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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 2

Entrance Antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our 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.

Congratulations To



Penelope Laurence and Sale Sabine 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 our Parish Priest Fr James

It's all fun and games, until someone gets hurt

In Australia we do not have a strong tradition of celebrating Halloween, unlike the USA. However, in the last few weeks, you may have noticed cutout pumpkins and ghost decorations in some supermarkets and shops, and if you turn on the TV in the next few days, you may find TV specials for Halloween. Halloween is a day when people focus on evil spirits, on scaring each other and some children and adults dress up as evil and deathly characters – witches, vampires, and so on. Many people think it is just children's fun with spiders and webs and an opportunity to eat lots of lollies. But where does Halloween actually come from?

All Saints Day or All Hallows Day, as it was known by its old English title, is celebrated on the 1st of November (next Friday). The eve, the day before All Hallows day, is known as Halloweve, or better known as Halloween (next Thursday). On All Saints Day we honour all the saints in heaven – those known and canonized and those unknown saints. It is a day to thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in heavenly glory.

Pope Gregory IV in the year 835 ordered the Feast of All Saints to be observed throughout the world on November 1. This date was chosen because, like the date of Christmas, it coincides with a pagan feast day, and the Church wanted to Christianise a pagan festival.

November 1, according to pagan custom, was the Feast of Samhain, a festival celebrating the end of the lighter half of the year and the beginning of the darker half of the year. In the Celtic countries, it was regarded as New Year. The ancient Celts believed that the border between this world and the after-life became very thin on November 1, and the pagans believed that spirits (both harmless and harmful) were able to pass into this world on that day. Celtic pagan families would then communicate with their deceased family members and invite the deceased back into their home. It was believed that harmful and unwelcome spirits could be warded off by wearing devilish and witch-like costumes and masks. It was thought that the harmful spirits could be tricked into thinking that some people were also harmful spirits, and thus the evil spirits would leave the other evil spirits alone. "Trick or Treat!"

Whether or not evil spirits can be tricked to go away from our homes, it is never a good idea to call on evil or unknown spirits, even in the context of a game or fun. The spiritual world is real. There are good and evil spirits. Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer we pray "Deliver us from evil." So to spend a day or a week celebrating evil and scaring people is not the best option for Christians. In the USA, three weeks after Halloween, they celebrate a day called Thanksgiving, which is a national holiday to give thanks to God. This tradition has not been introduced in Australia for some reason!

As Christians, we adopted November 1 as the day to celebrate All the Saints in Heaven. For more than a thousand years, the month of November has been a special month dedicated to praying for the eternal rest of our deceased relatives. During November, families request Masses to be prayed for their deceased relatives. This tradition continues today.

The practice of dressing up in costumes on Halloween continues in some places, but for many people it is less about warding off harmful spirits and more a romanticisation of demons and darkness. As Christians we are encouraged to tell the stories of the positive examples of saints and martyrs. Maybe we might see people dressed next week as St Aloysius Gonzaga, St Francis of Assisi, St John the Baptist with a head on a dish, St Sebastian with arrows coming out of his chest or maybe even St Catherine of Alexandria on her wheel.



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



**First reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 ::::**

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heaven.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23 ::::

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 ::::

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 ::::

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that

I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

Weekday Mass Schedule and Offerings**Sunday 27 October**

8am Mass (*Mass for Tereza Kovac*)

Tuesday 29 October

7am Mass (*Mass for Victor Fisher*)

9.15am Mass

Wednesday 30 October

7am Mass

9.15am Mass (*Mass for the anniversary of Peter Coady*)

(with Students from St Aloysius)

11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)

Thursday 31 October

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

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

Friday 1 November - Solemnity of All Saints

8.15am Mass (at De La Salle College Chapel Cronulla,

Gunnamatta Rd) - **NOTE NEW LOCATION**

11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)

Saturday 2 November - All Souls Day

8.00am Mass

10.00am Mass (Pieta Crypt, Woronora Memorial Park
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 around the Church. Please place on any collection or submit to the parish office.

