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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 4

Entrance Antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

Harper Trewin and Hudson Beattie 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



Reflection from our Parish Priest

Early this week the Church celebrated the Feast Day of Blessed John Henry Newman, a 19th century convert from Anglicanism, a priest and eventually a Cardinal. He died in 1890 in Birmingham, England. On Sunday 13 October 2019, (this weekend) Pope Francis will raise John Henry Newman to the status of a Saint during a Canonization Mass in Rome.

Blessed (Saint) John Henry Newman was a prolific writer and theologian. He asked the question in one of his significant works: "What is the point of Christian preaching?" If I was to survey the entire parish about expectations for the homily, I am sure I would get 100s of different suggestions including the need for pastoral, academic, scriptural or spiritual approach, the importance of relating the message to current life and perhaps even comments about length, tone, volume and speed.

St Paul, the greatest preacher of all time, gives us a reason in the second reading for why he preached. It wasn't to civilize the world, or to bring peace and harmony to society, although these are good in themselves. St. Paul's preaching was not even to spread knowledge or to cultivate reason. St Paul preached for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven and for those chosen as heirs of the kingdom.

St Paul says – "I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it." 2 Tim 2:10

So what is the point of preaching? According John Henry Newman, who preached 130 years ago in England, it is to "foster and mature the seeds of heaven which lie hidden in our world and to multiply the images of Christ."

He said, almost as if he is speaking to the situation of our time: "How mistaken is the notion of today that the main undertaking of a Christian Church is to make good, honest, upright, industrious, and well-conducted members of society; and that when it fails in this duty, the Church has cause for shame... The great object of the Sacraments, preaching, Scriptures and instructions is to save the elect of God, to foster into life and rear up into perfection what is really good, not in the sight of our world, but perfection in the sight of God; not what is merely useful, but what is true and holy."

The point of the Gospel and the point of Christian faith, is not merely to make us good law-abiding citizens, but it is to make us saints and members of the household of God. Certainly, says Saint John Henry Newman, "no one is a true Christian who is not a good member of society, but neither is a person a true Christian if he is nothing more than a good citizen. If a person is not aiming at something beyond the power of the natural man, then he is not really a Christian or even one of the elect of God."

Saints set obedience and the praise of God before everything else. The challenge for Christians today is – Do we truly put the Praise and Obedience of God before everything else? Do we desire to be Saints of God?

Alas, says the Blessed Cardinal, most men and women do not accept, feel or desire the invitation to build God's kingdom or even to be saints. Many people, he says, are content by living by their own moral standards, and most are content with picking and choosing elements of Christian faith that they like while dismissing the rest, almost as if they know better than what God revealed through the Scriptures. Christ is the benchmark for our lives and saints should be our models for daily life.

The Blessed (soon to be Saint) John Henry Newman – Pray for Us.



**First reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17 ::::**

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4 ::::

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13 ::::

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

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

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 ::::

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were

not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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

All Souls Day Saturday 2 November and Month of November

November is a special month dedicated to remembering and praying for the recently deceased and the Holy Souls. All Masses in November are offered for the Holy Souls. Parishioners are encouraged to write names of deceased relatives on special envelopes to pray and remember the deceased. Special Envelopes will be available in coming weeks.

On **Saturday 2 November (All Souls Day)**, there will be a Mass at 8am at St Aloysius and a Mass at 10am at the Woronora Memorial Park—Pieta's Crypt. There will also be a Parish Memorial Candlelight Mass on **Thursday 28th November** at 7pm at St Aloysius Church.

Weekday Mass Schedule and Offerings**Sunday 13 October**

10am Mass (*Mass for anniversary of Diana Casaceli*)

Monday 14 October

9.15am Mass (celebrated at Gymea Church)

Tuesday 15 October**Memorial of Saint Teresa of Avila**

7am Mass (*Mass for anniversary of Francis Smith*)

9.15am Mass

Wednesday 16 October**Memorial of St Margaret Mary Alacoque**

7am Mass (*Mass intention for Brian Small*)

9.15am Mass (with Students from St Aloysius)

11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)

Thursday 17 October**Memorial of Ignatius of Antioch - Bishop and Martyr**

7am Mass (*Mass intention for Ken West*)

9.15am Mass (at St Francis de Sales School, Woollooware)

Friday 18 October**Feast of Saint Luke**

8.15am Mass (at De La Salle College Chapel Cronulla, Gunnamatta Rd) - **NOTE NEW LOCATION**

11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)

Saturday 19 October**Memorial of Saint Paul of the Cross**

8.00am Mass

During November, all Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls. No special intentions will be offered other than the November Mass Offerings of the Parish.

November Mass Offering and Remembrance Envelopes are available at the rear of the Church and can be placed on any collection or submitted to the parish office.

Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week		<p>Liturgical Ministries and Rosters: It is Roster time again. More help is needed with establishing a consistent Acolyte and Senior Server roster. More Readers and Extraordinary Ministers are also needed. Please consider volunteering and going on the liturgy roster. Any existing ministers with unavailable dates or any previously trained ministers who want to re-join, please contact Kim in the office. Some paperwork and updating training maybe needed for returning or new ministers.</p> <p>PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION Thank you for the generosity of all parishioners. Please note that both the 1st and 2nd weekly collections are currently below Finance Committee weekly targets to meet ongoing expenditure. 1st Collection (assists clergy): \$250 below weekly target 2nd Collection (parish costs): \$360 below weekly target DIRECT TRANSFER GIVING or CREDIT CARD GIVING: Please consider a direct recurring automatic transfer for Sunday offerings. Credit Card giving can be arranged through the Parish Office. 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 as a reference for each transaction.. TIMING OF COLLECTIONS AT MASS TO BE ADJUSTED On 24 September the Parish Finance Committee discussed the timing of collections and it was agreed that collections after Communion can detract from thanksgiving and adoration moments after Communion. From the weekend of 19/20 October, the first collection will now occur after the Homily, with the 2nd collection occurring at the Offertory. This change will help everyone to cherish the gift of the Eucharist.</p>
Monday:	Parish Office closed. St Vincent de Paul Day Conference: 10.00am.	
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.	
Wednesday:	Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Rosary Guild: 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.	
Thursday, Friday and Saturday:	No Notice.	
<p>Parish Volunteers and Contributor Appreciation Celebration Save the date: Friday 15 November from 6.30pm in your diary. Anyone who volunteers in the many different ministries in the parish OR anyone who contributes with their prayers or financially to the Parish are invited to a special evening of appreciation, thanks and celebration, which will occur in the Thornton Parish Hall. The Parish will provide the dinner and drinks, and attendees will be asked to bring desserts to share. The night will be a fun celebration and coming together of the Parish before the busyness of Christmas. Registration will occur in coming weeks. Please save the date.</p>		<p>St Aloysius Social Justice Group :::: Reflection on extract from 2019-2020 Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement. "The hallmark of our discipleship can be seen in how we make that love real in our relationships, how we serve our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, and how we break down divisions that undermine human dignity and the solidarity of our communities. And every member of the Church has a distinct role to play. Pope Francis is calling us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. We are called not only to love our neighbour, but to bring the love of God to the new global neighbourhood".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Love Your Neighbour</p> <p><i>"The digital world is a public square, a meeting place where we can either encourage or demean one another, engage in meaningful discussion or unfair attacks ... Access to digital networks entails a responsibility for our neighbour whom we do not see but who is nonetheless real and has a dignity which must be respected ... The encounter between communication and mercy will be fruitful to the degree that it generates a closeness which cares, comforts, heals, accompanies and celebrates."</i> (Pope Francis)</p>
<p>Help Required :::: Anyone interested in looking after the archive room in the Parish Centre, please contact Kim in the office and she can explain what is involved.</p>		
<p>Shalom Retreat Sydney November 08-10 2019 :: Friday 4pm to Sunday 4pm. Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale. Register at shalommedia.org/retreat Contact Susan- 0421 665 615, Shaju - 0448 277 971, Benny - 0421 063 608 or Dr Alex Thomas - 0466 458 243</p>		
<p>This week in the Catholic Weekly :::: * Sydneysiders Ignited by their faith * Tony Randazzo: Pope Francis appoints new Broken Bay Bishop * Amazing nuns on the run * Snapshot of Catholic Sydney * Movie review: <i>Rambo: Last Blood</i> * A Saint of our times: Cardinal John Henry Newman</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Still the best Sunday Paper</p> 		<p>CWF November Appeal :::: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal on 2nd and 3rd November 2019, and the Development and Fundraising Office turns to you for your continued support in this appeal. Your tax deductible donation helps raise funds for many of the important works across the Archdiocese, including family counselling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming seminarians, outreach to aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community. Please donate generously.</p>

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 19th and 20th October

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 and Senior Servers						Frank
Extraordinary Communion Ministers	G. Durante I. O'Neill M. Remedios	L. Tesoriero A. Tesoriero A. Cimino G. Downes	R. McCabe K. Vitenov B. Slamon K. Croxson	G. Stratton R. Driscoll L. Overton M. Boyd		
Ministers Of the Word	A. Stempriak G. Durante	T. Smith G. Downes	K. Vitenov K. Croxson	J. Boyd M. Boyd	B. Shanahan K. Plumer	
Prayer of the Faithful	D. Smith	M. Downes	R. McCabe	O. Wright	F. Waugh	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Sandra / Bernard	
Cleaning (Saturday)	G. Vitano K. Gothard					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 4 M. & S. Barlow, G. Newcombe, J. Small, M. Remedios, B. de Souza		Next Week Group 5 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

Weekday Masses : St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Monday: (No Mass)**Mass Tuesday, Wednesday : 7am & 9.15am****Thursday: 7am (Cronulla only)****9.15am (At St Francis de Sales during School Terms and St Aloysius during Holidays)****Friday: 8.15am (At De La Salle Cronulla during Term IV and St Aloysius during Holidays)****Mass Saturday: 8.00am (10.30am Anointing Mass on 1st Saturday of every 2nd month)****Weekday Masses at Stella Maris Aged Care Chapel—Coast Rd, Cronulla - 11.15am on Wednesday and Friday.****Sacrament of Penance (Confession) St Aloysius Church, Cronulla: Sat 4.15pm (or on request)****Our Lady of the Way Church, Bundeena: Before Sunday Mass.****Baptisms:** By appointment. **Rosary:** After the weekday Mass.**Anointing of the Sick in Mass:** 10.30am on 1st Saturday of every 2nd month—next Mass on 7 December

We pray for Jane Buhagiar, Ken West, Edna Taper, Kathleen O'Donnell, Nicholas McGrath, Vince Dever and Lillian Ellis who died recently. We pray for Francis Smith and Diana Casaceli whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Brian Small, Mary Henderson, Simpson Henderson, William Noel Dwight, Gordon O'Donnell, Luke O'Donnell, 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

