

St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

The 30th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Saint Joseph 2021

23 / 24 October 2021

Year B

WELCOME BACK TO YOUR
SPIRITUAL HOME!

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased...

*Rodney McGovern, Raymond Ragoo Govindon, Jack Carey, Giuseppe Sellaro,
Helen Dobosn*

We remember those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

*Roy & Mary Esplin, Lean Family, Martha Rojas Rojas,
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: Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Jeff Greenaway, Maree Hinton,
Anthony Morris, Julia Quach, Evelyn Spiteri, Yin Kwan Tsang and also:*

*Gerry Banister, Jean Bell, Pamela Buckley, Val (and is better) & Hugh Casey,
Alice Elliott, Carmel Farnham, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Trevor Gittoes, Patricia
Gordon, Jona Iona, Aileen & Larry McDonnell, Doug Maybon, Marié Rayner,
Tony Ryan, Lindy Webb, Marie & Norm Whittaker.*

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(The sick list is only kept for 4 months and will start over again (15 November 2021) If you wish for a loved one to be mentioned, please contact the Parish Office. In 2021 we extended the List of Names to 'pray for' on to the Parish Website.)

My Dear Parishioners, It is such(!) a joy for me to finally welcome you back to your parish of St. Catherine's and to celebrate the gift and grace that is our Catholic faith with you. For those who do not know me or who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Fr Gregory Morgan (Junior) — rather confusingly there are actually *two* Fr Gregory Morgan's in the Sydney. In fact, such is the confusion that I actually received a birthday card last week from the Archdiocese. Alas, my birthday is in February! I was ordained a priest by Cardinal Pell on the 21st May 2011. Over the last ten years I have served in parishes in Liverpool, Broken Hill, Cambridge (U.K.), Oxford (U.K), and various parishes in London (U.K.). After my return from further studies in England, I lived in the parish of Balmain whilst continuing my academic work. I'm currently an Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame and a Sessional Lecturer in Philosophy/Ethics at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. I will continue to teach philosophy (my areas of interest are epistemology, natural law, philosophy of religion, metaphysics) for the foreseeable future. It is a real privilege to help form minds in the world of ideas. So important for the Church!

I have to say that my appointment as parish priest (PP) here came as a total shock. In fact, it was probably the last thing I was expecting! I was actually told by one senior bishop not that long ago that it was unlikely I would be made a PP for many years as my focus would be on serving the Church through academic work. But, then, I quickly remembered that everything I have done as a priest has always taken me by surprise. I trust, therefore, that God is in control and that, for whatever reason, this is where He wants me to be. For this reason, I commit myself to all of you, the people of this parish — to love and to serve you with all my heart, mind, and soul. To that end, however, I ask your forgiveness in advance for my weaknesses and I beg your patience with me as I adjust to my new life here with you in GyMEA. Most of all, I ask for your prayers. Please pray that I will be a true pastor after the heart of Jesus Christ; a man of unity; and a faithful son of the Church; and, most of all, a man of prayer.

In my missive on the parish website, I said that I want my approach to ministry in this parish to be defined by two things: transparency and approachability. Transparency: I commit myself to always being open and honest with you in pastoring this wonderful parish community...

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From Fr. Greg: ✠ ————— ✠

I'm a "straight shooter", as they say, meaning, I like to speak my mind (perhaps to my detriment at times) as clearly and candidly as possible. And, in reverse, I always appreciate it when others speak clearly and candidly with me. Hence, approachability: I want each and every one of you to know that you should feel absolutely at home in this parish no matter where you are in your faith life. You should be confident in inviting those who are away from the practice of the faith to feel the same. Moreover, I want each and every one of you to know that you can contact me about anything and everything. I will always be grateful for your honest thoughts and feedback.

Today, I would like to add a third word: accountability. St Catherine's is not "my" parish; it is "our" parish, and a parish exists — first and foremost — to save souls — to bring souls into the life of grace and to grow in their love for God. I ask that you all keep me accountable in ensuring that this task remains at the core of our parish identity.

