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12 / 13 September 2020

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

	Sat 5 pm Vigil	Sunday 7:30 am	Sunday 9:30 am
Acolyte	Graham Ward	Sam Keir	Kevin Bourke
Minister	Cathy Bonello	Paul Marsden	Barbara Foster
Minister	Jodie McKay	Amelia Paras	Carole Venier
1st Reading	Emma Honey	Doreen Vernon	Jed Loader
Psalm	Julie Banister	Adele Greenaway	Michele Anthony
2nd Reading	Bernie Parkin	Jeff Greenaway	Moira Loader

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:

The Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Gladys Anthoney (mother of Debbie Flaherty) will be celebrated here, Tuesday, 8 September @ 10:30 am.

The Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Dorothy Hughes will be celebrated here, Thursday, 10 September @ 10 am.

The Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Kenneth McCroarey (brother of Marilyn Patton) will be celebrated here, Friday, 11 September @ 10:30 am.

Recently Deceased;

Louise Vandegraaf, Craig Grant, Amy Zuschmann, Jacqueline Scherer.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

All fathers and Grandfathers, Joseph Aguis, Ernie Anthoney, Joe Bartolo, Mary Clingan, Margaret Delaney, Kevin Foster, Nicola (Colin) Franco, Kath McGrath, Peter Mounce-Stephens.

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

Dear Parishioners,

Government asks ALL parishioners to wear a mask in Church

STAY SAFE and take no chances. We cannot just ignore social distancing, masks, etc.

THIS WEEK-END IS CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY. When a parish in the Archdiocese of Sydney is called upon to safeguard its community, we are being asked to pro-actively support a culture of care that champions honesty and engagement. The result of this, is a community environment where children and young people are valued and protected from harm. At St Catherine's, we promote a parish of Faith, Love, care and Protection.

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.

HOLIDAY IN NSW: Take your holidays in NSW and help secure jobs and the economy. As most overseas flights will probably NOT resume until maybe next year, think an Australian Holiday when the State Borders open again.

Dear Parishioners:

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

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.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

"Each year, particularly since the publication of the Encyclical Laudato Si' (LS, 24 May 2015), the first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on the fourth of October.

During this period, Christians worldwide renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home.

I am very pleased that the theme chosen by the ecumenical family for the celebration of the 2020 Season of Creation is Jubilee for the Earth, precisely in this year that marks the fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day. In the Holy Scriptures, a Jubilee is a sacred time to remember, return, rest, restore, and rejoice."

THE FULL PDF EXTRACT & LINK IS ON OUR HOME PAGE ON THE WEBSITE

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