



# 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

### Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

#### Entrance Antiphon:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.  
**Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### 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

Today, through our readings, the Church celebrates the spirit of commitment and self-sacrifice of Christ. Self-sacrifice can motivate even the weakest of people to do the most incredible and most unimaginable things, when put to the test. It was this spirit that made Jesus give up everything, including his own life for our sake. Through this same power of the Holy Spirit, we can become true disciples of Christ, who can do the most incredible and unimaginable things with the mission of God.

Today's first reading draws our attention to the depth of the wisdom of God. He alone knows his intentions for humanity. However, this intention has been fully revealed in Christ who willingly sacrificed himself in order to save us. It is the spirit of wisdom that helps us to understand and to comprehend the mystery of God's will revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In this way, this mystery becomes spirit and life for us even today.

In the second reading, Saint Paul sent back an escaped slave Onesimus to Philemon his master in the spirit of sacrifice. Although Paul needed Onesimus and could have argued that he had a 'right under Roman law' to retain him, Paul encouraged and allowed Onesimus to return to his former master Philemon who equally needed him. Philemon however had to sacrifice something also. He had to drop all his misgivings against his former escaped slave Onesimus. Philemon indeed was admonished and even corrected to receive Onesimus, not as a slave or a convict, but as a brother and a fellow Christian. And Onesimus also had to sacrifice his previous misgivings and even hatred towards Philemon and go back and face his past.

Paul teaches that we are called to equally sacrifice our own comfort, power and ego in order to restore dignity and community to others. Also, we must be ready to make our own sacrifices in order to repair and restore broken relationships from our past. There should be nothing we cannot sacrifice for the sake of God and humanity.

In today's gospel, Jesus invites us to breathe in his spirit of commitment and sacrifice in order to be His true disciples. He says: "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife...and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple."

What does Christ mean by "hating"? Hate is such a strong word, but in the context of the society of when Jesus lived, this word made sense. Even today many people put their self, their pride, image and wealth before anything else. I wonder what Jesus would say of our contemporary culture if he came today—our culture that promotes pride and even arrogance over the humble commitment to serve others in the call and way of Jesus.

Christ is not calling us to actually hate the members of our family because we know Jesus loved and obeyed his own parents. Jesus wants us to consider our priorities and where we put the ministry of God in our life priorities.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe sacrificed everything in the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1941 by offering his life for a fellow prisoner, so that the fellow prisoner might live to take care of his family. Christ wants us to accept and to embrace sacrifice and heroic commitment to God and to others. Commitment and sacrifice help each person to be able to reject anything that is given to us in life in order to be a better disciple and servant of Jesus Christ.



**First reading: Wisdom 9:13-18 ::::**

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 ::::**

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back in to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

**Second Reading: Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17 ::::**

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

**Gospel: Luke 14:25-33 ::::**

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned

and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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

**CONFIRMATION DATES 2019 ::::**

Session Two - Tuesday 10th September - 6.30pm

Retreat - 18th September: 9am-3pm Thornton Hall

Sacrament of Confirmation 20th September 7pm

**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.

**Community Grant for Audio Visual System—Unsuccessful!**

Earlier this week we were notified that we were unsuccessful in our submission for the NSW Community Grants Scheme. We came second by the smallest of margins - running 2nd by just 8 first preference votes!!! The grant went to Burraneer Bay Public School for a \$200,000 playground upgrade.

A huge thank you to the more than 150 people who took the time and had the patience to vote (it was a tedious process online), we only just missed out.

**New Parish Policy for Expenditure, Reimbursements and Use of Parish Resources - implemented from 1 September.**

On August 28, 2019, the St. Aloysius Parish Team Leaders Meeting decided on a Parish Approval Process for Expenditure, Reimbursements and use of Parish Resources. This policy replaces any previous policies or agreements. Any proposal for parish expenditure or reimbursement for ministry costs are to be brought to the attention of the Parish Office prior to committing to expenditure. Depending on the nature and size of the proposed expenditure, consultation may be required at a Parish Team Leaders Meeting or a Parish Finance Committee meeting, prior to any commitment being made for expenditure. The policy can be provided by the Parish Office on request.

