

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CROUNULLA

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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon:

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O 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.

Congratulations To



BAPTISM

Edwina Rayner 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.

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



Reflection from our Parish Priest Fr James

'Hurry Up and become an active part of the Family of Jesus!'

The story of Zacchaeus is one of the most famous stories from the Gospels. Zacchaeus, a powerful and feared Jewish personality, had heard about Jesus. Zacchaeus was a wealthy senior tax collector who worked for the Roman Empire. Ancient Roman tax collectors presumed on the innocence of people and they would charge much higher taxes than they should, personally pocketing several percentage points with each person. Zacchaeus admits to having defrauded many people by this dishonest method.

Zacchaeus was unpopular and he was someone who saw himself separate from the people. The general working-class would have hated him, and the religious classes – Pharisees, Saducees and others would have had no time for him as he was engaged in the work of the Roman Empire.

St Luke tells us that Zacchaeus was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was. Zacchaeus was not seeking eternal life, truth, healing or friendship but he was coming to make an investigation, a judgment or an audit of Jesus and his ministry. Zacchaeus realised that the only way for a short man to see Jesus was to climb a tree, whereby the words of Jesus take on a double meaning. Not only does Jesus tell Zacchaeus to "come down" physically from the tree, but Jesus is saying much more than a change of height. Zacchaeus is being told to leave his position of judgment, investigation and misguided authority, to come down from his perch and to join Jesus and the Jewish people as part of the community and to no longer separate himself from the community.

"Come down" is what Christ is telling us to do today. We are reminded that the Christian is a person of humility. Last week's Gospel reminded us that the Christian is the person who relies on the mercy of God. Today's Gospel also reminds us that we are not the judge or the investigator of others.

Jesus also tells Zacchaeus to 'Hurry up'. For many years Zacchaeus probably knew what he was doing was wrong, but he was comfortable in his sin, as most of us can become comfortable with our sins. Jesus says there is urgency, because we do not know the time or the hour when our life will come to an end. Don't leave for tomorrow what can be done today.

At the time of Christ, the father of a household was of enormous importance. When Christ tells Zacchaeus that he wants to stay at his house, then Christ's visit will impact all the members of the household of Zacchaeus – his wife, children, perhaps relatives, his house-staff and servants. By welcoming and offering hospitality to Christ as an overnight guest into his home, Zacchaeus, according to Jewish tradition, was including Jesus in his family. The implication of this is that Jesus would become a member of Zacchaeus's family and that Zacchaeus and his whole household would become members of the family of Jesus. This is quite similar to inviting a work colleague to eat with your family. Christ desires to come and stay at our homes. He desires that we more perfectly choose to become members of his family, and that we accept Christ into the context of our homes, our families and into our lives.

"Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today."



**First reading: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2 ::::**

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 ::::

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2 ::::

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

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

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 ::::

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was

too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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

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. Also, contact the office if anyone is interested in looking after the archive room in the Parish Centre.

New rosters are now printed and available in the church foyer for readers and Communion ministers.

Parish Volunteers and Contributor Appreciation Celebration

Friday 15 November from 6.30pm in the Thornton Parish Hall.

Anyone who volunteers in the parish OR anyone who contributes to the Parish spiritually or financially is invited to a special evening of appreciation, thanks and celebration. The Parish will provide the dinner and drinks, and attendees are asked to bring desserts. The evening will be a fun celebration and coming together of the Parish before the busyness of Christmas. Registration are on tables at rear of Church.

Month of November—Praying for the souls of the Faithful Departed

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 are available throughout the Church.

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

This week in the Catholic Weekly ::::

- * Death Online: Sydney abortion website opens for business
- * 104 - Patricia celebrates
- * 'Born that way' no more: New study is bad news for queer theory
- * A Father's love reborn for a daughter
- * Movie review: *The Addams Family*
- * A heroic Anglican Archbishop

Still the best Sunday Paper



Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed. St Vincent de Paul Day Conference: 10.00am in the Parish Centre.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.
Wednesday:	Playgroup: 10.00am at Thornton Hall. Rosary Guild: 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.
Thursday:	No notice.
Friday:	No notice.
Saturday:	No notice.

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

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.

Christmas Mass Times throughout the Parish: **Cronulla Christmas Eve:**

5pm (Children's Mass) & 8pm

Cronulla Christmas Day: Midnight & 9.15am

Kurnell: 6.30pm (Christmas Eve)

Bundeena: 9am (Christmas Day)

Please spread the word about Christmas Masses and start preparing for this great time of the year!

Charitable Works Fund Appeal: THIS WEEKEND 2nd & 3rd November.

Thank you for your support for the Charities of the Archdiocese, that provides family counselling, assistance to State School students through the catechetics programs, formation of seminarians, outreach to Aboriginal communities, support for people with disabilities and university chaplaincies. The Parish has a target of \$6600 to raise on this appeal.

Please give generously. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

2019 Walk with Christ - Sunday 24 November and Prayer Intention Book

The Annual Eucharistic Procession through the Streets of Sydney, from St Patrick's Church Hill to the Cathedral will occur on the Solemnity of Christ the King, 24 November from 2.30pm. There is a prayer intention book located at the rear of the Church which will be presented on the day. Please consider adding your prayer.

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 a direct recurring automatic transfer for Sunday offerings. 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 as a reference for each transaction.

Weekday Mass Schedule and Offerings

During November, all Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls. No special intentions will be offered other than the November Mass Offerings of the Parish.

November Mass Offering and Remembrance Envelopes are available around the Church. Please place on any collection or submit to the parish office.

A Book of Remembrance will be compiled and placed at the foot of the altar during the month of November.

National Prayer Campaign for Drought Relief during November

People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/drought


Men's Breakfast @ Holy Family, Menai :::: - Saturday 30 November

There will be a Men's event for the whole Sutherland Denary. This is part of a huge effort the Archdiocese is putting in to recognise the need for men to come together in a dedicated environment. More info—see notice board

Archbishop Fisher Visit last Sunday - thank you to everyone who participated in the visit and helped to make it such a success.




Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 9th and 10th 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						Kathy V.
Extraordinary Communion Ministers	I. O'Neill M. Remedios K. Eaton	J. Cullerton C. Marr A. Cimino R. Winton	F. O'Driscoll B. Slamon R. McCabe K. Vitenov	R. Driscoll L. Ison P. Morris M. Boyd		
Ministers Of the Word	K. Eaton M. O'Connor	J. Turnbull J. Cullerton	R. McCabe K. Croxson	D. De Souza J. Boyd	M. Hills F. Waugh	
Prayer of the Faithful	M. Ball	G. Downes	F. O'Driscoll	M. Boyd	K. Plumer	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Marie / John	
Cleaning (Saturday)	S. O'Neill					
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 2 J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra		Next Week Group 3 A. Wagner, J. & M. Bainbridge, J. Lynch			



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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 So Les Farrow, Dorothea Fitzgerald, Kenneth Whittingham, Victor Fisher, Jane Buhagiar and Ken West 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

