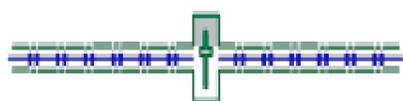


St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

# The Second Sunday of Lent

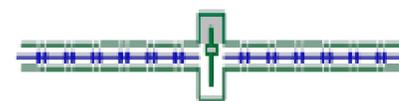
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"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity."

St Augustine



## Secrets to the **Spiritual Life** in a World of Indifference

Bishop Richard Umbers  
Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney



7pm **Thursday**, 17 March

Lenten Lecture Series: Talk 2

@ St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church, Gymea

*This Thursday at St Cath's! There will be a chance to celebrate St Patrick's day (it is also Bishop Umbers' birthday too so please come and celebrate with him) afterwards with drinks in the forecourt. Please invite your friends and family to join us for this special night of formation and fun.*

**In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;**

*Suzanne Miller, John Keys, Michael Malvern, Rex Watson, Terry Briggs (Husband of Alayne), Mary Tuite, Johnny Raper, Norm Whittaker, Peter Wild, Nita Edwards, Maria Casamento, Trevor Gittoes, Joe Dias, Anne Crank, John Gough, Joseph 'Joe' Hansel, Judith King, Carmel Farnham.*

**We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:**

*Tracy de Lyall, Vincent Donohoe, Brian Dooley, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Rita Harris, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Alexander Martin, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Sarah Murrells, Peter Mounce-Stephens, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Antonio Sorbara. Bennett Toms, Annette Twiss*

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

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

**WELCOME:** With praise and thanksgiving to God, we will warmly welcome Fr Ronnie Maree to our parish this Weekend. We really have been so blessed to have Fr Ronnie. As you will quickly discover, he is a wonderful young man of God – affable, dynamic, and full of faith. Please introduce yourselves to Fr Ronnie and keep him in your prayers.

**LENTEN LECTURE SERIES:** Despite the terrible weather, we had a rather impressive turn out for our first Lenten Lecture on “Divine Mercy” by Paul Elarde. Here is some of the feedback received:

*“Thank you for a very inspirational talk last night, I came with no expectations and no clue as to what the topic was and I felt truly blessed when I woke this morning to hear what you’d said.”* Another parishioner wrote: *“I can honestly say, that I have in some way been reborn by your talk last Tuesday. I thank you.”*

I am very grateful to Paul!

Lent is not only a time for penance; it is also a time for spiritual growth. Committing to these talks is one excellent and convenient way to do that little bit “extra” to help that growth along.

**7 pm, Thursday, 17 March:** Bishop Richard Umbers (Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney) – “Finding Holiness in Everyday Life.”

**7 pm, Thursday, 24 March** – Monica Doumit “Women in the Church Today & Tomorrow.”

**7 pm, Thursday, 31 March** – Fr Ronnie Maree “Clare and Carlo: Saints of the Eucharist”

**7 pm, Thursday, 7 April** – Fr Greg Morgan. “From Good Friday to Easter Sunday: What do Catholics Believe About Life After Death?”

**REMINDER ABOUT “LENT”:** The Archbishop of Sydney has written to remind us about Lenten Penance. (1) Catholics are to abstain from meat and must fast (those who are sick/elderly etc are exempt) on Good Friday. (2) On all Fridays in Lent, penance is fulfilled by (i) Prayer (attending an extra Mass, for example) (ii) Self-denial (not eating meat, giving up desserts, for example) (iii) Helping others (visiting the lonely or the sick, for example.) Catholics are reminded of the Paschal Precept – to confess any grave (mortal) sin at least once a year. Confession of any venial sin is always encouraged.

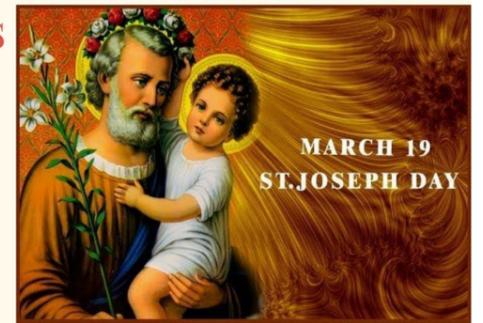
**EASTER VIGIL:** “The Vigil, by its very nature, ought to take place at night” (EV, no. 3). It is not begun before nightfall and should end before daybreak on Easter Sunday. The celebration of the Easter Vigil takes the place of the Office of Readings (EV, no. 5).” For these reasons, I would like to advise you in advance that the Easter Vigil will be celebrated at **7:30pm.** (There obviously will be no 5pm Vigil.)

