

St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

The 32nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Saint Joseph 2021

6/7 November 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 Dobson, Dominic Berinati, Valerie Tye, David Morrison, Norma Estrada,  
The Holy Souls*

We remember those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time:  
*Joe Caputo, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Tine Harris, Michael Horne,  
Lean Family, Maureen Morrison, Martha Rojas Rojas, John Vincent Sidgreaves,  
Deceased Members of the Friendship Club,*

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

*Especially: Gary Wood, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Jeff Greenaway,  
Maree Hinton, Anthony Morris, Julia Quach, Evelyn Spiteri, Yin Kwan Tsang  
and also:*

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

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.

Dear Parishioners, "Keep Calm and Carry On!" I am sure many of you would be familiar with the motivational slogan (originally embossed on posters) used by the British government to appeal to the "stiff upper lip" of the British populace during the Blitz campaign in the Second World War. After the relatively recent rediscovery of one or two of the original posters, various contemporary imitations and parodies have been produced and mass-marketed. Some popular examples include:



"Keep Calm and Have a Beer" (can't argue with that...). "Keep Calm and Use the Force" (Star Wars). "Keep Calm and Log On" (technology). In fact, I also discovered a number of "Catholic" parodies including: "Keep Calm and Make a Good Confession" (this is actually the best advice!). "Keep Calm and Pray the Rosary". Or, "Keep Calm and Don't Panic I'm Catholic."

On the Feast Day of St Charles Borromeo, which we celebrated on Thursday, I came across a much older formulation of the same sentiment. St Borromeo once said, **"I'm shot! But Keep Praying!"** St Borromeo (1538-1584) lived at the height of the Protestant Reformation. Born into a wealthy family, from a young age he manifested a purity and integrity that would remain steadfast throughout his life. He had no interest in wealth and used every opportunity to disseminate his money to the poor. His piety and idealism led him to discern a vocation to the priesthood and, ultimately, he would become Cardinal Archbishop of Milan.

At the time, the Archdiocese of Milan was the largest but also one of the most corrupt dioceses in the world. Borromeo realised that, if souls are going to be saved, then the Church needed to regain its integrity. His first priority was the education of priests and seminarians; ensuring that they were schooled in the richness of the Catholic tradition, apologetics, and, most importantly, that they were formed to be men of prayer and piety. Love of liturgy was paramount.

He also placed great emphasis on the pursuit of noble simplicity in the life of the Church and sought to do all he could to alleviate the burdens of the sick and the poor. In short, Borromeo was a reformer! A powerful reformer! A saintly reformer! And the reason he was so successful was because he was conscious of the need to continually reform his own life. Authentic Christian leadership always begins with the reform of oneself. As you can imagine, not everyone shared his selfless and Christ-like ambitions. In fact, a group of religious priests who (very ironically) were members of an order called *Humilati* (meaning *humility* but were living very *unhumble* lifestyles) attempted to assassinate the Archbishop. Whilst he was at prayer, they shot him in the back. How did St. Charles react? **“I’ve been shot! But keep praying....”** The bullet penetrated his skin and left a life-long welt, but he was left unharmed. Two parishioners told me during the week that they went and visited Milan and saw St. Borromeo’s vestments on display.

I think we can all learn something from St. Borromeo’s example. If we are committed to living out the will of God then we should never allow anything to distract us. Bullets (proverbial or real) may fire, gossip may ensue, and lies may spread. But we should never allow this to discourage us from the practice of our faith and the reform of our lives. Instead, we should always keep our eyes firmly fixed on the hand of Divine Providence.

One of my key hopes for our parish community is to help people to discover a renewed sense of pride in being Catholic. For our faith is something truly good, true, and beautiful – it does not (and can never) depend on the sinlessness of others. I reiterate my ‘call to arms’ to each and every one of you. Please get involved! Pray for light and wisdom. As we move out (please God) from this time of pandemic, we all have the chance to begin again with Our Lord. So, no matter what happens, let’s all agree: **“Keep Calm, Keep Praying, and Get Involved!”**

**KEEP  
CALM**  
*Happy AND healthy*  
**MAKE A GOOD  
CONFESSION**

**MASS/DEVOTIONSCHEDULE:** Please take note of our Mass schedule and inform your family and friends.

**Mondays:** 9:15 am Mass

**Tuesdays:** 8:30 am – 9:10 am Adoration  
9:15 am Mass

**Wednesdays:** 8:30 am - 9:10 am Adoration  
9:15 am Mass

**Thursdays:** 8:30 am – 9:10 am Adoration  
9:15 am Mass

**Fridays:** 8:30 am – 9:10 am Adoration  
9:15 am Mass

**Saturdays:** 8:30 am – 9:10 am Adoration  
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). Just approach me. 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.

**BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** I understand that the custom has been to have Benediction on every first Friday and first Saturday of the month. In light of our daily Adoration, Benediction will take place henceforth *every* Friday and Saturday immediately prior to the 9.15am Mass.

**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 FINANCES:** I fully intend to publish our balance sheet for the last financial year once audited. We expect this to take place in the coming weeks. My gratitude to Kerry and the finance committee for their hard work on this score.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Can current members contact Fr Greg at the parish office to indicate if they are still keen to be involved. I would like to suggest a first meeting for **Tuesday 23rd November at 6:30pm.**

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR JONAH IONA:** Many of you would know Jonah Iona, his wife Michele, and their beautiful children, Aaron and Gemma (who attend our primary school). Michelle and Jonah have been heavily involved in this parish over a number of years and I know they are loved by so, so many. Very sadly, Jonah has been suffering with cancer for over a year now and the prognosis is not positive. We are all one family here, so I am keen that we, as a parish, support them as much as possible in this difficult time. Thus, this **Tuesday 9th November at 7pm** there will be a prayer vigil for Jonah in front of the Blessed Sacrament. (There will be boxes placed at the back of the church on the night for those who might wish to support the family financially.) All are welcome...



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** A warm word of congratulations to the children of our parish who have made their Confirmation this Weekend.

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND:** Every year, the Archdiocese takes up a collection to support retired priests. With a few exceptions, most priests retire with very limited financial resources. The fund, which I believe is quite diminished at present, helps to cover their living costs. Envelopes for this collection are available on the tables at the back of the church.

**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. I am told that in just one week we already have **over 700 names!** (Lots of people to pray for.) Envelopes for this Intention are in your boxes and there are some envelopes at the back of the Church.

**CATECHIST CORNER:** My gratitude to our wonderful unsung heroes that are our parish catechists who teach Scripture to children in our State Schools. Thank you for all that you do to spread the faith! We are, however, in desperate need of some new catechists/heroes to come forward. Please have a think about this and be brave! Training will be provided. For more information, please contact the parish office. My gratitude to Elena for all that she has done and is still doing to co-ordinate this vital work.

**“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!

**Wednesday 1st December:** Advent Virtue Hope. *Why the Greatest Signs of Hope Happen in Silence: The Incarnation and the Eucharist* (An instructional account of the ancient signs and symbols of the Mass.)

**Wednesday 8th December:** Advent Virtue. Peace. *From New Life to a Peaceful Death: The Myth of Euthanasia* (An exploration of the reasons as to why Catholics oppose euthanasia.)

**Wednesday 15th December:** Advent Virtue. Joy. *Why it is Great to be Catholic! Rediscovering Truth and Mercy in a Fallen World* (Followed by wine and snacks in the Church forecourt.)

**Wednesday 22nd December:** Advent Virtue. Love. *Grill a Priest (Lovingly...): A QandA with Fr Greg about Anything and Everything* (An opportunity for people to ask ANY question(s) about the faith.)

**CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:** Last week, I announced my intention to form a new committee that focuses upon the organisation of the Parish’s works of mercy. I have been delighted by the response and enthusiasm with which some parishioners have responded. If you have a passion for social justice and would like to get involved, please let me know if you would like to become part of this new committee.

**SUPPORTING REFUGEES:** I am currently liaising with Sutherland Shire Refugee Connection about supporting refugees arriving from Afghanistan. I have offered to assist to drive them to English classes etc. If you are interested in getting involved, please let me know. The parish owns a “Community Car” for such purposes.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The parish is in need of some parishioners to step forward to help with the running of the audio-visual slides at Mass. It is very easy (even for the technophobes like me). We would warmly welcome anyone interested in assisting with reading/serving at Mass. Please contact Fr Greg if you’re ready and willing. Don’t be tempted to leave it for someone else. The more the merrier!

**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](http://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.

**TIME TO MEET FR GREG:** 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.

**LIVESTREAMING OF HOLY MASS:** The parish will continue to livestream the **9:30am Mass**.

**PARISH DIRECTORY:**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Gregory Morgan  
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**13/14 November 2021 The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year**

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

**AUDIO -** Pauline / Mark  
**VISUAL OPERATORS:**

Hugh  
**SENIOR CHOIR**

**THE ALTAR SOCIETY:** Group 2: Doreen Vernon, Ava T Mahne & Aurora Hall

**IN THE COUNTING HOUSE:**

**THE CLEAN TEAM:** Group B: Paras Family