



# ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CRONULLA

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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

### Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 2

#### Entrance Antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

#### Gospel Acclamation:

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

#### Communion Antiphon:

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

### 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

**Sebastian Mackay, Evelyn Hunt and Azzura Spoto Pavlis** 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

Today's Gospel is fascinating on many levels. The most obvious theme is very similar to the theme from last week that of condemning the Pharisees for their love of money and lack of a preferential option for the poor. Today's Gospel also addresses the errors of the Sadducees, who did not believe in eternal life, and also believed that poverty was a punishment for sin and prosperity was the blessing for the righteous.

**"They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them."**

Understood in a broad theological sense, today's Gospel recognizes that the Jewish people have received what is necessary to enter into eternal life. We as Christians believe that the suffering and redemptive actions of Christ have opened eternal life to all of humanity, including the Jewish people. However this does not mean that the Jewish people need to abandon their traditions and walk a different path. It may be easier for the Jewish people to enter eternal life if they walk with us in the life of the Church as Christians, however God has made a covenant with the Jewish people. God has given them the Law and the Prophets, and if the Jewish people faithfully live by God's Law and the Prophets then we as Christians believe that eternal life is open to them because of the actions of Jesus Christ.

The law of Moses, lived out today by faithful Jews, continues to prepare the Jewish people to accept Christ and the Gospel. While it is not necessary for Christians and other non-Jews to follow a literal interpretation of the Jewish law, neither is the literal interpretation of the Jewish law harmful to the Gospel message. Rather, the Jewish law prepares for, prefigures and foreshadows, as it has always done, Christ and the Church. Pope Benedict XVI said that "Whoever meets Jesus Christ meets Judaism" and he said that "We, as Christians, are spiritually Semites." Jesus was a Jew, and we as Christians should learn everything about our Jewish roots, and in learning more about our Jewish roots, we are able to learn more about Jesus Christ.

It could be said that when a Jewish person converts to Catholicism it is like putting icing on the cake. The Jewish people have the law and a covenant with God, and they share the same faith as we do, they worship the same God, and they even have many of the same or similar rituals as Christians.

For hundreds of years, Catholics unfortunately have not heard about the faith that we share in common with our Jewish brothers and sisters. Most Catholics wouldn't consider themselves to be Jewish, but the last three Popes have all affirmed that Jesus was Jewish and that Christians and Jews are brothers and sisters in faith.

Today's Gospel finishes with the words: *"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."*

Almost 2000 years later, we are in a similar situation to the rich man. We have the law, the prophets, the stories of Christ and the first Christians, and we even have 2000 years of continuous witness of martyrs, saints and our ancestors in Christian faith, but for many people today the resurrection of Christ is distant and is considered just a good story without any basis of reality. Some are happy to reject God entirely, but I don't believe have the knowledge or wisdom to reject that which people have believed in for 2000 years. Let us remember, as the Jewish people do, the great things that God has done for us and continues to do for us, even if our minds tempt us to deny it all.



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



**First reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7 ::::**

*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

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

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:6-10 ::::****R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16 ::::**

*Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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

**Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 ::::**

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and

was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah, no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

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

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

Come and join the sick and elderly of the Parish as we pray for the healing power and strength of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of the anointing of the Sick this coming Saturday.

**Change to Weekday Masses on Fridays from October 4.**

As announced recently at Weekday Masses, there will now be a Friday morning Mass at 8.15am instead of a 7am or a 9.15am Mass. From Term IV from 18 October, the Friday morning Mass will be celebrated at De La Salle College Cronulla Chapel accessed from Gunnamatta Rd - this Mass is for Students, Staff and Parishioners with no Mass occurring at the Cronulla Church. This new Mass will begin on a trial basis until the Christmas Holidays, with Mass returning to Cronulla Church during School Holidays at 8.15am. Every Friday, there is also Weekday Mass celebrated at Stella Maris Nursing Home, Coast Ave Cronulla at 11.15am. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Mass Offerings and Envelopes**

On August 28, 2019, the St. Aloysius Parish Team Leaders Meeting discussed and decided on a Parish Mass Offerings and Intentions Policy. This policy has now be implemented in the Parish and is effective until a new policy replaces this policy.

Offerings and Intentions for Mass can be scheduled through the Parish Office and Offering Envelopes are available at the rear of the Church and can be placed on any collection or given to the Parish Office. Only one Mass Offering can be accepted per priest per day, and a Mass offering will be said on the next available date closest to the requested day. Unless otherwise directed, the intention of the Mass Offering will be included in the bulletin for the week when the Mass is offered. A copy of the Policy for Mass Offerings is available by contacting the Parish Office.

Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week	
<b>Monday:</b>	Parish Office closed.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Funeral for Nicholas McGrath:</b> 10.30am. <b>Legion of Mary:</b> 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Rosary Guild:</b> 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Funeral for Kathleen O'Donnell:</b> 9.30am Mass
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>8.15am Mass at St Aloysius</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>NO 8am Mass due to Anointing Mass at 10.30am.</b>

**St Aloysius Social Justice Group Update ::::**  
**Social Justice Sunday**  
 We celebrate Social Justice Sunday this weekend. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: **Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World.** In this year's Social Justice Statement, *"the Australian Bishops invite you to reflect on how the internet has changed the way we communicate, work, learn, and do business – and how we can contribute towards a more just and loving digital world. We are called to 'make real' the love of God in the lives of our neighbours – both offline and on."*  
 To read the full Social Justice Statement 2019-2020, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au))

**Weekday Mass Schedule and Offerings for the October School Holidays**  
*Fr James will be away for a few days during the School Holidays. Only One Mass Offering is accepted per day*  
**Monday 30 September**  
*(Mass will be offered today for the soul of Vince Dever)*  
 9.15am Mass (available at Gymea Church)  
**Tuesday 1 October**  
*(for the soul of Simpson Henderson)*  
 7am - Communion Service  
 9.15am Mass  
 10.30am Funeral Service  
**Wednesday 2 October**  
*(for the healing of Colleen McLintock)*  
 7am - Mass  
 11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)  
**Thursday 3 October**  
*(for the soul of Kathleen O'Donnell)*  
 7am - Communion Service  
 9.30am - Funeral Mass for Kathleen O'Donnell  
**Friday 4 October**  
*(for the soul of Mary Henderson)*  
 8.15am Mass at Cronulla Church  
 11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)  
**Saturday 5 October**  
*(for the soul of Lillian Ellis)*  
 10.30am Anointing Mass  
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**Monday 7 October**  
*(Mass will be offered today for soul of Lillian Ellis)*  
 9.15am Mass (available at Gymea Church)  
**Tuesday 8 October**  
 7am - Communion Service  
 9.15am Mass  
**Wednesday 9 October**  
*(Mass will be offered today for soul of Lillian Ellis)*  
 7am - Communion Service  
 11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)  
**Thursday 10 October**  
 7am - Communion Service  
 9.15am Mass  
**Friday 11 October**  
 8.15am Mass (at Cronulla Church)  
 11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)  
**Saturday 12 October**  
 8am Mass



**FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JULY-AUGUST 2019 ::::**  
 The Parish Finance Committee reviewed the Financial position of the Parish on 24 September, 2019 and the following is noted:  
 - The First Collection during July and August is currently \$185 per week BELOW the breakeven target for the Parish. The First Collection helps sustain our clergy. Thank you for your ongoing support.  
 The Second Collection (Envelopes/Loose and Credit Cards) has increased by 1.6% in the last 2 months, the first increase in some time. The break even target for parish giving is currently \$450 per week BELOW where the Parish needs to be to consider maintaining our buildings to an adequate standard and providing the services and support that we have become used to. Thank you for your generosity and stewardship in helping to build up our Parish Community. A more complete financial report of the last 5 years is currently being prepared and will be distributed shortly.  
**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 the Parish Office and consider contributing via Credit Cards to help building-up our Church.  
**TIMING OF COLLECTIONS AT MASS**  
 On 24 September the Finance Committee discussed the timing of collections and it was agreed that collections after Communion can detract from thanksgiving and adoration moments after receiving Communion. It was decided that from the weekend of 19/20 October, the first collection will now occur after the Homily, with the 2nd collection occurring at the Offertory. The Committee hopes this change will help everyone to cherish the gift of the Eucharist.

**Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 5th and 6th 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						Priest
Communion Ministers	I. O'Neill M. Remedios G. Durante K. Eaton	R. Winton M. Hennessy C. Coady I. O'Neill	B. Slamon F. O'Driscoll A. Palumbo K. Vitenov	G. Stratton M. Boyd P. Morris L. Ison		
Ministers Of the Word	M. Fennell K. Eaton	M. Hennessy E. Molloy	F. O'Driscoll R. McCabe	D. De Souza M. Boyd	C. Toutounji B. Maughan	
Prayer of the Faithful	G. Durante	R. Winton	K. Croxson	T. Boyd	J. Hills	
Children's Liturgy					<b>Church Work</b> Cathy	
Cleaning (Saturday)	B. Potter A. Woodhouse					
Parish Counting Groups	<b>This Week Group 2</b> J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra		<b>Next Week Group 3</b> A. Wagner, J. & M. Bainbridge, J. Lynch			

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St Aloysius Parish Cronulla

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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)

**Weekday Masses :** Please note that Weekday Masses are now celebrated in the Weekday Mass Chapel  
**PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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)****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. **Rosary:** After the weekday Mass.**Anointing of the Sick in Mass: To be advised.**

We pray for Kathleen O'Donnell, Nicholas McGrath, Vince Dever, Claudi Giovenco, Ted MacDonald, Lillian Ellis and Carolyn Thomson who died recently. We pray for Mary Henderson, Simpson Henderson, William Noel Dwight whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Brian Small, John Favaloro, Catherine Favaloro, Joseph Favaloro, Felice & Josephine De Fina, Gordon O'Donnell, Luke O'Donnell, Cathy Aguilar, Geoff Jones, 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, Geoff Hurst.

**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