2019 Walk with Christ - Sunday 24 November and Prayer Intention Book

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.

Bishops Announce National Prayer Campaign for Drought :::

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week		WE NEED YOUR HELP :::: Anyone that has an hour to spare to help vacuum the Church, please contact the office. Many hands make light work.
Monday:	Parish Office closed. St Vincent de Paul Day Conference: 10.00am in the Parish Centre	Parish Volunteers and Contributor Appreciation Celebration Friday 15 November from 6.30pm in the Thornton Parish Hall. 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.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.	
Wednesday:	Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall.	
Thursday:	Social Justice Meeting: 5.30pm in the Parish Centre.	
Friday:	No notice.	
Saturday:	All Souls Mass: 10.00am at Woronora Cemetery.	
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.		Month of November—Praying for the souls of the Faithful Departed 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. There will be a Parish Memorial Candlelight Mass on Thursday 28th November at 7pm at St Aloysius Church.
Men's Breakfast @ Holy Family, Menai :::: On Saturday the 30th November at the Holy Family Parish in Menai there will be a Men's event for the whole Sutherland diocese. This is part of a huge effort the Archdiocese is putting in to recognise the need for men to come together in a dedicated environment.		Social Justice Group: Reflection on Poverty in Australia :::: We were shocked to read that 3 million fellow Australians - 13% of the population - are living below the poverty line and thought you might also be concerned by this figure which includes over 730,000 children. Many of these people are living in deep poverty which means they earn \$135 a week below the poverty line. Source: St Vincent de Paul Society Social Justice Newsletter, Sept 2019.
This week in the Catholic Weekly :::: * My Newman miracle * All Souls and All Saints: Meet your family * Pray-ers take Mary to the streets * East meets West at ACU * Movie review: <i>Downton Abbey</i> * NT Bishop has a plan Still the best Sunday Paper		Seminary Open Day :::: Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary will hold an Open Day on Sunday 10th November 2019 from 2pm until 4pm at 106 Gurney Road, Chester Hill. Afternoon Tea will be served at 3pm and the day will finish with Vespers sung by the Seminarians at 4pm. Details & Inquiries 9726 8114 or visit seminary.org.au/OpenDay
		Charitable Works Fund Appeal: 2nd and 3rd November 2019 Thank you for your support for the Charities of the Archdiocese, that provides family counselling, assistance to State School students through the catechetics programs, formation of seminarians, outreach to Aboriginal communities, support for people with disabilities and university chaplaincies. The Parish has a target of \$6600 to raise on this appeal. Please give generously. All donations are 100% tax deductible.
		ACU Centre for Liturgy: "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing" :::: What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick? These questions will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day called: "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing" at ACU Strathfield 25A Barker Road, Strathfield on Saturday 9 November from 9am to 4.45pm (registration from 8.30am). Cost is \$60 and registration (including lunch) is essential at: http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral_formation_days . All are welcome. For more information phone 9701 4751.



Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 2nd and 3rd November

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						
Extraordinary Communion Ministers	M. Remedios N. Azar G. Durante	J. Cullerton L. Oliver D. Harden I. O'Neill	F. O'Driscoll B. Slamon K. Vitenov K. Croxson	T. Merlino L. Overton G. Stratton C. Sammut		
Ministers Of the Word	M. Ball M. Fennell	J. Cullerton D. Harden	C. Iannelli V. Vitenov	J. Wright J. Boyd	B. Maughan C. Toutounji	
Prayer of the Faithful	G. Durante	L. Oliver	S. Schembri	M. Boyd	P. Livesey	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Lorraine	
Cleaning (Saturday)	B. Potter A. Woodhouse					
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

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 and Edna Taper who died recently. We pray for Peter Coady whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Tereza Kovac, 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

