



ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CRONULLA

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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.

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.

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.

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



Reflection for our Parish Priest

Today's second reading is a reading that was very well known in my family when I was growing up. For years it was on the fridge door at my parents home. I learnt as a child that every person in the family needs to contribute and serve each other to help keep the family together. The same is true for Christians. Unfortunately for many Catholics today, faith is experienced more like a product we purchase as opposed to an action that we serve and make present through our lives.

Failing to contribute or serve others in the faith community is an indication of what St Paul was saying to the Thessalonians - that those who don't contribute shouldn't be entitled to eat. About 5% of Catholics in Australia attend Church regularly and about 1 in 40 Catholics under the age of 35 attend Mass regularly in Cronulla. I often grapple with the question of why faith participation is not a reality for many people today. I think there are at least three issues that are worthy of consideration and reflection.

The first key issue is Credibility. The Church has been seriously effected by child sexual abuse and by the inaction of many in leadership, both ordained and lay. Every Catholic has to be a credible witness to Jesus Christ, and the witness of parents to children can sometimes be a much more powerful example than the witness of an elderly clergyman. Credibility requires authenticity, genuineness and consistency. Credibility needs to be rebuilt at every level in the Church, and to do this I believe we need to be honest and truthful about the realities of our time.

The second key issue for the Church is that the desire for many to be socially active has replaced the foundational relationship with Jesus that comes through Prayer and Meditation. Faith is not just about jumping in and trying to impose our view on the world through helpful actions, but prior to action, we need to discern what the will of God is at this time and this place. Many people have claimed to me that they don't see the need to come to Mass, but when I enquire a little deeper with them about their daily prayer-life, it would appear that prayer is something that happens perhaps once or twice a year. Prayer needs to be an integral part of every Christian activity, and it is even ok to pause our life, to pause our work and even to pause the TV in order to spend a few moments in dialogue and conversation with God.

The places in the English-speaking world that are seeing significant increases in Catholic attendance at Sunday Mass, are places where daily prayer and meditation have become a part of the life of most parishioners. Some Catholic churches in different parts of Australia and across the world never lock their doors, because parishioners are taking it in turns to be at prayer for every hour of every day. Imagine the power of God we would have in our community if someone was praying on behalf of our community every hour of every day. Unfortunately, most of the time our churches are locked because of fears of damage and break-ins, and I think this is a great shame. Maybe we could do something about this!

The third key issue for the Church today is community involvement. If we want our Church to grow and be a place for future generations, then everyone, from the very young to the very old, needs to be encouraged to participate in the outreach activities of the Church. As Catholics, we struggle to come to Mass because we are all so busy, let alone be involved regularly in outreach or service for others. Where we place our priorities and how we contribute is a clear indication of our desire to eat and to participate in the actions of Heaven.



**First reading: Malachi 3:19-20 ::::**

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:5-9 ::::

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 ::::

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

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

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19 ::::

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from

heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PARISH**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

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.

EMAIL SCAMS & IMPERSONATING PRIESTS

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.

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. 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.

Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week		Church Cleaning Bee and Christmas Decorating ::::
Monday:	<p>Parish Office closed. St Vincent de Paul Day Conference: 10.00am in the Parish Centre. St Vincent de Paul Night Conference: 7.30pm in the Chapel.</p>	<p>On Saturday 30th November after the 8am Mass we are asking for all to come along and spend a joy filled morning cleaning and preparing our Church for Christmas. We need help cleaning inside the church, the garden outside and also hanging Christmas decorations. Please put this date aside in your calendar and volunteer just an hour or two of your time. We promise a delicious morning tea.</p>
Tuesday:	<p>Legion of Mary: 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.</p>	<p>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. Please bring photos of deceased relatives to place around the foot of the altar.</p>
Wednesday:	<p>Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Rosary Guild: 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.</p>	<p>St Aloysius Social Justice Group— <i>“Friendship across the Sea in Action”</i> <u>HatoUdo, Timor Leste, Education Scholarships</u></p>
Thursday:	No notice.	<p>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. We can assure you all the funds raised through the sale of the chocolates assists third world farmers, the scholarship recipients and some support for the HatoUdo bakery project.</p>
Friday:	No notice.	
Saturday:	No notice.	

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.



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.

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.

- This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::**
- * Fighting Fire with Faith
 - * Fragmenting motherhood? 3-parent babies
 - * Losing faith - Labor election review
 - * Monica Doumit: Twisting the truth
 - * Movie review: The King
 - * A third Aussie Saint?

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Calvary Hospital Remembrance Service ::::
 Tuesday November 26th at 7:30pm at Calvary’s Chapel, 111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah.

Anyone who has suffered bereavement is welcome to attend; especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary. Light refreshments follow. Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved one. For more info: Mary A 9553-3158.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

5pm Children's Mass (Cronulla)
6.30pm St John Fisher (Kurnell)
8pm (Cronulla)
Midnight (Cronulla)

Christmas Day

9.15am (Cronulla)
9.00am Our Lady of the Way (Bundeena)

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 23rd and 24th 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						Carolyn E.
New rosters are now printed and available in the church foyer for readers and Communion ministers.						
Extraordinary Communion Ministers	I. O'Neill N. Azar M. Remedios G. Durante	R. Winton F. Schembri G. Durante C. Coady	F. O'Driscoll B. Slamon K. Croxson R. McCabe	R. Driscoll L. Ison M. Boyd T. Merlino		
Ministers Of the Word	D. Smith N. Azar	R. Winton G. Durante	F. O'Driscoll K. Croxson	M. Boyd J. Boyd	B. Shanahan K. Plumer	
Prayer of the Faithful	M. O'Connor	F. Schembri	R. McCabe	I. Williams	F. Warner	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Anne	
Cleaning (Saturday)	R. Butterfield Adam					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 4 M. & S. Barlow, G. Newcombe, J. Small, M. Remedios, B. de Souza		Next Week Group 5 P. & B. Watkins, C. Sola, J. & T. Stokes			

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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 DecemberWe pray for **Les Farrow** 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

