

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC PARISH OF CRONULLA

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AS A COMMUNITY WE SERVE GOD

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

Entrance Antiphon:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm:

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

Ethan McBride whom we welcome to our Catholic community this weekend. Through his Baptism we pray they will 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



The readings today challenge us to go beyond people's expectations and be a bright light in our world for good by doing amazing and unexpected things for the most marginalised people in our world.

The prophet Isaiah in the first reading reminds his listeners that God asks us to not only be generous with the hungry and the homeless, but to be people of integrity in everything we do. Writing during a time when people often kept and treated those in slavery in a dehumanising way, Isaiah says: "Do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word."

Slavery was a common occurrence during much of the times of the Old Testament. The Jewish people were acutely aware of the significance of slavery, as Moses brought the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt across the Red Sea and towards freedom in the Promised Land. However, once in the Promised Land, slavery did not disappear, and it was present in huge numbers by the time of Jesus. Slaves during the times of the Roman Empire were bought and sold in a similar way to how we purchase a car or a TV today. Slaves at the time of Jesus had no freedom or dignity and their vision for life was so diminished that they could not see light in the midst of the darkness of their lives.

Jesus comes onto the scene and brings hope, dignity and freedom to all people who have been captured by evil and slavery. As Christians we should do everything we can to eliminate slavery in our world today. Every person has been created in the image and likeness of God and everyone should be given dignity, freedom and respect to be what we have been created to be.

Throughout human history, slavery has come, gone and returned in many and various forms. Today there are more than 40 million people on any given day who are modern-day slaves throughout the world.

In 2018, I travelled to the Philippines as part of a Catholic Mission trip and we encountered 18 young girls in the Philippines who had been rescued from slavery by a group of courageous nuns. Some of the girls rescued were as young as 11 years old. Some modern-day slaves have been sold into slavery through sex and child-sex trafficking, others are slaves for domestic service, while many slaves today are in forced labour or are in a cycle of forced labour and debt where they are unable to escape the control of another and are unable to have dignity, freedom or a vision for a life of love.

Pope Francis and the UN Sustainable Development Agenda has set a target of 2030 to eliminate modern day-slavery and trafficking of people, but this will not be achieved if we don't all start to action about this terrible darkness in our world.

Most people are unaware that many products sold in Australia today are supplied or manufactured with the involvement of slavery or child labour. All of us have some responsibility for the slavery that is occurring in our country. Getting an amazing bargain might also be contributing to forced labour and slavery of people in other parts of the world.

I encourage you to go to www.guide.ethical.org.au and have a look at some of the products that you might purchase on a regular basis. As the Catholic Church, we are committed to purchasing items that have been ethically produced, manufactured and supplied to us from companies who can clearly demonstrate that they are not involved in any way with modern-day slavery and trafficking of people.

Please pray for all children and adults throughout the world who are currently slaves, and do everything you can to bring about a change in our world to give dignity, freedom and hope to those who have no hope or joy for their future.

**First reading: Isaiah 58:7-10 ::::**

Then will your light shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 111:4-9 ::::

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ::::

The only knowledge I claimed was of the crucified Christ.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16 ::::

Your light must shine in the sight of men.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer for the Intercession of
St Josephine Bakhita
(Patron Saint of Victims of Slavery
and Human Trafficking)

[Feast Day - 8 February]

St Josephine Bakhita,



you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

St Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery today; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. For all those enslaved, including those who are victims of forced labour, human trafficking and the survivors, give us the courage and strength to reach out and provide a voice and comfort.

Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. May they see you St Bakhita as an example of hope and faith. Amen.



