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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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



Mabel Glen 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

"Lord, increase our faith!"

In the current public discourse in Australia it appears that Christians have become the modern-day punching bag. It seems that people find it easy to insult Christianity, to joke about Christians and to even blame Christians for many of the problems of our world. On the flip-side, we as Christians can become so sensitive and so intent on not offending anyone that we decide to keep our beliefs to ourselves and make faith and religion a purely private matter.

Interestingly in the last twenty years or so, Muslims around the world have become more public in their expressions of faith. Although some Australians think that our country is becoming a nation without God, the world is approaching a period where faith and religion are as important as they were a thousand or more years ago.

St Paul warns Timothy, and us also in today's 2nd reading, that we should not be ashamed to bear witness and to give testimony to the Lord, demonstrating that faith is not something that is a personal private possession. All of us need to share the moments when we witness and encounter the power of Christ in our lives.

Last Friday (October 4) was the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. He prayed the words of today's Gospel: "Increase our faith." For St Francis his faith led him to humility, and his extreme humility was above all freedom for service, mission, and ultimately trust in God.

St Francis heard the words of Christ: "Rebuild my Church!" These words are extended to all of us. No longer can we sit back and see the Church – the Body of Christ - continue to suffer ridicule and humiliation, and no longer can we sit back and see the Church declining into irrelevance.

Pope Francis has challenged the Church in recent times to go beyond ourselves. He said "I want to tell you something. I want a mess. I want to see the church getting closer to the people. I want to get rid of the mundane, this closing ourselves off within ourselves, in our parishes, schools or structures."

Pope Saint Paul VI in 1972 recognised that many in the world no longer see the importance of the Church or of belonging to a Church. He said "People no longer trust the Church; they trust the secular profane prophet that speaks to us from some newspaper or from some social movement."

Our Church and our faith have positive contributions to make to our society, nation and world. All of us need to assist in rebuilding a trust in Christianity and a trust in the Church for the future.

Each and every one of us has been given a faith and each of us is given the mission to spread the message of the hope and joy of Christ's life and to defend it and promote it with all the talents we have received.

The question is: *Do we have the courage and are we up to the challenge?*



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



**First reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 ::::**

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 ::::

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 ::::

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10 ::::

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have

been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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

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.

Parish Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who participated in training last Sunday. 35 people attended the training. Thank you especially to Anna Sammut for her excellent guidance and facilitation of the training.

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 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. 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 (if you have one) as a reference for each transaction, so that transactions can be matched to your envelope.

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 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.

Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week		<p>Congratulations to Minh Mai, who received an Apostolic Blessing last Sunday for 20 Years' Service as a Catechist in our Parish.</p> <p>The Annual Catechist Mass occurred at St Mary's Cathedral for all Catechists. Well done Minh for 20 fruitful years of spreading the Good News to our little children in our State Schools.</p>
Monday:	Parish Office closed.	<p>Blessing of Pets <i>The tradition of asking for God's blessing on animals is becoming more common around the Feast Day of St Francis Assisi (4 October).</i></p> <p><i>Almighty God, grant your people the grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of Saint Francis of Assisi, we may for love of you delight in all of creation with perfect joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets and animals who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.</i></p>
Tuesday:	<p>Legion of Mary: 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.</p> <p>St Vincent de Paul Night Conference: 7.00pm in St Aloysius Church Foyer.</p>	
Wednesday:	No Notice.	
Thursday:	No Notice.	
Friday:	No Notice.	
Saturday:	No Notice.	
<p><u>Weekday Mass Schedule and Offerings</u></p> <p><i>Fr James will have a reduced schedule this week. Please be compassionate with the reduced scheduled. Only One Mass Offering is accepted per day and can be scheduled through the Parish Office.</i></p> <p><u>Monday 7 October</u></p> <p><i>(Mass will be offered today for the soul of Lillian Ellis)</i></p> <p>9.15am Mass (celebrated at Gymea Church)</p> <p><u>Tuesday 8 October</u></p> <p>7am - Communion Service</p> <p><i>(Mass will be offered today for the healing of Paul Argull)</i></p> <p>9.15am Mass (Fr Witold to celebrate)</p> <p><u>Wednesday 9 October</u></p> <p><i>(Mass will be offered today for the soul of Lillian Ellis)</i></p> <p>7am - Communion Service</p> <p>11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)</p> <p><u>Thursday 10 October</u></p> <p>7am - Communion Service</p> <p><i>(Mass will be offered today for the soul of Brian Small)</i></p> <p>9.15am Mass</p> <p><u>Friday 11 October</u></p> <p>8.15am Mass (at Cronulla Church)</p> <p>11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)</p> <p><u>Saturday 12 October</u></p> <p>8.00am Mass</p> <p><u>Weekday Mass Schedule 15 to 19 October</u></p> <p><u>Monday 14 October</u></p> <p>9.15am Mass (celebrated at Gymea Church)</p> <p><u>Tuesday 15 October</u></p> <p>7am Mass <i>(Mass for anniversary of Francis Smith)</i></p> <p>9.15am Mass</p> <p><u>Wednesday 16 October</u></p> <p>7am Mass</p> <p>9.15am Mass (with Students from St Aloysius)</p> <p>11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)</p> <p><u>Thursday 17 October</u></p> <p>7am Mass</p> <p>9.15am Mass (at St Francis de Sales School, Woolooware)</p> <p><u>Friday 18 October</u></p> <p>8.15am Mass (at De La Salle College Chapel Cronulla, Gunnamatta Rd)</p> <p>11.15am Mass (at Stella Maris Nursing Home)</p> <p><u>Saturday 19 October</u></p> <p>8.00am Mass</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.</i></p>		<p><u>All Souls Day Saturday 2 November and Month of November</u></p> <p>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.</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> <p><u>Parish Volunteers and Contributor Appreciation Celebration</u></p> <p>Save the date: Friday 15 November from 6.30pm in your diary.</p> <p>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>
		<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>The Parish has been made aware of several scams that are currently targeting businesses and specifically Parishes. Parishioners, school or parish staff, especially those with publicly listed emails, are being sent emails (that appear to come from a member of the clergy) requesting an individual to purchase gift cards and email the gift card codes to a specific clergy member. Please be aware that these emails are not being sent by any member of the clergy (even if they claim to be coming from a priest you might know). This is a dishonest scheme that many people are getting trapped in. The Parish will never request you to email gift card details, credit card details or PINs from any of your accounts.</p> </div>
		<p><u>This week in the Catholic Weekly :::::</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * All aboard for fleet blessing * Attacks on seminaries unwarranted & dangerous * Voice of Assisi: Friar to open Lights of Christmas * Kiss and make up: Shock Jock * Movie review: Abominable * Historical meeting of Archbishops <p style="text-align: right;">Still the best Sunday Paper</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 12th and 13th 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						Kathy V.
Communion Ministers	G. Durante I. O'Neill N. Azar	P. Elwin R. Winton F. Schembri C. Marr	R. McCabe B. Slamon M. Sakowicz K. Croxson	T. Merlino G. Stratton M. Awad R. Driscoll		
Ministers Of the Word	N. Azar D. Smith	R. Winton F. Schembri	C. Iannelli B. Slamon	D. De Souza M. Awad	M. Venn F. Warner	
Prayer of the Faithful	G. Durante	P. Elwin	K. Vitenov	J. Wright	C. Toutounji	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Brenda	
Cleaning (Saturday)	S. O'Neill					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 3 A. Wagner, J. & M. Bainbridge, J. Lynch		Next Week Group 4 M. & S. Barlow, G. Newcombe, J. Small, M. Remedios, B. de Souza			

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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 Edna Taper, Kathleen O'Donnell, Nicholas McGrath, Vince Dever and Lillian Ellis who died recently. We pray for Brian Briggs whose anniversary occurs 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, 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.

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

