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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church:
Psalter Week 4

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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

Hunter Glaves, Cameron Hill and Tilly Pino 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 for our Parish Priest



During the month of November, the readings of the Church's year focus on the end times, and today's readings focus on eternal life. They challenge us to believe in God, eternity and heaven.

Many people are willing to accept many of the moral teachings of Jesus, especially to love our neighbour. But one of the greatest concerns for the Church today is that people no longer have a faith or belief in God nor a hope in eternal life, nor a desire to enter into heaven, and a regular commitment to journeying in the way of eternal life is not high on most people's agendas.

Many people have diverse ideas about what happens after our life in this world ends, and ultimately a choice to make faith a priority emerges from the way we view our faith and the way we understand God and eternal life.

Reincarnation (the belief that our life continues after this life, but perhaps in a higher or lower life-form) has become a popular mainstream belief. Reincarnation however is inconsistent with Christian faith because we believe that each person is created uniquely by God and in the image and likeness of God. We have a human soul and we will never stop being humans, even after this life has ended.

Some people believe that "everyone goes to Heaven and no one goes to Hell", despite what we have done in this life, while others believe that "this life is it and there is no heaven, no soul, no spirituality." The great question, that science has no answer for is: What is heaven and does heaven exist?

Simply put, Christians believe that Heaven is the place that we will see and live in the complete and perfect vision, knowledge and glory of God.

Heaven will be a place of great peace, love and life, and will be beyond our human imagination. Saint John Henry Newman said that: "Heaven is not like this world... it is much more like a church. For in a place of public worship... there are no schemes brought forward for temporal objects, great or small; no information of how to strengthen our worldly interests, extend our influence, or establish our line of credit... (In Heaven) we hear solely and entirely of God. We praise Him, worship Him, sing to Him, thank Him, confess to Him, give ourselves up to Him, and ask His blessing. And therefore, a church is like heaven; because both in the one and the other, there is one single sovereign subject – religion – brought before us."

A desire for heaven is hardwired within what it means to be a human being. Denying or starving our relationship with God, can result in people who are selfish, and self-centredness results in divided communities, psychological disorders, and much more. St Augustine, said that "Man is restless until he rests in God!" and if each of us want to be truly at peace, and to have meaning in our lives today, we need to be moving towards the purpose and destination for which we are created.

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



**First reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 ::::**

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15 ::::

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. **R.**

I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R.**

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5 ::::

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

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

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38 ::::

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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

Christmas Decorating at St Aloysius

If you are interested in helping to design, install and decorate the Cronulla Church in preparation for Christmas, please contact the Parish Office. The Pastoral Council has discussed the possibility of installing external lights for Christmas this year, with the hope that they will be in place for the 1st Sunday of Advent on 1 December. We are also looking at garlands and other festive decorations for the interior.

Men's Breakfast: 30 November—8am to 12pm**Prophet, Priest & King Day at Holy Family Menai**

All men are welcome to attend an invaluable experience of food, faith and fellowship on Saturday 30 November from 8am – 12pm at Holy Family Parish, 1D Anzac Rd, Menai. The schedule will run as follows:

8:00 Adoration 8:30 Mass offered by Bishop Umbers

9:30 Cooked breakfast

10:00 Talk by Peter Holmes on the topic of Prophet, Priest & King, followed by small group discussion and Q&A

COST: \$10/head. Book now at <http://www.trybooking.com/BFULH>

Catholic Mission Parish Appeal ::::

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Parish Appeal. Total amount raised: \$4,079.

Cook Needed for De La Salle Brothers Cronulla

A cook for the Brothers is needed Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 10am to 1pm. Anyone interested, please contact Br Phillip on 0431 411 455 or phillipelwin@netspace.net.au

Month of November—Praying for the Faithful Departed

There will be a Parish Memorial Candlelight Mass on **Thursday 28th November** at 7pm at St Aloysius Church.

Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week		<u>EMAIL SCAMS & IMPERSONATING PRIESTS</u>
Monday:	Parish Office closed.	<p>In recent weeks many priests across Sydney have been subjected to email scams and some parishioners have been scammed financially. False emails impersonating priests are circulating targeting parishioners, with emails claiming financial assistance from a parishioner. Authorities have been contacted and alerted to this emerging situation and security has been increased.</p> <p>Please do not purchase gifts cards and email the card numbers to an email address. If the email doesn't look entirely right, please check what the email address is and speak with Fr James directly or contact the parish office by phone to confirm that the email is real.</p> <p>Never email credit card details to anyone. If it sounds unusual, it is best to check with the person or the office directly before sending anything of value.</p>
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 4.00pm in the Parish Centre. St Vincent de Paul Night Conference: 7.00pm in the Chapel.	
Wednesday:	Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall.	
Thursday:	No notice.	
Friday:	Parish Volunteers Appreciation Dinner: 6.30pm at Thornton Hall.	
Saturday:	No notice.	
<p>Social Justice Group Update: Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019–2020 :::: The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019–2020, is titled; <i>Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world</i>. The Statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements that are harmful to the dignity of individuals and the common good. Pope Francis is calling us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'.</p> <p>There are ten steps we can take towards making our online presence one that fosters genuine human encounter.</p> <p>The Social Justice Group plans to bring you these steps, one at a time, over the next few months.</p> <p>1. MAKE YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE ONE OF DIGNITY AND RESPECT</p> <p>We must always remember that each person we communicate with on social media is a real person – made in the image and likeness of God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be careful not to access or post anything that is demeaning, inappropriate or exploitative. Do not be dismissive, judgemental or aggressive in your conversation. • Read Pope Francis' World Communications Day messages, which show us how the online world can help foster human dignity: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications.index.html • Access the book by Beth Doherty, <i>Tweet others as you would wish to be tweeted</i>, at the Bishops' online store: http://www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop 		<p><u>Parish Volunteers and Contributor Appreciation Celebration</u> Friday 15 November from 6.30pm in the Thornton Parish Hall. The Parish will provide the dinner and drinks, and attendees are asked to bring desserts. Registration are on tables at rear of Church.</p> <p><u>HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PARISH:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Volunteering with the day-to-day operations of the Parish : if you have an hour to spare, we need help vacuuming the Church and also help with looking after the Parish Archive Room. For more information on these or other opportunities, please contact the Parish Office. 2. Volunteering in a Liturgical Ministry The Parish needs more readers, extraordinary ministers of holy communion, acolytes, altar servers and musicians. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in joining one of the ministries and being added to the rosters. 3. Helping Financially 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 <p>Consider Direct Transfer Giving or Credit Card Giving: Credit Card giving can be arranged through the Parish Office. Parish 1st Collection Details: BSB: 062 784; Account Number: 04152001; Account Name: Cronulla Parish Pastoral Revenue Parish 2nd 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.</p> <p>St Vincent de Paul Society :::: Christmas cards and calendars are now available in the foyer of the church. Cards are \$7 per packet and calendars are \$8. Please place money in the poor box or in the Catholic weekly tin.</p> <p>Boxes for Christmas hamper items will be placed in the foyer next weekend 16/17th November. We will gratefully accept in-date non-perishable items which will then be packed into hampers for families doing it tough in our community.</p> <p>On the weekend of the 23rd/24th November we will be holding our Annual Christmas Appeal. On that weekend envelopes will be placed on the church pews and conference members will speak at the weekend Masses. These monies will be used to continue our support to those in need in Cronulla. We are grateful for the generosity of our parish community. Donations are tax deductible. More information please contact Vicki Rolland President St Vincent de Paul night conference Cronulla on 0414523449.</p>



Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 16th and 17th 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	New rosters are now printed and available in the church foyer for readers and Communion ministers.					Frank
Extraordinary Communion Ministers	M. Remedios I. O'Neill K. Eaton	G. Downes M. Hennessy L. Tesoriero A. Tesoriero	B. Slamon K. Croxson A. Palumbo K. Vitenov	G. Stratton T. Merlino R. Driscoll C. Sammut		
Ministers Of the Word	K. Eaton D. Smith	G. Downes E. Molloy	K. Vitenov B. Slamon	D. De Souza J. Wright	M. Turner F. Warner	
Prayer of the Faithful	A. Stempniak	M. Hennessy	S. Schembri	G. Stratton	J. Hills	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Beate	
Cleaning (Saturday)	G. Vitano K. Gothard					
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

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 **Les Farrow, Dorothea Fitzgerald, Kenneth Whittingham and Victor Fisher** who died recently.

We also pray for the repose of the souls of those whose names have been written in the Book of Remembrance during the month of the Holy Souls. This Book is located near the Sanctuary of St Aloysius' Church.

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