<b>Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week</b>	
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Parish Office closed.</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Funeral for Carolyn Thomson:</b> 11.00am at St Aloysius Church. <b>Funeral Mass for Ted McDonald:</b> 2.00pm at St Aloysius Church. <b>Legion of Mary:</b> 3.30pm in the Parish Centre. <b>Confirmation Session Two:</b> 6.30pm at St Aloysius Church.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Playgroup:</b> 10.00am at Thornton Hall.
<b>Thursday, Friday and Saturday:</b>	No notice.
<p><b>Movie Night in Cronulla on 19 September at 6pm at the GU Filmahouse Cronulla.</b>  <b>Come and see the new pro-life file "Unplanned"</b></p> <p>"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.</p> <p>Until the day she saw something that changed everything.</p> <p>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></p>	
<p><b>A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney ::::</b>  If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police.</p> <p>The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney can be contacted on (02) 9390 5810 or <a href="mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org">safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org</a></p> <p>Our Parish Priest can also be a person of support and guidance. The Church has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.</p>	
<p><b>Catholic Mission Parish Appeal: 21st &amp; 22nd September.</b>  Thank you to everyone who supported the Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal last Sunday.</p>	
<p><b><u>New Weekday Mass Times in the Chapel—9.15am</u></b>  <b>From Tuesday 10 September</b>, all 9.30am Masses will have been replaced with 9.15am Masses.</p> <p>Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Chapel at Cronulla and Thursday at 9.15am at St Francis de Sales School, in the school Chapel.</p> <p>For any parishioners interested, on Wednesdays and Fridays, Stella Maris welcomes all to their Mass in their Chapel at 11.30am.</p>	
<p><b><u>Safeguarding Training for Future Parish Volunteers</u></b>  <b>Sunday 29 September at 11am.</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p><b><u>Community Consultation</u></b>  <b><u>about the Future of Catholic Schools in the Sutherland Shire</u></b></p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p><b>Cronulla</b> – in the foyer of St Aloysius Church at <b>11am</b> on <b>15 September</b>  <b>Bundeena</b> – <b>after the 9am</b> Mass at the Church site on <b>29 September</b></p>	
<p><b>FINANCIAL INFORMATION ::::</b></p> <p><b>1) 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.</p> <p><b>Parish First Collection Details:</b> BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04152001; Account Name: Cronulla Parish Pastoral Revenue</p> <p><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.</p> <p><b>2) CREDIT CARD GIVING</b> - Please contact parish Office.</p>	

**Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 14th and 15th 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						Frank
Communion Ministers	B. Salmon I. O'Neill M. Remedios M. Boyd	F. Schembri R. Winton C. Coady A. Cimino	M. Sakowicz B. Slamon K. Vitenov K. Croxson	I. Ison G. Durante L. Ison P. Morris		
Ministers Of the Word	J. Boyd C. Iannelli	R. Winton T. Smith	K. Vitenov K. Croxson	J. Wright C. Snow	M. Turner B. Shannahan	
Prayer of the Faithful	M. O'Connor	F. Schembri	S. Schembri	I. Erceg	J. Hills	
Children's Liturgy					<b>Church Work</b> Marie / John	
Cleaning (Saturday)	S. O'Neill					
Parish Counting Groups	<b>This Week Group 4</b> M. & S. Barlow, G. Newcombe, J. Small, M. Remedios, B. de Souza		<b>Next Week Group 5</b> P. & B. Watkins, C. Sola, J. & T. Stokes			

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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 **Claudi Giovenco, Ted McDonald, Carolyn Thomson, Judith Howe, Elisabeth Watt, Mrs Ovens** and **Sr Valerie Green** who died recently. We pray for **Ron Bran, Mario Giacchi, Phyllis Mary Dwight** and **Denis Martin** 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, Alan Louis Andre, 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

