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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:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living
and active; it probes the thoughts and
motives of our heart. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those
who fear him, who hope in his merciful
love, to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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.

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 Alessi

The parable in today's gospel comes after a conversation Jesus had with some Pharisees. In that conversation, they asked him when the Kingdom of God would finally come. Jesus probably detected impatience behind that question, as if they were criticizing God for being careless or lazy.

We can relate to that kind of impatience. We can tend to give up on God too easily. We approach God with less confidence than the determined widow had in approaching a crooked judge. Behind the words of our prayer lurks a subtle tendency to doubt God. We think that just because he doesn't answer us in the way we expect him to, he isn't answering us at all. That shows a lack of faith in God.

Today Jesus is reminding us that we should have unlimited faith and confidence in God. No prayer that we utter goes unheard. God is never out of his office; he's never on vacation. He is longing for us to bombard him with our prayers and is eagerly searching for hearts that trust him enough to ask him unceasingly for everything they need. God always answers our prayers, even when the answer is "no".

Because God is our Father, all-wise, all-loving, and all-powerful, there should be no limit to our confidence in him.

And so, as St Luke tells us, we should pray always without losing heart. We should be constant in our prayer, just like the widow with her petitions to the judge, just like Moses interceding for victory in the battle against the Amalekites in today's first reading. We should be constant in thanksgiving, constant in repentance, constant in praise, and constant in bringing to God every need that comes our way. Constancy built on confidence - that's the path to becoming better pray-ers.

St Monica is one of history's most famous pray-ers - the perfect example of consistent and confident prayer. Her son, St Augustine, was a brilliant student with a promising future among the intellectuals of the Roman Empire. She had tried to bring him up in the Christian faith, but when Augustine came of age, he informed his mother that he had become a Manichean (this was one of the pagan philosophical religions that were anti-Christian). The news devastated her. It seemed that her oldest son was a spiritual lost-cause, but she didn't give up on him yet. Many times she spent entire nights in prayer and when she did allow herself a few hours of rest she cried herself to sleep. But nothing seemed to help. Only after ten years of darkness, frustration, and unceasing prayer was her prayer answered: her son came back to the Church and became one of history's holiest and most influential saints.

Let us all approach God with greater confidence and trust and never lose heart in our prayer life especially in those difficult times in our lives.

Let us pray to the Lord to give us the grace of becoming better and stronger pray-ers.



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



**First reading: Exodus 17:8-13 ::::**

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 120 ::::**R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2 ::::

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 ::::

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray

continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

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 may be needed for returning or new ministers.

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.

This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * Aussie link to world's new saint
- * Sydney teen takes seat at the UN
- * Honorary Doctorate for prominent Catholic
- * Agencies slam forced drug testing
- * Movie review: *Joker*
- * Fiji finding its faith

