



# ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CROUNULLA

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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD



## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR C

### Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 2

#### Entrance Antiphon:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Alleluia!**

#### Communion Antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### 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



**Callum Law and Audrey Pervan** 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

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ as King of the Universe. We are asked to look to the future, to the ultimate goal of existence, which is the eternal kingdom of God.

Christ was with the Father in the beginning when the world was created, and the Triune God – Father, Son and Spirit, judged creation to be good. At the end of time, Christ the King will again judge all of creation - separating the good from the bad.

Many in our world misunderstand the identity of Jesus Christ, and this can lead to confusion about what the Church, faith and the kingdom of God are all about.

The Jewish priests, Pontius Pilate and even the apostles and followers of Christ misunderstood the kingship of Jesus. It can be equally easy for any person today to misunderstand what faith, religion and Jesus are all about. Ironically, it is from the mouth of a convicted criminal on the cross next to Jesus that we hear perhaps the strongest belief in the eternal kingdom of Jesus.

Jesus had no political ambitions, despite the encouragement of many people. After the multiplication of the loaves, the people, who had been amazed by the miracles of Jesus, wanted to take Jesus and make him their king. They wanted Jesus as King in order to overthrow the power of the Roman Empire and because they wanted to establish a new political world-order which would then be considered the long-awaited kingdom of God.

Many people today use elements of the life and teachings of Jesus to try to establish earthly and political realities, but these will always fall short of what the Kingdom of God is truly like. The Kingdom of God is completely different to our earthly experiences of government, prime ministers or presidents. The Kingdom of God is not built with control, violence and terror, and it is not established through wars or elections. Rather the sign of the coming of God's kingdom is the image of our king crucified and dying on the cross.

In the Passion narrative, the disciples, even though they had shared Jesus' life and listened to his words, were still thinking of Jesus as a political leader and that his kingdom would be brought about by force and numbers. To accomplish the will of God and to establish the Heavenly Kingdom needs the weakness of life-giving love and not the power of the sword, the pen or the tongue.

The kingdom of God is a kingdom utterly different from earthly kingdoms. Jesus speaks of kings and kingship, yet he referred to truth and not to power as the purpose of the kingdom. Jesus came to reveal and bring a new kind of kingship and leadership, a kingship that bears witness to the truth of a God who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8,16).

Whoever is completely open to the truth will hear and understand the King's Speech – a message of justice, love and peace for all of creation. Let us continue to embrace Jesus as King, to worship him as God, to live his ways hear and now so that we will be welcomed justly and honourably as citizens into the eternal kingdom of God.



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



**First reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 ::::**

*They anointed David king of Israel.*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

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

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121:1-5 ::::**

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
**R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **R.**

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20 ::::**

*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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

**Gospel: Luke 23:35-43 ::::**

*Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the

other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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

**CHRISTMAS MASSES****Christmas Eve**

**5pm Children's Mass (Cronulla)**

**6pm Stella Maris Aged Care (Cronulla)**

**6.30pm St John Fisher (Kurnell)**

**8pm (Cronulla)**

**Midnight (Cronulla)**

**Christmas Day**

**9.15am (Cronulla)**

**9.00am Our Lady of the Way (Bundeena)**

**Church Cleaning Bee and Christmas Decorating ::::**

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.

**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.

**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 are now in the foyer. We will gratefully accept in-date non-perishable items which will then be packed into hampers for families doing it tough in our community.

This weekend we are holding our Annual Christmas Appeal. Envelopes are 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 on 0414523449.

Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week		Advent Program ::::
Monday:	Parish Office closed. <b>St Vincent de Paul Day Conference:</b> 10.00am in the Parish Centre.	In order to help prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of Christ, there will be 3 week Advent Program commencing on Tuesday 3rd December at 6pm in the Chapel. Sessions will run for about an hour and will include reflection on the Gospels of Advent and Prayer. There is no cost involved except your time. Please call Vicki Rolland on 0414523449 if you require further details.
Tuesday:	<b>Legion of Mary:</b> 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.	<b>St Aloysius Social Justice Group: Invitation to interested parishioners to our Planning Session for 2020—5 December 4pm to 5.30pm</b> The purpose of the Planning session is to identify our outcomes for next year and enable us to focus our resources (human) to maximise our efforts. We have a guest facilitator for the planning session. We are conscious of time constraints and will start and finish on time.
Wednesday:	<b>Playgroup:</b> 10.00am at Thornton Hall.	
Thursday:	<b>Social Justice Group meeting:</b> 5.30pm in the Chapel. <b>Parish Memorial Mass:</b> 7.00pm at St Aloysius Church.	We will take the results of the planning session and develop a strategy at the meeting that follows to prioritise outcomes into a realistic action plan. The Guest speaker is Anne Rutherford from Jesuit Refugee Service and she will present for 15 minutes. Anne has experience in refugee and social justice issues and how parishes and Social Justice groups function.
Friday:	No notice.	<b>Where:</b> Meeting Room in St Aloysius Parish Centre. If you are unable to attend, written suggestions or submissions are welcome. Please send to parish office or email <a href="mailto:admin@stalcron.org.au">admin@stalcron.org.au</a>
Saturday:	<b>Church Christmas decorating and cleaning:</b> 9.00am – 11.00am. <b>Care &amp; Concern Friendship Dinner:</b> 6.00pm at Thornton Hall.	<b>Lights of Christmas—Opening Night Concert on 5 December</b> Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral with a special Opening Night Concert featuring Friar Alessandro, the Voice from Assisi, and internationally acclaimed Australian pianist Vivian Choi. The concert will be a free event in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 7.30pm. A Sydney tradition, the Lights of Christmas runs every night until Christmas featuring a range of choirs.
<b>Parish Renewal Implementation Manager – Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney ::::</b> An exciting opportunity exists for an experienced person to support the Director of Parish 2020 by leading the implementation of parish renewal in alignment with the vision of the Sydney Archdiocesan Mission Plan. For more information, contact Nevine Piperides on 0418 698 327. Applications close Friday 29 November.		<b>Welcome to Seminarian Mark Anderson who will be in the Parish until June 2020. Mark will start on Tuesday 26 November.</b> Mark is a 4th Year Seminarian from the Seminary of the Good Shepherd. He has been assigned to the Parish for an extended parish experience as part of his seminary training. Please make him feel welcome to our community.
<b>Donating to Help Bushfires and Drought Relief</b> From next weekend, Tap Donation Facilities will be ready for use. For the first two weeks of Advent, all tap donations will be directed to the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) Disaster Resilience and Recovery Fund, helping communities impacted by drought and/or bushfires.		

## Tap Donation Facilities are Coming to Cronulla Soon

Cash transactions could become a distant memory by 2026, according to predictions from experts. According to survey data from the Reserve Bank of Australia, the percentage of cash payments in Australia has plummeted from 69 per cent in 2007 to below 30 per cent in 2018, and government and business are planning for a cashless society by 2026.



As people are carrying less cash, the Parish Finance Committee decided to recommend installing **tap & go donation facilities**. These will be located at the entrance foyer to the Church at Cronulla and will initially be used as an aid for special collections and special project giving.

**No tax deduction will be available for tap facilities.** They are self-serve facilities, which fully encrypt the credit card data. No receipt or reimbursement is possible, although the transaction will appear on your credit card statement.

**The facilities are initially set at \$5 and \$10.** If you want to give more than these amounts, then you are welcome to tap more times for more transactions.

The facility will only accept Mastercard and VISA. The Parish is charged \$1 dollar a day for the facilities and there are no individual transaction fees. The facilities will not replace regular collections, envelopes, credit card giving or other methods which are able to facilitate tax deductible giving. The implementation of Tap&Go is not designed as a method to increase giving, but simply to assist giving for those who are no longer carrying cash but still want to give to worthy causes.

## Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 30th November and 1st December

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						Priest
Extraordinary Communion Ministers	I. O'Neill M. Remedios N. Azar	M. Hennessy C. Marr A. Cimino I. O'Neill	K. Vitenov F. O'Driscoll K. Croxson M. Sakowicz	G. Stratton R. Driscoll P. Morris L. Overton		
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Prayer of the Faithful	M. O'Connor	M. Downes	K. Vitanov	J. Wright	M. Turner	
Children's Liturgy					<u>Church Work</u> Cathy	
Cleaning (Saturday)	M. Donnellan L. Beaudoire					
Parish Counting Groups	<u>This Week Group 5</u> P. & B. Watkins, C. Sola, J. & T. Stokes		<u>Next Week Group 1</u> L. Overton, M. Staunton, C. & M. Sammut			

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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 **Eric Lindsell, Moya O'Brien, Ester Mariano** and **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

