

St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

The Third Sunday of Advent

11 / 12 December 2021

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Welcome back to your
Spiritual Home!



Pope Saint John Paul II

ADVENT VIRTUE #3

JOY

God made
us for joy!

Why it is Great to be Catholic!

Rediscovering Truth and Mercy in a Fallen World

Fr Greg Morgan

7pm Wednesday 15 December

Talk, questions, discussion and prayer

*Followed by wine and snacks
in the Church forecourt*



@ St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church, Gymea

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Baby Atticus, Leoni Bashall, Mary Fitzgerald, Geoffrey Jones, Elaine Matthews, Kevin Cannon, Kevin Fennell (Gymea legion Of Mary), Frank Humphries, Aileen McDonnell, Jonah Iona, Valerie Joan Tye, David Morrison, Giuseppe Sellaro, Rodney McGovern, Raymond Ragoo Govindon, Jack Carey, Helen Dobson, Dominic Berinati, Norma Estrada, Miriam Mitchell, The Holy Souls.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Helen & Charles Bombala, Ivan Bosnjak, Kevin Henry Cashman, Glenn Michael Dorman, Thelma Gaye & Anthony Bloye, Thomas Ginman, Lurline & Lewis & Jack Grime, Father William Hannon, Tom Richards, Marta Rojas Rojas (in Spain), Peg Cockram, Val Cobcroft.

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

Especially:

*Catherine Bassiuoni, Gerry Banister, Jean Bell, Pamela Buckley, Val & Hugh Casey,
Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Alice Elliott, Carmel Farnham, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Trevor Gittoes, Jeff Greenaway,
Patricia Gordon, Maree Hinton, Gloria Klein, Laurence McDonnell, Doug Maybon, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Julia Quach, Marie Rayner, Tony Ryan, Evelyn Spiteri, Yin Kwan Tsang, Lindy Webb, Marie & Norm Whittaker, Gary Wood*

WELCOME: With great joy, we welcome the choir of the Fijian Chaplaincy in the Archdiocese at our Vigil Mass this Weekend. It is such a blessing to have you with us and to have you lift our hearts and minds to God in prayer on this Gaudete Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS: Also at the Vigil Mass this Weekend, Julie & Gerry Banister have requested to renew their vows on the occasion of celebrating 50 years of marriage! We congratulate them on this wonderful vocational milestone. We also congratulate Gary and Margaret Reneker who also recently celebrated 50 years of marriage. Thank you for your fidelity and witness. Congratulations!!

ADVENT ALMSGIVING: At the first meeting of the new Committee for the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, it was decided that over the last three Weekends of Advent, there will be three different appeals for three different charitable projects. It is entirely up to you whether you choose to support one or all three of these worthwhile causes. Instead of buying something new for ourselves or just giving away old things, we might consider how we could give the cost of one new gift to one of these causes as part of our Advent preparations.

FUNDRAISING FOR FIJI: Last week, the parish supported the wonderful work of our St Vincent De Paul Conference. On this, the **Third Sunday of Advent, I have invited the Fijian Chaplaincy of the Archdiocese of Sydney to nominate a worthy cause for us to support.** The Chaplain, Fr Epeli Qimaqima, has suggested we raise funds to purchase new books for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Rewa, Fiji. (We might also look into the organisation of a book drive early next year.) Collection boxes will be available at the back of the Church after Mass.

THIRD ADVENT TALK: Will take place this Wednesday night in the Church between 7 and 8pm. There will be an opportunity for questions, discussion, and a little prayer too!

Fourth Sunday of Advent: East Timor. The Consular-General of East Timor here in Australia is coming to visit our parish next week. He has asked us to consider supporting a project for the people in East Timor. It is a country I have visited and certainly is one of the poorest, but most faith-filled, places I have visited.

BONNIE VIEW DEVELOPMENT:

Reminder - this weekend: after each Mass, please join Fr Greg and the Catholic Care team to learn more about the parish's proposal for the future use of 10-12 Bonnie View Street with Catholic Care. Parishioners are invited to review the plans, discuss the ideas proposed and leave feedback. If you are unable to attend this session but would like to know more, please let Fr Greg know so alternate arrangements can be made.

CATHOLIC WEEKLY: Available at the back of the Church. Please take home your family copy!

THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL: An overwhelming amount of \$5000 was raised last week! My sincere thanks to all parishioners for your kind and wonderful generosity. The money raised will make a huge difference in helping the people we assist in our local community. Below is a photo from the Conference Christmas lunch this week! Frank Tierney.



CONGRATULATIONS: We welcome our recently confirmed children who are joining us specially at Mass this Weekend to receive their certificates. We also warmly welcome their parents, especially those who have been away from the regular practice of their faith. Please know you should feel very much at home here at St Cath's and do not hesitate to reach out if you're keen to get more involved. Congratulations again to the children!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas this year falls on a Saturday. Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation (like every Sunday). Mass Times will be as follows: Friday 24th December (Vigil): **5pm, 8pm, 12:00am (Midnight)**

Saturday 25th December: **8:30am and 10:30am**

There will be no evening Mass on Christmas Day/no Saturday Vigil.

Whilst I can imagine some might hesitate, we are also *obliged* to attend Mass on Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family. A good Christmas present to Jesus is to keep our commitment to Sunday Mass! I promise, the Homily will be three minutes tops! You can time me...Mass times on Sunday 26th December will be: **7:30am, 9:30am, and 5pm ! See you there!!**

NEW YEARS EVE MASS: Start the year on a spiritual high. On the 31st December, join me for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11pm to 11:45pm followed by Benediction. Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will then be celebrated at Midnight. Mass will also be celebrated on New Years Day at **12pm Noon** (not 9.15am). What better way is there to bring in the New Year of Grace, 2022, than with Our Lord!

CATECHIST CORNER: Please get in touch with Fr Greg if you would like to become a catechist next year.

CONFESSIONS/BENEDICTION: 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 will take place henceforth *every* Friday and Saturday immediately prior to the 9.15am Mass.

ADVENT ADORATION: I would like to host a "holy week" where adoration of the blessed sacrament will run from **8:30am-8:00pm** from **Friday 17th-Friday 24th December**. Sign up sheet are on the windows at the back of the Church. Please nominate an hour to spend with Our Lord in quiet prayer and sign up today after Mass. There are still several hours that need to be filled by willing adorers. When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, Church law requires two people to be present at all times. A praying parish is (will become) a thriving parish.

FUNERAL FOR LEONI BASHALL: Will take place on Wednesday 15th December at 10:30am here at St. Cath's. Leoni was once a teacher at our school.

FUNERAL FOR ELAINE MATTHEWS: Will take place on Thursday 16th December at 12 noon here at St Cath's.

FUNERAL FOR MARY FITZGERALD: Will take place on Friday 17th December at 10:30am here at St. Cath's.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: The Altar Society are requesting donations of Christmas Bush to decorate the Church. Please deliver by 10am on Christmas Eve to the Church. Also, new members are needed to support the work of the Altar Society. Please see Fr Greg for details.

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

LITURGY ROSTER: Will be back in the bulletin next week. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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PARISH MASS TIMES.

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
5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sundays: 7:30am, 9:30am, 5pm



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!

FACEBOOK PAGE: Remember to like our Facebook Page! I am very grateful to one of our younger parishioners who is running this now.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: . We would also warmly welcome anyone interested in assisting with **reading/serving/acolyting** at Mass. We are also looking for anyone who might be able to assist with the **care of our gardens and for new catechists** All are welcome to chat with Fr Greg if they are open to getting involved. I am delighted with the number of people who have already come forward, but I would love for everyone to be involved.