My vision for St Catherine's going forward is that it be a place that is truly "Catholic" both in name and nature. This is a parish for everyone, without exception. "Catholic" means universal; for all. At the same time, I pray this will be a parish that reflects the very best of the Church's genius — liturgically, aesthetically, spiritually, intellectually, and pastorally. In fact, my hope is that this will be a parish that thrives precisely because we are formed in, witness to, and celebrate what it really means to be "Catholic" - a true follower of Jesus Christ - in an age where prayer, practice, and catechesis are often in short supply. I want (need!) everyone to be involved in this new evangelisation of our parish. I am sure recent times have actually presented us with new and surprising opportunities for real growth in our numbers and for an increased (spiritual) efficaciousness in our works of mercy! Today is the day to be optimistic. We cannot afford to wait until tomorrow.

Finally, may I acknowledge my gratitude to everyone who has been so kind to me since my arrival in the parish. In particular, the parish staff who have been exceptionally helpful.

Please know of my love and prayers for you all. I am very excited about the years ahead in building up God's Kingdom here in Gynea. God bless you and your families!

Fr Greg

P.S. Don't forget to invite your family and friends to come to Mass with you! As I said, we all have a role to play in the salvation of souls.

MASS/DEVOTIONSCHEDULE: Please take note of our Mass schedule and inform your family and friends. Most importantly, the parish is reintroducing an evening Mass on Sundays at 5pm (trial basis).

Mondays: 9:15 am Mass

Tuesdays: 8:30 am – 9:10 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:15 am Mass

Wednesdays: 8:30 am - 9:10 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:15 am Mass

Thursdays: 8:30 am – 9:10 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:15 am Mass

Fridays: 8:30 am – 9:10 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:15 am Mass

Saturdays: 8:30 am – 9:10 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:15am Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm Mass

Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 5:00 pm



CONFESSIONS: will be available before and after every Weekday Mass (including Saturdays). Please approach me if you wish to receive the Sacrament. During Adoration, I will sit at the front of the Church near the confessional.

On Saturdays, I will be in the confessional immediately following the 9:15am Mass for as long as necessary and from 4:30 – 4:55 pm.

SUNDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 5PM: has been set aside for the State School children to receive their First Holy Communion. If possible, please try and attend either of the other 3 Masses that week-end to allow the families to come together.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Members of the Parish Finance are reminded that there will be a meeting this Tuesday, the 26th October, at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the parish office.

FEAST OF THE HOLY SOULS:

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased relatives, friends, and the holy souls. The Feast of the Holy Souls always occurs on the 2nd of November (the day after the Feast of All Saints). On that day, a priest is given special permission to “trinate”, which means he is allowed to celebrate three Masses. Normally, a priest is only allowed to “trinate” on a Sunday/Solemnities and “binate” (celebrate a maximum of two masses) on a Weekday. For this reason, I will offer **three** Masses for the Holy Souls on Tuesday 2nd November: **9:15am, 12:30pm, and 7pm.** Please come and pray for your loved ones and for the holy souls in purgatory.



NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS: This parish has the custom of placing the names of our deceased loved one in the frames that sit in front of the altar. During this time of COVID, I invite you to start making arrangements now to submit the names **BEFORE** the end of October to ensure that they are recorded. Envelopes for this Intention are in your boxes and there are some envelopes at the back of the Church. However, a plain envelope marked “November Mass” is acceptable.

PRINT the name on an envelope (or piece of paper and put inside the envelope) and place it in the BOX or you may drop it off in the Presbytery letter box.

*Please limit the number of names and **print clearly**—we receive too many that are not legible and cannot be recorded for this reason.*

Please remember that no individual names will be published in the Bulletin during the Month of the Holy Souls, and please kindly avoid touching the frames on the sanctuary.

TIME TO MEET FR GREG: I am, of course, very keen to get to know each and every one of you over the coming months. But if you would like to talk to me about the parish or have any issues or concerns, please contact our parish secretary, Kerry Ginman, for an appointment. There are a few times set aside each week for “chats” with parishioners.

GRATITUDE: I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who continued to support the parish spiritually and financially during the lockdown. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

LIVESTREAMING OF HOLY MASS: Some of you will be aware that, through the efforts of some technologically adept individuals, the parish began livestreaming a 10:30am Mass on Youtube. The parish will continue to livestream the **9:30am Mass**, at least for the next few weeks. The link to our parish Youtube channel can be found on our website/Facebook page.

