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5 / 6 September 2020

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

	Sat 5 pm Vigil	Sunday 7:30 am	Sunday 9:30 am
Acolyte	Kevin Bourke	Sam Keir	Jim Gothard
Minister	Matthew Delasey	Gary Reneker	Michelle Anthony
Minister	Margaret Reid		Carole Venier
1st Reading	Julie Banister	Doreen Vernon	Sue Day
Psalm	Martin Iffland	Jeff Greenaway	Barbara Foster
2nd Reading	Anne Iffland	Adele Greenaway	Carole Venier

May God and our Lady of Lourdes care for and protect all of us.

God bless each one of you.

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Effective 1 June 2020, we have cancelled the Office facsimile. Please use email (office@stcaths.org.au) or phone the Office (9525.1138) instead...

Lord, Grant Eternal Peace to:

Recently Deceased;

Louise Vandegraaf, Craig Grant, Amy Zuschmann, Frank Murray, Joan McSwan, Walter Davidson, Jacqueline Scherer, Manus M'Gee.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

*This Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass will be offered for the
Repose of the Soul of Joseph Agius.*

*This Sunday 9:30 am Mass will be offered for the
Repose of the Soul of Mary Clingan.*

*Joe Bartolo, Professor Umberto Bertazzoni, Margaret Delaney,
Esme & Peter Del-Grande, Peter Mounce-Stephens, Patricia Russo, Judy Seguna.*

Also; Joe Caputo, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, John Vincent Sidgreaves.

We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers.

Peter Mooney, Maria Bartolo, Jean Bell, Pam Buckley, Mary Camilleri, Alice Elliott, Carmel Farnham, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Bev Hurst, Cheryl Lim, Larry McDonnell, Rosemary Mayborn, Issa Mourtada Veronica Nugent, Marié Rayner, Tony Ryan, Evelyn Spiteri, Megan Thomas, Father Reg Wilson.

Dear Parishioners,

THANKS to Ray Smith our parish Treasurer on the Finance Committee, for his huge effort in preparing the Annual Financial report for the Archdiocese. This report requires hours of work and I am grateful to Ray for completing this herculean task.

Also, thanks to Ryan Burns who recently cleaned the Church and Presbytery roofs and to Norm Frost for odd repair jobs for the parish. It is such good deeds as these that saves the parish funds in not having to call in a service person.

Government asks ALL parishioners to wear a mask in Church
STAY SAFE and take no chances.

We cannot just ignore social distancing, masks, etc. Some Sydney Parishes and Schools have been shut down and we need to be careful at St Cath's (School, Church and all parishioners)

Like you, I would be devastated if one of our parishioners fell victim to COVID.

Our world has been changed by the corona virus pandemic. Christians find themselves confined to their homes in a way they are not used to. They are separated from direct contact with their communal places of prayer and worship: going to Mass or dropping into their local church to say a prayer is no longer possible in many cases. To celebrate the Eucharist involves making a reservation and keeping physical distance in the Church. Many have still to be content with accessing the Eucharist "online". The Carmelites have a long and rich tradition of praying in the places where they live. Our Rule tells the Friars (brothers): "**Each of you is to stay in his own cell (room) or nearby, pondering on the Lord's law day and night (Ps 1,2) and keeping watch at his prayers (see. 1 Pet 4, 7)**" Our habit of praying in this way enables us to advise people on how to begin or to deepen their own practice of prayer in their own homes. This has prompted us to prepare our Webpage: **THE PRAYER PROJECT: Praying Simply at Home in the Pandemic and Beyond: www.mtcarmel.com.au/the-prayer-project**

It offers people, either personally or as a family, some simple guidelines on how to pray and some material to pray with. We hope it might provide you with the possibility of transforming, what seems to be spiritually a time of dryness and isolation, into an opportunity to discover new depths within.

Dear Parishioners:

AFTER THIS WEEK-END THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY EVENING 6 pm MASS.

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I very much regret this is the last occasion for the 6 pm Sunday evening Mass as the shortage and ageing of clergy make it difficult to ensure coverage.

GyMEA was one of the few parishes that still had Mass on Sunday nights and this decision has been taken after discussions with local clergy and the Chancery.

MASS TIMES: Monday to Saturday mornings @ 9:15 am.

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Sunday Observance: Saturday Vigil Mass @ 5 pm.

Sunday Mass @ 7:30 am and Sunday Mass @ 9:30 am.

CONFESSION TIMES AFTER FIRST SATURDAY MASS AND ADORATION/BENEDICTION AND AGAIN SATURDAY BEFORE THE 5 PM VIGIL MASS FROM 4:30 PM TO 4:45 PM.

NO "AMEN" AT COMMUNION: To reduce COVID transmission at Communion, PLEASE do not respond 'Amen' when receiving Holy Communion as the Priest or Minister is directly in line with your exhaling breath. Likewise, the minister will only hold up the **Body of Christ** and place in your hands. Keep your distance when coming to Communion. **DO NOT GET CLOSE TO THE PERSON IN FRONT OF YOU.**

Next catechist meeting is Friday, 4 Sept 2020 after Mass and Benediction (around 10:10) in the choir area of the Church.

Among the many things impacted by COVID 19 is our Catechist ministry. Many of our volunteers have been forced to discontinue serving as Catechist teachers, out of health concerns for themselves or their family members.

As a result, there are a number of Scripture Classes which do not have a Catechist teacher at present. If you are in a position, health-wise, to volunteer to teach at the local schools, the following classes can urgently use your help:

Grays Point Public School	Years 1 + 2	Wednesdays, 2:25 - 2:55
GyMEA Bay Public School	Kindy	Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00
GyMEA Bay Public School	Year 1	Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00
GyMEA Bay Public School	Year 2	Thursdays, 10:30 - 11:00
GyMEA Bay Public School	Year 5	Thursdays, 9:45 - 10:15

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