## YOUR INVITATION TO ST CATHERINE LABOURÉ MEN’S BREAKFAST

**MARCH 19  
AFTER THE 9.15 AM MASS**

This month’s talk ...  
Lessons from St Joseph

HELD ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF  
THE MONTH AFTER MASS



**MEN’S BREAKFAST:** It was tremendous to have such an excellent turn out to our first men’s breakfast last month. This one will be even better as it is the feast day of St Joseph, the patron saint of husbands and fathers. Don’t be shy! It’s a great way to meet other men in the parish and build fraternity.

### **NEW! CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE (GYMEA):**

CWL has now been launched in our parish. This wonderful organisation has a rich history of encouraging and empowering Catholic women to do incredible things for God and the Church. My hope and prayer is that GyMEA will quickly come to have over 100 members in order to revitalise this organisation. Besides its many charitable works, CWL, GyMEA, will also offer opportunities for faith-formation and friendship. In the month of May, our first Women’s Retreat Day will be held but I hope to arrange a number of other events before then. Membership to CWL will afford a free invitation to the retreat day. Thus, as a first step, I would encourage all women in the parish to sign up for membership. **Sign up forms can be found on the tables at the back of the Church. Please hand them to Fr Greg/letterbox/parish office.** Over time, my hope is that CWL will grow to offer women both intellectual and spiritual formation in order to become a very powerful voice for truth, goodness, and beauty in the life of the Church. The feminine genius is needed more today than ever before! <https://www.cwlsydney.org.au/> If you have any questions, please contact Fr Greg.

**CUPPA TIME REFLECTIONS:** Fr Maunsell, a former priest of this parish, has written a collection of reflections. They are for sale at \$15 and are available at the back of the Church. Money raised goes to support an impoverished school in Uganda. The parish is donating \$5 for every book sold.



**FLOOD APPEAL:** St Vincent de Paul Society have launched an emergency [Vinnies NSW Flood Appeal](#) in response to the devastating floods impacting New South Wales. Members are leading this response on the ground, offering grants of up to \$3,000 to flood affected Northern Rivers residents and have opened flood assistance centres in Lismore, Casino and Ballina with many people still living in evacuation centre. This weekend, the GyMEA St Vincent de Paul will be collecting after all masses in support of the Flood Appeal. Credit card facilities will be available and all donations greatly appreciated. You can also contribute with the attached "[direct link QR code](#)" to the "GyMEA St Vincent de Paul Conference Flood Appeal page".

**ALTAR SERVERS:** I would like to invite all of our parish children/young adults (with their parents permission) who have already received their First Holy Communion to consider becoming altar servers at our Sunday Masses. Training, of course, will be provided and I would be very appreciative if some of the parents would be involved. It would be wonderful to have a team of servers for all our Holy Week/Easter Liturgies.

**FATHER'S/MEN'S BUSH WALK:** This wonderful initiative is being organised by a young dad whose children attend our parish school, Robert Purdon. Leaving from St Cath's after Saturday morning Mass on **Saturday, 18 April**, the hike starts at the entrance to Kamay Botany Bay National Park. The hike will take about four hours, which includes time to have a swim/bite to eat. A tremendous way to meet other dad's at the school and other men in the parish for fun and fraternity. If you're interested, please contact Robert: [r.purdon@live.com](mailto:r.purdon@live.com) More details to come but please save the date and get involved!

**ADORATION:** Remember, our parish has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available every day Tuesday-Saturday from 8:30am-9:10am. There is no better way to grow in our love for our Eucharistic Lord than to adore him in silent prayer.

**INFORMATION EVENING:** Please note that an Information Evening will be held here for ALL parents wanting their children to receive the Sacraments for the first time in 2022 **on Tuesday, 15 March at 7 pm.**

**WELCOME:** A very warm welcome to Genevieve Le who is the new Youth (Music) Co-ordinator. Gen will sing at the 5 pm Mass on Sundays and will assist in starting the youth ministry in our parish as well as helping with the new sacramental program. I have invited Gen to sing at several of the Masses this Weekend in order to get a feel for the parish. Please pray for Gen! We are blessed to have her.

**PARISH SCHOOL ENROLMENT OPEN DAYS:**

Will take place on Tuesday 15th March 4:30pm-6:00pm; Sunday 20th March 10:30am-11:30am; Tuesday 22nd March 4:30pm-6:00pm. Please email the school office to book your tour: [info@sclgyMEA.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sclgyMEA.catholic.edu.au)

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** Friendship Club meeting - 18th March - 10.00am at the GyMEA Bowling Club. As we are celebrating St Patrick's Day, please wear green.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK:** I am grateful to Michele Anthony who has very generously agreed to become the Co-Ordinator of this important ministry. Please let Michele or the Parish Office know of anyone (perhaps a sick relative or friend in the parish) who might like to have Holy Communion brought to them. Similarly, I am keen to reach out to those who are alone and might require transport to get to Mass on Sundays. Although the Community Car is an elevated 4WD (and, sadly, not a Community Bus), which makes it quite difficult and potentially unsafe for the infirm and elderly to get into (a number of people have expressed concern on this score), if you do know of anyone who is in relatively good health and would like to be brought to Mass, please let the Parish Office know.

**NEW RCIA PROGRAM:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be conducted for the first time in this parish this year. At present we have three adults who want to become Catholic at Easter. I hope they will be prepared and received at the Easter Vigil as per the traditional custom. Please pray for them.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING:** A new date will shortly be assigned for this. Given Fr Ronnie's "expertise" in liturgy I am inclined to wait until his arrival.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Will take place every Friday during Lent at 10 am. Please come along!

**PARISH DIRECTORY:**

**Parish Priest:** Father Gregory Morgan  
**Assistant Priest:** Father Ronnie Maree  
**Presbytery:** 123 Gynea Bay Rd Gynea  
**Secretary:** Kerry Ginman  
**Office Hours:** Monday to Thursday being:  
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**St Catherine's Friendship Club:**  
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**PARISH MASS TIMES.**

<b>Mondays:</b> 9:15 am Mass	<b>Saturdays:</b> 8:30 am - 9:10 am Adoration & Benediction - 9:15 am Mass
<b>Tuesdays:</b> 8:30 am - 9:10 am Adoration 9:15 am Mass	
<b>Wednesdays:</b> 8:30 am - 9:10 am Adoration 9:15 am Mass	
<b>Thursdays:</b> 8:30 am - 9:10 am Adoration 9:15 am Mass	<b>Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Fridays:</b> 8:30 am - 9:10 am Adoration & Benediction - 9:15 am Mass	<b>Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:30 am &amp; 5 pm</b>



19 / 20 March 2022 *The 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year C*



*Remember you are dust and to dust you will return.*

	Saturday Vigil 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday Evening 5.00pm
<b>Acolytes &amp; Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Phil Boland Cathy Bonello Emma Honey	Jim Gothard Paul Marsden Doreen Vernon	Kevin Bourke Barbara Foster Carole Venier Peter Cobcroft	David Gormley Amelia Paras
<b>1st Reader:</b>	Maureen Pocock	Doreen Vernon	Michele Anthony	Faye Reardon
<b>Psalmist:</b>			James Clancy	
<b>2nd Reader:</b>	Jodie McKay	Adele Greenaway	Barbara Foster	Ronald Paras
<b>Intercessions:</b>	Emma Honey	Adele Greenaway	Carole Venier	Ronald Paras

**The Altar Society: Group 3:**  
Kath Lloyd, Norma Wong & Chris.

**In The Counting House:**  
**Team :**  
*NOT until further notice.*  
*Thank you.*

Altar Servers:

Audio-Visual Operators: Pauline / Mark Hugh Faye & James  
**SENIOR CHOIR**

The Clean Team: Group C:



May God and our Lady of Lourdes care for and protect us all.