Still the best Sunday Paper

**Looking for support? ::::**

Counselling can support you and your family to face life's challenges. Our caring team provide affordable services for individuals, couples and families. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week		Parish Visitation by Archbishop Fisher this coming week
Monday:	Parish Office closed. St Vincent de Paul Night Conference: 7.00pm in the Chapel.	The Archbishop of Sydney will make a formal visit to the parish this coming Tuesday and Wednesday (22/23 October) and will return to celebrate the 10am Mass on Sunday 27 October. He will visit the four Catholic schools, will celebrate the 11.15am Mass at Stella Maris on Wednesday, will meet with Fr James and parish staff, school principals, retired clergy and members of the pastoral council and parish finance committee. He will also have opportunities to greet parishioners.
Tuesday:	Funeral for Jane Buhagiar: 10.30am at St Aloysius church. Legion of Mary: 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.	Parishioners from Bundeena are welcome to meet the Archbishop between 4.10pm and 4.40pm on Tuesday at Our Lady of the Way Church in Bundeena.
Wednesday:	Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall.	Please make a special effort to try and attend the 10am Mass on Sunday 27 October with the Archbishop. There will be a morning tea after Mass and opportunity to meet the Archbishop. You are welcome to bring something to share for the morning tea.
Thursday, Friday and Saturday:	No Notice.	
<u>Weekday Mass Schedule and Offerings</u>		<u>Parish Volunteers and Contributor Appreciation Celebration</u> Friday 15 November from 6.30pm in the Thornton Parish Hall.
<p align="center"><u>Saturday 19 October</u></p> <p>Memorial of St Paul of the Cross - Priest Vigil Mass (<i>Mass for anniversary of Raeleene Marr</i>)</p> <p align="center"><u>Sunday 20 October</u></p> <p>6pm Mass (<i>Mass for anniversary Geoffrey Hurst</i>)</p> <p align="center"><u>Tuesday 22 October</u></p> <p>Memorial of St John Paul II - Pope 7am Mass 9.15am Mass (<i>Mass for repose of soul of Brian Small</i>)</p> <p align="center"><u>Wednesday 23 October</u></p> <p>Memorial of St John of Capistrano - Priest 7am Mass (<i>Mass intention for Norman & Phyllis Allan</i>) NO 9.15am Mass TODAY 11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home: Archbishop Fisher to celebrate)</p> <p align="center"><u>Thursday 24 October</u></p> <p>Memorial of St Antony Mary Claret - Bishop 7am Mass (<i>Mass for the soul of Gwen Knight</i>) 9.15am Mass (at St Francis de Sales School, Woollooware)</p> <p align="center"><u>Friday 25 October</u></p> <p align="center"><u>NOTE NEW LOCATION</u></p> <p>8.15am Mass (at De La Salle College Chapel Cronulla, Gunnamatta Rd) Mass for Gwen Knight 9.30am Mass (Grandparents Mass with St Aloysius Primary, Cronulla - All Welcome) 11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)</p> <p align="center"><u>Saturday 26 October</u></p> <p>8.00am Mass (<i>Mass for soul of William Dwight</i>)</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>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.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>A Book of Remembrance will be compiled and placed at the foot of the altar during the month of November.</i></p>		<p>Anyone who volunteers in the parish OR anyone who contributes to the Parish spiritually or financially is invited to a special evening of appreciation, thanks and celebration. The Parish will provide the dinner and drinks, and attendees are asked to bring desserts. The evening will be a fun celebration and coming together of the Parish before the busyness of Christmas. Registration on tables are rear of Church.</p> <p><u>All Souls Day Saturday 2 November and Month of November</u> 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 are available throughout the Church.</p> <p>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.</p>
		<u>Charitable Works Fund Appeal: 2nd and 3rd November 2019</u> Please give generously to support the charitable activities of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Donations are 100% tax deductible. Please use the envelopes provided.
		<u>St Aloysius Social Justice Group: "Friendship across the Sea in Action" HatoUdo, Timor Leste, Education Scholarships</u> This weekend the SJG will have FAIRTRADE chocolates on sale to support our High School Education Scholarships for young people in HatoUdo. Your support is much appreciated. All funds raised through the sale of chocolates assists third world farmers, the scholarship recipients and some support for the HatoUdo bakery project. We are pleased to inform you that the Bakery has started its first 'bake off'. We are very excited for them. Thanks for the support many of you have given to this project. See photos in foyer of the Church.
		<u>2019 Walk with Christ - Sunday 24 November and Prayer Intention Book</u> The Annual Eucharistic Procession through the Streets of Sydney, from St Patrick's Church Hill to the Cathedral will occur on the Solemnity of Christ the King, 24 November from 2.30pm. There is a prayer intention book located at the rear of the Church which will be presented on the day. Please consider adding your prayer.

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 26th and 27th 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						Carolyn E.
Extraordinary Communion Ministers	M. Remedios K. Eaton J. Bryant I. O'Neill	D. Harden L. Oliver J. Cullerton C. Coady	M. Sakowicz F. O'Driscoll K. Vitenov B. Slamon	L. Overton G. Durante P. Morris L. Ison		
Ministers Of the Word	M. O'Connor J. Bryant	L. Oliver J. Cullerton	B. Slamon C. Iannelli	O. Wright J. Wright	M. Turner M. Baldwin	
Prayer of the Faithful	K. Eaton	D. Harden	S. Schembri	C. Snow	M. Hills	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Kerry	
Cleaning (Saturday)	R. Butterfield Adam					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 5 P. & B. Watkins, C. Sola, J. & T. Stokes		Next Week Group 1 L. Overton, M. Staunton, C. & M. Sammut			

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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 Dorothea Fitzgerald, Kenneth Whittingham, Victor Fisher, Jane Buhagiar, Ken West, Edna Taper, Kathleen O'Donnell, Nicholas McGrath and Lillian Ellis who died recently. We pray for Lorraine Staines, Lucy & Paul Caruana, Raelene Marr and Norman & Phyllis Allan whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Gwen Knight, Geoffrey Hurst, Brian Small, William Noel Dwight, Gordon O'Donnell, Luke O'Donnell, Mick McMahon, Thelma & Ron Stannard, 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

