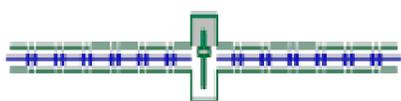


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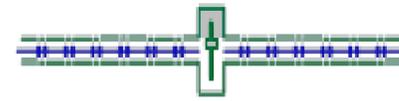
The Third Sunday of Lent

Year C

19 / 20 March 2022



If you excuse yourself from going to confession, you shut up sin within your soul, and shut out pardon.
St. Augustine



Women in the Church Today & Tomorrow

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Lenten Lecture Series: Talk 3 **7pm Thursday 24 March** @ St. Catherine Labouré Catholic Church, Gymea

Monica Doumit, Adjunct Senior Lecturer in Law and Director of Public Affairs and Engagement in the office of the Archbishop of Sydney. Monica practiced corporate law in both Sydney and London until 2014. Since then, she has dedicated her incredible talents to promoting the beauty and mission of the Catholic faith. This is a night not to be missed!

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Arthur Ollenrenshaw, David Morrison (Legion of Mary), Kevin Fennell (Legion of Mary), 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:

Denis Boyle, Tracy de Lyall, Vincent Donohoe, Brian Dooley, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Rita Harris, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, Alexander Martin, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Sarah Murrells, Peter Mounce-Stephens, Joan Patterson, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Antonio Sorbara, Bennett Toms, Annette Twiss, Deceased Members of the Friendship Club.

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, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood.

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES: 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, 24 March (This Thursday) – 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?”

If you missed one of the talks, please go to our parish YouTube page for the recordings.

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 (Saturday, 16 April) will be celebrated at **7:30 pm**. (There obviously will be no 5 pm Vigil.)

A WONDERFUL NIGHT: Thank you very much indeed to all the wonderful parishioners who came to hear Bishop Umbers’ inspiring talk and then remained afterwards for a very uplifting and joy-filled time of celebration in the parish forecourt. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those parishioners who so kindly helped to set up the food/drinks and then cleared away all the rubbish afterwards. May God bless you for your kind service. I think the Bishop, too, had a lovely night and we were very fortunate to have him on his 51st birthday! Also, our brand new parish “Coffee Cart” made its grand debut!

CWL STATE CONFERENCE: Fr Greg will be away after the 7.30am Sunday Mass until Tuesday to attend the Catholic Women’s League NSW executive meeting. I encourage all women of the parish to sign up for membership to this illustrious organisation!

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.

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** More details to come but please save the date and get involved!

FLOOD APPEAL: Thank you very much to everyone who gave so generously to last week's Flood Appeal. It was an overwhelming success. **Church collections \$7,881.75 QR Web Page \$751.50 Total \$8,633.25** A wonderful result for the devastated people affected by the Floods. Thank you again Gymea parishioners for your wonderful generosity.



Frank Tierney President Gymea Conference.

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.

ACOLYTE/SERVER TRAINING: Fr Ronnie will kindly lead a training session for our new Altar Servers and Acolytes. If any children who have made their First Holy Communion

NEW RCIA PROGRAM: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be conducted for the first time in this parish this year. **I'm looking for volunteers who have a good grounding in the faith to assist Fr Ronnie and I in instructing potential converts.** Please let one of the priest's know if you would be interested in assisting with this invaluable work. Resources will be provided.

FROM THE CATECHISM: 2181 "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason...Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." I saw a photo recently of a priest (obviously concerned about former practicing Catholics becoming non-practicing Catholics after Covid) standing outside a shopping centre holding up a sign that read something like: "If you are well enough to go shopping you are well enough to go to Mass". Perhaps Fr Ronnie and I might resort to something similar along Gymea Bay Road! Nevertheless, please gently encourage those you know who might sadly be becoming indifferent to the worship of God to return to Mass soon. God bless those of you who have remained strong in the practice of the faith! We cannot truly live apart from the Eucharist (grace and mercy).

LEGION OF MARY: Our Parish is blessed to have a longstanding Legion of Mary group, which meets every Thursday morning after the 9.15am Mass. Next week, in honour of the Feast of the Annunciation, there will be a call for new members at each of the Masses. Please pray for our Legion members too!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Thank you to those parents who attended the information evening last Tuesday to launch our new Sacramental Program. To watch a recording of what was discussed, please use the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5eHFIDp5yk>

PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS EXCURSION: Date: Tuesday 29th March. **10:15am** Meet at the Stations of the Cross at Woronora Cemetery- there is a beautiful Stations of the Cross reflection garden inside the cemetery. For more details click [here](#). **10:30am** The Family Educators from our local Catholic Schools will lead you through prayer and reflection around the Stations of the Cross **12:00pm** Finish with Lunch, the Royal Hotel Sutherland (own expense).

PARISH SCHOOL ENROLMENT OPEN DAYS: Will take place Sunday, 20 March 10:30 am-11:30 am; and Tuesday, 22 March 4:30 pm-6:00 pm. Please email the school office to book your tour: info@sclgymea.catholic.edu.au

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.

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

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE SUTHERLAND: Is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2021. **To enrol online or download an Application for Enrolment visit www.spcsutherland.catholic.edu.au**

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PARISH MASS TIMES.

Mondays:	9:15 am Mass	Saturdays:	8:30 am - 9:10 am Adoration & Benediction - 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	Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass	
Fridays:	8:30 am - 9:10 am Adoration & Benediction - 9:15 am Mass	Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm	



26 / 27 March 2022 *The 4th 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
Acolytes & Ministers of Holy Communion:	Kevin Bourke Cathy Bonello Matthew Delasey	Sam Keir Paul Marsden Doreen Vernon	Jim Gothard Carole Venier Barbara Foster Michele Anthony	Amelia Paras
1st Reader:	Lesley Newman	Doreen Vernon	Michele Anthony	Faye Reardon
Psalmist:	Natasha Metlege		James Clancy	
2nd Reader:	Margaret Morris	James Clancy	Barbara Foster	Ronald Paras
Intercessions:	Jodie McKay	Adele Greenaway	Carole Venier	Ronald Paras

The Altar Society: Group 4:

June Frost, Kath Burns & Laurice Dooley.

In The Counting House:

Team :

NOT until further notice.

Thank you.

Altar Servers:

Audio-Visual Pauline / Mark Hugh Faye & James

Operators: SENIOR CHOIR

The Clean Team: Group D: Norm Frost & Chris Jacobs.



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