



ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CRONULLA

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A – HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 3

Entrance Antiphon:

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his
presence are majesty and
splendour, strength and honour in
his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my
salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached
the Good News of the kingdom and
healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Look toward the Lord and be
radiant; let your faces not be
abashed.

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.

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



Preparing for the Upcoming Visit to the Parish of Three Saints in One Family

St Therese of the Little
Flower (1873-1897) has been
admired and loved by
generations of Catholics. Many
people have found in her short
life more inspiration for their own lives than in volumes written by
theologians.

Thérèse was born in France in 1873, her mother Zélie died when she was only
4 years old and she was raised by her father. Therese died when she was just
24, after having lived as a cloistered Carmelite nun for less than 10 years. She
never went on missions, never founded a religious order and never performed
any explicitly great works.

The only book of hers, published after her death, was a brief edited version of
her journal *Story of a Soul*. Within just 28 years of her death, the public
demand for her journal was so great that she was canonised a Saint in 1925,
and in 1997 was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church. Her contribution towards
the universal call to child-like holiness is simple but unique in the history of
the Church.

Saint Zélie Martin (1831 - 1877) was a lace maker. Born into a military
family, Zélie described her childhood and youth as “dismal”. Her mother and
father showed her little affection.

As a young lady, she sought unsuccessfully to enter the religious life. Zélie
then learned the Alençon lace-making technique and soon mastered this
painstaking craft. Richly talented, creative, eager and endowed with common
sense, she started her own business and became so successful that her husband
eventually sold his own business to go into partnership with her. Notable as
these achievements were, Zélie was yet to reveal the depths of the strength,
faith and courage she possessed until she wholeheartedly undertook her life as
a wife and mother. She had nine children, five of whom became nuns, four
died before they reached 6 months of age, one died at the age of five, and one
of the children became one of the most loved saints in history.

Saint Louis Martin (1823 - 1894) was born into a family of soldiers. He
absorbed the sense of order and discipline that army life engenders, but his
temperament tended toward things of the family. He became a watchmaker by
trade but saw the skill and opportunities that were created by his talented wife
Zélie, and so he decided to sell his business and help the career of his wife.
Louis managed the production and expansion of his wife’s lace business,
while also being a father who was very present in the life of his children.

At age 22, young Louis sought to enter religious life at the monastery of the
Augustinian Canons of the Great St Bernard Hospice in the French Alps. The
Abbot insisted the young candidate learn Latin, which he found extremely
challenging, and he eventually had to leave the monastery due to illness.
Louis’ desire for holiness was realised through his love for his wife and his
children, his redemptive suffering, and his 17 years as a single father
following his wife’s death. He is also venerated as a Patron Saint of mental
health issues due to his struggles with dementia toward the end of his life.



**First reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3 ::::**

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14 ::::

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 ::::

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 ::::

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

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

Collection for Vinnie's Bushfire Appeal

The Australian Bishops are encouraging donations to the Vinnie's Bushfire Appeal, especially today. Tap Donations are set at rear of Church and Envelopes are available around the Church. Please give generously.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PARISH:

- 1. Volunteer with the day-to-day operations of the Parish.**
- 2. Consider nominating for one of the new parish committees.**
- 3. Helping Financially through regular Planned Giving.**

Credit Card Giving (Arranged through Office) or **Direct Transfer Giving 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. Use your envelope number as a transaction reference.

Visit of Three Saints to Cronulla on Monday 3 February

St Therese of the Child Jesus

and her Parents St Louis and Zelig Martin will visit Cronulla 9.30 Mass followed by opportunity for silent prayer until 1pm

A Catholic Understanding of Relics and Veneration

Is the veneration of relics really necessary? Must Catholics really esteem the bodies of the Saints?

In the 16th Century, the Council of Trent responded to the claims of reformers that veneration of Saints and veneration of their relics is contrary to Sacred Scripture. The Church taught that "the holy bodies of the holy Martyrs and of the others who dwell with Christ . . . are to be honoured by the faithful."

Relics in Sacred Scripture: There are several scriptural passages that support the veneration of relics. For example, the Israelites reverently took Joseph's bones when they departed Egypt (*Ex. 13:19*). The bones of Elisha came in contact with a dead person who then was raised to life (*2 Kings 13:21*). The same Elisha took the mantle of Elijah and fashioned a miracle with it (*2 Kings 2:13*). The Christians of Ephesus, by using handkerchiefs and cloths that had been touched to St Paul's skin, received healing for the sick (*Acts 19:12*).

Communion of Saints

To venerate the relics of the Saints is a profession of belief in several doctrines of the Catholic faith:

- The belief in eternal life for those who have obediently witnessed to Christ and His Holy Gospel here on earth.
- The truth of the resurrection of the body for all persons on the last day.
- The doctrine of the splendour of the human body and the respect which all should show toward the bodies of both the living and the deceased.
- The belief in the special intercessory power which the Saints enjoy in heaven because of their intimate relationship with Christ the King.
- Because of our connection in the communion of Saints: we as members of the Church on the pilgrim journey, and they as members of the Church triumphant.

Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week

Monday:	Parish Office closed.
Tuesday:	Teachers Opening School Mass: 9.00am.—NO 8am Legion of Mary: 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.
Wednesday:	No notice.
Thursday:	Social Justice Group meeting: 5.30pm in the Chapel.
Friday:	8.15am Mass at De La Salle Cronulla No 8am Mass
Saturday:	Anointing Mass 10.30am (NO 8AM MASS).

Weekday Mass Schedule for the Next Two Weeks

Tuesday 28 January - 9am Mass

Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas

With teachers from Cronulla Catholic Schools

Wednesday 29 January - 8am Mass

Thursday 30 January - 8am Mass

Friday 31 January—8.15am MASS

Memorial of St John Bosco

NOTE NEW LOCATION & TIME

Mass at De La Salle College Chapel Cronulla,
Gunnamatta Rd.

