowed with particular 'talents' share the benefits with those who need them" (CCC 1937).

Those who have been given the gift of wealth have a duty to use it wisely for the good of their brothers and sisters. So money is not in itself a bad thing. But the love of money is destructive. It takes our minds off of heaven. It hardens our hearts to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Let us pray to the Lord that he fill our hearts with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what we have with others.



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



**First reading: Amos 8:4-7 ::::**

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112:1-2, 4-8 ::::**R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ::::

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

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

Gospel: Luke 16:10-13 ::::

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?'

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate

the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Safeguarding Training for Future Parish Volunteers
Sunday 29 September at 11am.**

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.

Could the parishioner with envelope number 596 please contact Kim in the office.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION ::::

1) 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.

2) CREDIT CARD GIVING - Please contact parish Office.

This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * We won't forget. Pro-Life protesters warn premier
- * Archbishop Fisher: "Activists threaten religious schools"
- * Confession: Laws take effect in two states
- * The Beat of faith
- * Movie review: *Where'd you go, Bernadette*
- * Burial's changing face

Still the best Sunday Paper



Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.
Wednesday:	Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall.
Thursday:	De La Sale Graduation Mass: 7.00pm at St Aloysius Church.
Friday:	No notice.
Saturday:	Care and Concern Friendship Dinner.

Anointing of the Sick Mass — Saturday 5 October at 10.30am ::::

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.

St Francis Way Photo Exhibition ::::

In the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi is a captivating photographic exhibition which captures the life, times and the unique spiritual expression of St Francis. Prints are available for purchase for \$180 each. All proceeds will go to Mary Immaculate Church.

Where: Parish Centre of Mary Immaculate Church, 45a Victoria Street, Waverley.

When: Fri 4 Oct (Feast of St Francis) 6pm-8pm; 5 & 6 Oct 9am-7pm; 12 & 13 Oct 9am-7pm.

Contact: Jennifer Keir - 0433 334 334 or Carla Korkor, Parish Secretary - (02) 9369 9399 or office@waverleycatholic.org.au

Plenary Council Listening and Discernment ::::

The Plenary Council invites people to continue to participate in the journey towards the Council sessions in 2020 and 2021. The "Listening and Discernment" phase recently opened and a guide has been developed to encourage groups to take part in communal discernment on the Themes for Discernment. Learn more about the Christian practice of discernment and download the guide, "Let's Listen and Discern", at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

St Aloysius
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
CRONULLA

Mercy Market Day

Thursday 26 September
11 am to 1 pm
7-17 Giddings Avenue, Cronulla

All Welcome!

All funds raised will go towards supporting our drought affected farmers in NSW.

GAMES ALLEY SAUSAGE SIZZLE SLUSHIES
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY STALLS
CUPCAKE DECORATING CRAFT STALL
STUDENT-RUN CAFE FACE PAINTING
JUMPING CASTLES CAKE STALL
RAFFLES CANDLE STALL

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.

Bundeena – after the 9am Mass on 29 September

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney ::::

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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. 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 28th and 29th 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						-
Communion Ministers	G. Durante I. O'Neill M. Remedios M. Boyd	P. Elwin L. Tesoriero A. Tesoriero C. Marr	B. Slamon K. Vitenov K. Croxson R. McCabe	C. Sammut M. Boyd L. Overton T. Merlino		
Ministers Of the Word	M. O'Connor M. Boyd	G. Downes P. Elwin	B. Slamon K. Croxson	I. Erceg J. Wright	F. Waugh M. Hills	
Prayer of the Faithful	G. Durante	T. Smith	C. Iannelli	D. De Souza	P. Livesey	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Anne	
Cleaning (Saturday)	R. Butterfield Adam					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 1 L. Overton, M. Staunton, C. & M. Sammut		Next Week Group 2 J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra			

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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:

Monday: (No Mass)
Mass Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday : 7am & 9.15am
Thursday: 7am (Cronulla only)
9.15am (at St Francis De Sales, Woolooware)
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 Vince Dever, Claudi Giovenco, Ted MacDonald, Carolyn Thomson and Judith Howe who died recently.
 We pray for Geoff Jones, Anthony Casaceli, Cathy Aguilar, Gordon O'Donnell, Luke O'Donnell, Gaetano & Giesppa Favaloro, John Favaloro, Catherine Favaloro, Joseph Favaloro, Felice & Josephine De Fina and Anthony & Angelina Santa Maria whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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