Calendar and Activities for the Coming Week		Catechist Meeting ::::
Monday:	Parish Office closed.	All Catechists are kindly asked to attend a Catechist Meeting on Tuesday 18th February at 9.30am in the Parish Centre. Catechist books will be ready for collection and start dates will be available. Please come along even if you are thinking about becoming a catechist. Just come along and have a chat.
Tuesday:	Legion of Mary: 3.30pm in the Parish Centre. Pastoral Council Meeting 7.30pm: Meeting in Parish Centre	
Wednesday:	St Aloysius Primary: Opening School Mass: 9.15am	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.
Thursday:	St Francis de Sales Primary: Opening School Mass: 9.15am (at School)	
Friday:	De La Salle College: Opening School Mass: 9.30am (St Aloysius Church)	
Saturday:	St Francis de Sales Primary: Opening Family Mass and Welcome to Kindergarten: 5pm (at St Aloysius Church), followed by BBQ after Mass.	
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.		<h2>Nominate Now to Join One of the New Parish Committees!</h2> <p>The Parish is establishing three new committees to help coordinate and lead the missionary and renewal activities of the Parish. Some nominations have already been received. Nominations will be received by the Parish Office until Tuesday 25 February. Nominate by contacting the Parish Office on stalcron2230@gmail.com by Tuesday 25 February. Please indicate the committee you are interested in participating in and something about the experience that you might bring to this missionary activity. The Pastoral Council will then discern the nominations to form the committees to begin during Lent this year.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Good Times/Bad Times 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. It will also bring together the various charitable, social justice and outreach activities of the parish.</p>
Weekday Mass Schedule for the Next Week <u>Tuesday 11 February - 7am Mass ONLY</u> <i>Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <u>Wednesday 12 February</u> 7am Mass (for soul of Jim Bunyan) 9.15am Mass (Opening School Mass for St Aloysius Primary) <u>Thursday 13 February</u> 7am Mass (Cronulla) 9.15am Mass (Opening School Mass for St Francis de Sales Primary - Mass at School) <u>Friday 14 February -</u> <u>No 8.15am today at De La Cronulla</u> 9.30am Mass (Opening School Mass for De La Salle Cronulla—Mass at St Aloysius Church) <i>Memorial of St Cyril and Methodius</i> <u>Saturday 15 February</u> 8am Mass 5pm Mass: Opening Family Mass for St Francis de Sales Families and welcome to Kindergarten Please note: Mass will be followed by a BBQ and drinks. All welcome.		
PARISH EMAIL due to Telstra Outage: The Parish phone/Internet System has been impacted by a local outage that won't fixed until 20 February. A temporary email address has been established for the parish. Use stalcron2230@gmail.com until 20 February to contact the Parish Office. The Parish number remains 8522 0300.		Ethical Shopping: Have you considered that what you buy may actually be facilitating slavery throughout our world today? From what we wear to what we eat, many of our commonplace purchases are tainted by modern slavery, including forced and child labour and human trafficking. Pope Francis has called on the Church and humanity to eliminate all forms of modern slavery. Go to www.guide.ethical.org.au to become more informed about Ethical Shopping and how you can know which products are free from the impacts of slavery.

Ministerial Duties Next Weekend 15th and 16th February							DIRECTORY	
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	Pastor..... Rev James McCarthy Email..... james.mccarthy@sydneycatholic.org Permanent Deacon..... Deacon Greg Alessi SeminarianMark Anderson Pastoral Associate.....Mrs Cathy Sammut Email pastoral@stalcron.org.au SecretaryMrs Kim Plummer Youth Minister Miss Anna Sammut Email.....anna@stalcron.org.au Parish Centre18 Giddings Ave CRONULLA 2230 Office Hours 8.30 am to 4.00 pm Tuesday to Friday Phone 02 8522 0300 Email..... admin@stalcron.org.au Website www.stalcron.org.au	
Acolyte and Senior Servers						Frank		
Extraordinary Communion Ministers	School to lead Mass	L. Oliver D. Harden J. Cullerton C. Marr	A. Palumbo K. Vitenov F. O'Driscoll B. Slamon	R. Driscoll C. Sammut L. Overton P. Morris				
Ministers Of the Word	School to lead Mass	L. Oliver D. Harden	K. Croxson F. O'Driscoll	R. Driscoll O. Wright	M. Turner B. Shannahan			
Prayer of the Faithful	School to lead Mass	J. Cullerton	B. Slamon	C. Wright	J. Hills			
Children's Liturgy					Church Work Lorraine		 St Aloysius Parish Cronulla	
Cleaning (Saturday)	G. Vitano K. Gothard							
Parish Counting Groups	This Week Group 1 L. Overton, M. Staunton, C. & M. Sammut		Next Week Group 2 J. & A. Palumbo, K. & C. Scarra				SCHOOLS St Aloysius Primary 9523 2593 St Francis de Sales Primary9523 7323 O.L.M.C. Burraneer 9544 1966 De La Salle, Caringbah9524 9133 De La Salle, Cronulla8522 1500	

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 **Elizabeth Beer, Beryl Moore, Frank Bonar, Terry McGee, Brenda Laxton and Dorothy Hennessy** who died recently. We pray for **Jim Bunyan** whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Let us also remember our relatives and friends who have departed this life, especially Mary & George Fishburn, 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