Saturday 1 February - 10.30am Mass

Mass of Anointing of the Sick

Monday 3 February - 9.30am Mass

*Mass with the Relics of St Therese of the Little Flower,
and her parents St Louis and St Zelie Martin.*

Tuesday 4 February - 7am Mass ONLY

Wednesday 5 February - 7am & 9.15am

Masses at Cronulla

Memorial of St Agatha

Thursday 6 February - 7am and 9.15am

Masses at Cronulla

Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions.

9.15am Mass will be offered for the soul of Dorothy Hennessey, and her Ashes will be interned in the Wall of Remembrance following the Mass.

9.15am Mass will return to Woolloomare on 13 Feb.

Friday 7 February - 8.15am (De La Cronulla)

Saturday 8 February - 8am Mass

Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita

Weekday Masses during all school holidays will be at 8am (Tuesday to Saturday).

Mass on Tuesdays during School terms will be at 7am only. Mass is available at Caringbah at 9.15am on Tuesdays.

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home?

Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call CCareline to find out more 13 18 19 or email connect@catholiccare.org

You are Invited to be Involved

From February 2020, the Parish will be formally establishing three new committees to help coordinate and lead the missionary and renewal activities of the Parish. Please pray and discern what gifts, skills and interests you have that might help to bring others to experience and to serve Jesus Christ.

Each Committee will meet once every two months and will help delegate to sub-groups where appropriate. Each Committee will be appointed initially for a 2 year period and will be drawn from a mix of those who are currently volunteering and from parishioners who are enthusiastic about the renewal of the parish. It is hoped that each group will have approximately 8 members. If you are interested in volunteering with one of these committees, please firstly pray, speak to your family and other parishioners. A process of nominations and then selections will occur in the coming weeks, with information to be provided via the Bulletin.

The Worship Committee will coordinate and help train all parish liturgical volunteers, will pray and reflect on the experience of worship throughout the parish and will be an advocate and a promoter of the renewal of Worship as an integral part of the Christian life. The Worship Committee will help to coordinate music, readers, acolytes, altar servers, major liturgical celebrations, the decorations and beautification of the Church, and the spirituality and devotional life of the Parish.

The Formation Committee will coordinate and train all parish catechetical and teaching volunteers, and will reflect on the experience of the various teaching programs throughout the Parish and how these can be best delivered in the current context, so that every participant encounters the person of Jesus Christ from the earliest opportunities for formation at the beginning of the Christian life to formation at the end of life, and everything in between. All children, adult, family and community formation programs or activities will be included in the formation committee, including sacraments, catechesis, spirituality and seasonal programs, and children's liturgy.

The Good Times/Bad Times Committee takes its name from the wedding vows "I take you to be my husband/wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love and honour you all the days of my life." This Committee will promote and oversee the coming together of the Parish Community during times of celebration, commemoration, sickness and death, and it will identify those who need assistance and additional support. The Committee will help coordinate the appropriate Christian support during good times and bad times. The Committee will also bring together the various charitable, social justice and outreach activities of the parish, so that resources and volunteers are most effectively deployed in the mission of Christ.

Red Mass—Beginning of Legal Year Mass—3 February

The Red Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Monday 3 February at St Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Richard Umbers. Judges and counsel may robe in the Crypt below from 8.30am. The Red Mass has been celebrated since the Middle Ages (in Sydney since 1931) and invokes the grace of the Holy Spirit on lawyers-parliamentarians, judges, barristers, solicitors, students, law lecturers-and all whose lives are touched by law. Inquiries: Anthony Herro 9247 0100.

St Bakhita Day Mass & Lunch to Pray for Victims of Slavery

Saturday 8 February at St Mary's Cathedral 12pm Mass

Pope Francis has requested Catholic communities worldwide to join him in commemorating St Bakhita's Day, the Patron of Victims of Slavery, on Saturday 8 February 2020. A special Mass will be celebrated with the South Sudanese Community at St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm, followed by a luncheon celebration in the Cathedral Hall.

For more information, contact Anna Dimo on 0409 459 695.

Help needed: A Counter is needed on the 4th Tuesday of each month. It only takes about 30 mins from around 9am. Please contact the Parish Centre.

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 1st and 2nd February

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	M. Remedios N. Azar G. Durante	P. Elwin M. Hennessy I. O'Neill C. Coady	F. O'Driscoll B. Slamon K. Vitenov K. Croxson	T. Merlino L. Overton G. Stratton C. Sammut		
Ministers Of the Word	M. Ball M. Fennell	P. Elwin M. Hennessy	C. Iannelli V. Vitenov	J. Wright J. Boyd	B. Maughan C. Toutounji	
Prayer of the Faithful	G. Durante	M. Downes	S. Schembri	M. Boyd	P. Livesey	
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Sandra / Bernard	
Cleaning (Saturday)	B. Potter A. Woodhouse					
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 (Regular Schedule)**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: 7am (Cronulla only)
Wednesday : 7am & 9.15am
Thursday: 7am (Cronulla)
9.15am (At St Francis de Sales during School Terms)
Friday: 8.15am (At De La Salle Cronulla)

Mass Saturday: 8.00am (10.30am Anointing Mass on 1st Saturday of every 2nd month)

Weekday Masses during School Holidays (Tuesday to Saturday): 8am (at St Aloysius Church)

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.



We pray for **Cheryl Pirreca, Patricia Wilcox** and **Paul Atkins** who died recently. We pray for **Anna Jean Clark** and **Antonio & Rosaria Ficarra** whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Brian Small, Gordon O'Donnell, Luke O'Donnell, Mick McMahon, Thelma & Ron Stannard, 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

