

St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

The 31st Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Saint Joseph 2021

30 / 31 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 Dobson, Dominic Berinati*

We remember those whose anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

*Roy & Mary Esplin, Tine Harris, Michael Horne 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: 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.

**My Dear Parishioners,** For those of you who are returning to Mass for the first time this Weekend, a very warm **“welcome back”** to your spiritual home and parish of St. Catherine’s. It is a joy for us to finally be able to worship together and to think and plan for the future. Although my appointment as Parish Priest was a great surprise, I have come to accept that, for whatever reason, God’s providence must be behind this. To that end, I reiterate to you all my total commitment to love you, serve you, and pray for you in this new role. Please pray for me and please accept my apologies in advance for my own imperfections and weaknesses. Thank you for having me!

Last week, I iterated a few words about my vision for our parish going forward and how I intend to approach my ministry here. With respect to the latter, I said that I want my approach to be defined by three things: transparency, approachability, and accountability. **Transparency:** I commit myself to always being open and honest with you in pastoring this wonderful parish community. 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. **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. **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.

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.

**Going Forward...**I want every single person to have a role in the mission of our parish as a Catholic community. We all have different talents and gifts, which we are called to put at the service of God, His Church, and His people. Our Catholicism cannot just be another form of consumerism (a one hour on Sunday thing); rather, it has to be something that animates anything and everything we do. I guess this is all by way of saying that I would ask you to think and pray about how you might be able to get more involved in the parish. Most importantly of all, we all need to be people of prayer. And this cannot just be a pious sentiment. Truly, a prayerful parish is (and will increasingly become) a thriving parish; an attractive parish; an inspiring parish. Because, ultimately, this is God's work. Nevertheless, our faith needs to be reflected in "good works", as St James makes clear in Scripture.

**COMMITTEE FOR CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:**

Speaking of "good works", I have said that I am very keen for us to continue to reach out to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. As you would probably know, soon after my appointment as Parish Priest, the Archdiocese of Suva in Fiji contacted me and strongly requested that we send no further containers for the time being. I believe there was a backlog of sixteen containers and the cost to keep them was escalating. (Some were in peoples back gardens, I am told!). It was discussed at our recent parish finance council that it costs the Archdiocese of Suva quite a considerable sum of money to **receive** the containers on top of the money that our parish also pays out (on top of donations) to send them. I assured the Fijians that we did not want to burden them and said I would look at how we might support them as best possible going forward. I have asked Barry Elliott, who has been heavily involved in the Fiji mission, to chair a new committee that will help guide and lead the parish in its works of mercy. 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. My hope is that our charitable works will reflect (1) the best use of our money and resources; (2) be as encompassing and as inclusive as possible; (3) will support the other charitable works of our parish (for example, St Vincent de Paul); (4) and, of course, be in full accord with the laws of different nations, as well as the laws of the Church (Canon Law).

Please know of my love and prayers for you all. 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. Today is the day to be optimistic. We cannot afford to wait until tomorrow. Fr Greg

**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, on **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...



**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 and can be placed into either collection box.

**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. I am told that in just one week we already have **616 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.

**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.

**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.

**REQUIEM MASSES:** Although all the Masses in November will be offered for the Holy Souls, I will offer Mass every Friday according to the rites normally used for a Requiem Mass for our deceased family and friends (except when the celebration of a Feast or compulsory Memorial is mandated).

**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. We are also in desperate need of new catechists for our state school children, and we would warmly welcome anyone interested in assisting with reading/serving at Mass. Please contact Fr Greg if you're ready and willing.

**ROSARY VIA ZOOM:** Several parishioners have contacted me to say that they would like the Zoom rosary on a Saturday morning to continue. I have asked Pat and Sandra to lead this for the time being. Details/links are on the parish website.

**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.

**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.

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**6/7 November 2021 The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

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

**THE ALTAR SOCIETY:** Group 1: Maureen Huckstep, Jacqueline Parker, Jeanette Brennan & Maria Black.

**IN THE COUNTING HOUSE:** Team 8. Peter Cobcroft, Charles Kooyman & John Noonan.

**THE CLEAN TEAM:** Group A: Mary Vee Tondi, June Digby, Hazel & Larry Lange.