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Lord, Grant Eternal Peace to:

Recently Deceased;

The Requiem Funeral Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Donna Marie Sleeman (Mother of Joel, Ashlie, Casey & Taylor) will be celebrated here on Tuesday, 18 May @ 11 am

Gary Gleeson, Thomas Somlo, John Carmody, Dr. Alberto Domenico Albani, Rev. Fr. Reg Wilson, Kath Downey.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:
 Cec & Mary Baz, Jim Borg, Angelo Casamento, Jim (1st Anniversary) & Nancy Casey, Ron & Mary Cashman, Joyce Collier (30th Anniversary), Jack Laarakkers, Peter (1st Anniversary) & Rosalyn McCarthy, Father Peter Morrissey, Peter Mounce-Stephens, Joseph Sammut, Betty White (1st Anniversary), Alicia Wild.

Also; Roy & Mary Esplin, Lean Family, John Vincent Sidgreaves, The Holy Souls, Deceased Members of the Friendship Club.

We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers. Especially: Jeff Greenaway, Maree Hinton, Anthony Morris, Julia Quach, Evelyn Spiteri, Yin Kwan Tsang,

22 / 23 May 2021 The SOLEMNITY of Pentecost Year B



| | Sat 5 pm Vigil | Sunday 7:30 am | Sunday 9:30 am |
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| Acolyte | Kevin Bourke | Sam Keir | Graham Ward |
| Minister | David Gormley | Judith Rumsey | Carole Venier |
| Minister | Cathy Bonello | Doreen Vernon | Barbara Foster |
| 1st Reading | Jodie McKay | Judith Rumsey | Jed Loader |
| Psalm | Emma Honey | Adele Greenaway | Moira Loader |
| 2nd Reading | Julie Banister | James Clancy | Michele Anthont |

Thursday Morning 10 am: The Legion of Mary (meet in the Conference Room)
Thursday Evening 6:00 pm: The Medjugore Prayer Group (meet in the Church)

THE ALTAR SOCIETY: Group 4: June Frost, Kath Burns & Laurice Dooley.

IN THE COUNTING HOUSE: Team 4: Norm Frost, Peter Wild & Ray Brennan.

THE CLEAN TEAM: Group D: Norm Frost & Chris Jacobs.

Dear Parishioners,

CONCERNING MY RETIREMENT: It is with great sadness and heartfelt regret, that I advise you that, due to failing health, I am retiring as Parish Priest on Friday, 30 July. During a recent convalescence in Toowoomba, I took ill and then with the support of Bishop Robert McGuckin, a classmate, I contacted the Chancery to advise of my decision. Shortly, the clergy of Sydney will be invited to apply for the position of Parish Priest of Gymea. My intention is to retire to a unit in the Shire and be available to assist with Masses when called upon in Parishes and to help Priests in the country to have a holiday while I care for their Parish.

Please pray for your fellow parishioners of Gymea that God will continue to bless and protect you in the years ahead and that St Catherine's will continue to be a place of Faith, Love, Care and Protection. You are the most wonderful parishioners a priest could hope for in a Parish. You are so holy and caring.

Also, I would appreciate your prayerful support that my health may improve in the immediate future. God bless you all.

Mons

FATHER ARTUR will be celebrating Masses this week-end as Monsignor was operated on last Friday.

STATE SCHOOL 1ST CONFESSIONS: Last Wednesday, 13 children from our State Schools received the Grace and Mercy of God with this Sacrament. Congratulations. Many thanks to Vicki Laffan, our Sacramental Coordinator and to Norma Wong who also assisted on the night. Great job both of you.

MONDAY, 24 May is the **Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians** (**Patroness of Australia**) and also celebrates 100 years since the founding of the Legion of Mary. The Gymea Praesidium has arranged for the Reception, Acceptance and Enthronement of the Centenary Statue of the Legion of Mary which will be processed during the morning 9:15 am Mass. The Statue of Our Lady will be then enthroned in the Church for the day.

FIJI: Our 288th Container is being loaded at present for Fiji. Thanks to all, especially the loading team.

Mons

Dear Parishioners,

PARKING UNDER THE HALL: Please, please leave a drive-through to the far car-park allowing others to have driveway access to parking as a right of way.

ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS:

*If you have not already done so, will you please (A) Contact Grahame via the Parish Office to advise if you are willing to come back onto your Rosters and (B) Sign a Code of Conduct document and return to Kerry at the Office immediately. **ALSO**, if any volunteers hold a valid/current WWC check, please notify Kerry at the Office via the safeguarding email. safeguarding@stcaths.org.au*

SAINT JOSEPH 2021—Pope Francis in dedicating this year 2021, to Saint Joseph, the foster father of Our Lord, prays we will draw closer to this Saint and enrich our family and personal lives.

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN: *Please remember, the cut-off for ANY notices for the Bulletin, Mass Intentions, Anniversaries, etc. **MUST** be in by Thursday, 12 noon or they may not be included that week-end.*

COUNTING TEAMS: We are in the process of contacting those who have yet to confirm they are prepared to come back and a revised Roster will be drawn up to cover retirements due to age/relocations. **This should be available soon.** In the meantime, please contact Grahame via the Parish Office if no one has made contact with you **AS WE WISH TO GET ALL OUR VOLUNTEER GROUPS BACK UP AND RUNNING.**

AUDIO-VISUAL VOLUNTEER: If there is any one who would like to join the A-V team for the 7:30 am Mass, please contact Grahame via the Parish Office. You must be computer savvy and have an understanding of the Mass/Liturgy though. Additional training will be provided.

A Celebration of the Life of the Late Jim Casey will be held next Sunday, 23 May at the Gymea Bowling Club commencing at 2 pm. Members of the Friendship Club and parishioners who knew Jim are warmly welcome to attend. Please **RSVP by this coming Monday** (17 May) to his daughter Terri on 0409.390.829 for catering purposes.