"ADVENT VIRTUES" (CATECHESIS TALKS): During the four weeks of advent, Fr Greg will give a talk on a different topic of faith and morals; contrasting the true immaterial virtues of Christmas with the false materialism that is often upheld in pop culture. A great way to reflect more deeply upon and prepare for Christmas. The talks will be held on a Wednesday night from 7pm in the Church and there will be an opportunity for questions, discussion, and, hopefully, a little prayer too! The first talk will be on **Wednesday 1st December**. Topics will be announced in the coming weeks. All are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: It is a real boon that our parish has one of the largest conferences in NSW, if not Australia. If anyone is interested in getting more involved in the wonderful work that our local Conference does, please contact the parish office for details. Please also give generously to the blue poor box at the back of the Church.

LEGION OF MARY: Meets every Thursday morning at 10am (in the parish conference room). New members always welcome!

MEDJUGORE PRAYER GROUP: Did you know we have a wonderful group of faith-filled parishioners who gather each Thursday evening at 6pm in our church to say the rosary and some special prayers? Why not join them? Everyone is welcome!

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2021-2022 are available at the back of the Church (school end of Church). Please take yours home with you today.

VISIT OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE: Please keep up-to-date with parish events by "liking" our new Facebook page. A link is on our website and details are on the back of the bulletin.

ACCESSING OUR PARISH WEBSITE: Is easy! Select your search engine, whether it is google, firefox, etc. type in **www.stcaths.org.au** which will take you to our website!

EUTHANASIA LEGISLATION (NSW): From Archbishop Anthony Fisher: "With the euthanasia and assisted suicide bill being tabled in Parliament last week, we need to fight harder than ever to protect life here in NSW. Parliament has taken a break but will be back on 9 November, and debate on Alex Greenwich's deadly bill is likely to begin that week. We know that Mr Greenwich and other pro-euthanasia advocates will be pushing for a vote to occur before the end of November." Please consider contacting our local MP to express your objection to this legislation.

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS: "The practice of euthanasia, which has already been legalized in several countries, only apparently aims to encourage personal freedom...In reality it is based on a utilitarian view of the person, who becomes useless or can be equated to a cost, if from the medical point of view, he has no hope of improvement or can no longer avoid pain." It is important to familiarise yourself with the impact that euthanasia has had on the medical profession in countries that have legalised it. The evidence attests that legalising "voluntary" euthanasia is a slippery slope towards legalising "involuntary" euthanasia.

ARE YOU A COOK? De La Salle Brothers Cronulla Community Permanent part-time (up to 4 days@ week), or casual position. For midday meal only : 10am-1pm- for 8 Brothers . Please ring Br. Gary 0423 027 768.

FROM THE CATECHISM: I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER
198 Our profession of faith begins with God, for God is the First and the Last, The beginning and the end of everything. the Credo begins with God the Father, for the Father is the first divine person of the Most Holy Trinity; our Creed begins with the creation of heaven and earth, for creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works. 199 "I believe in God": this first affirmation of the Apostles' Creed is also the most fundamental. the whole Creed speaks of God, and when it also speaks of man and of the world it does so in relation to God. the other articles of the Creed all depend on the first, just as the remaining Commandments make the first explicit. the other articles help us to know God better as he revealed himself progressively to men. "The faithful first profess their belief in God.

PARISH DIRECTORY:**Parish Priest:** Rev. Dr. Gregory Morgan**Presbytery:** 123 Gynea Bay Rd Gynea**Secretary:** Kerry Ginman**Office Hours:** 8:30 am - 12 noon & 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Monday to Thursday

Friday: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm then closed.

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	Saturday Vigil 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5.00pm
ACOLYTES AND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:	David Gormley Lesley Newman Emma Honey	Sam Keir Judith Rumsey Paul Marsden	Graham Ward Michele Anthony Carole Venier	Jim Gothard Amelia Paras Margaret Reid
1ST READER: 2ND READER: PSALMIST: INTERCESSIONS:	Jodie McKay Maureen Pocock Lesley Newman Emma Honey	Adele Greenaway Judith Rumsey James Clancy Doreen Vernon	Carole Venier Graham Ward Barbara Foster Michele Anthony	Ronald Paras Margaret Reid Jim Gothard

THE ALTAR SOCIETY: 5TH SUNDAY Group 4: June Frost, Kath Burns & Laurice Dooley.

IN THE COUNTING HOUSE: Team 6: Norm Frost, Peter Wild & Ray Brennan.

THE CLEAN TEAM: 5TH SUNDAY Group E: