

Easter/Resurrection Sunday

Year C
16 / 17 April 2022

**“Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed:
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!”**

St Catherine Labouré
GyMEA Parish

1 Cor 5:7-8 (Jerusalem Bible)



Dearest Parishioners, On behalf of Fr Ronnie and myself, I would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter. It is my fervent prayer that on this most solemn of days you and your families will be blessed with a deeper appreciation for the redemptive power of the resurrection and, hence, grow in love for Our Lord — not just for the sake of our own salvation, but by becoming more powerful witnesses to the splendour of our Catholic faith we may bring the reality of salvific hope to the souls of all those who live in our parish and beyond (especially those who are distant from the practice of their faith). These past few days, especially during the Triduum, have been both personally inspiring and spiritually uplifting. It was particularly wonderful to see a good number of people pray before the Blessed Sacrament throughout the evening until Midnight on Holy Thursday. Similarly, both Fr Ronnie and I have been really encouraged by the number of people who have been coming to make very good confessions. As I keep saying, but I'll say it again, a prayerful parish is (will become) a thriving parish. Thank you again for the effort you are making to grow in your relationship with Our Lord and in your love for the Catholic faith. On Easter Sunday (like on Christmas day), we often have a number of non-practicing Catholics who return to Mass to honour the holiness of this day. I would especially like to welcome you back to your spiritual home. Please know that we pray for you every single day; longing for God to liberate you so that you can reflect more intensely and honestly on the greatest truths of life and, ultimately, draw you back to the Eucharist — the source and summit of our faith. If there is anything we can do to support you in your faith journey — if you would like to talk to a priest about a question/problem/doubt or would simply be open to the idea of getting more involved — never hesitate to reach out. I am delighted you are with us again. As we emerge from the pandemic, I am firmly committed to doing all that is possible, by God's grace, to build up “new life” in this parish; impassioned by the beauty, truth, and goodness of the Catholic faith. But we ALL have a role to play in this mission. So, please keep reaching out to others. Finally, Easter Offering envelopes are on the seats. You can place these envelopes in either collection bag. This collection goes towards supporting the running of the presbytery, paying certain parish bills, the stipend for priests (approx. \$1640 a month), and anything left over goes to assist poorer parishes. Thank you as always for your kind generosity and support. Please know of my love and prayers prayer for you all. God bless! Fr Greg Morgan PP

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

*Biagio 'Bill' Parrino, Terry Hall, Arthur Ollenrenshaw, Suzanne Miller, John Keys, Michael Malvern, Rex Watson, Terry Briggs,
Mary Tuite, Johnny Raper, Norm Whitaker, Peter Wild.*

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Rusty Abel, Daniel Adnreallo, John Bain, Denis Boyle, Angelo Casamento, Val Cobcroft, Vincent Donohoe, Brian Dooley, Roy & Mary Esplin, Damiano Franco, Beverly & Lionel Hurst, Father Peter Gillam, Tony Gould, John & Elizabeth Kane, Felicity Ketel, Alexander Martin, Silvano Venier, John Warner, Jim & Robyn Willis, Fr. Reg Wilson (1st Anniversary), Peter John Young,

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 Ksein,
Laurence McDonnell, Doug Maybon, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Julia Quach, Marié Rayner, Tony Ryan, Evelyn Spiteri,
Yin Kwan Tsang, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood.*

HAPPY EASTER! Fr Ronnie, Fr Greg, and all the parish staff would like to wish you and your families a very blessed and holy Easter. May the singular graces of this time inspire you to grow in your faith and to get more involved in our parish community. Please contact Fr Ronnie or Fr Greg if you are ever interested in participating more fully in the life of the parish.

THANK YOU: A huge word of thanks to all those wonderful parishioners who have contributed towards the celebration of this year's Sacred Triduum. I would particularly like to thank Fr Ronnie for his liturgical leadership, Grahame Cashman, the acolytes and servers, our industrious choir led by Clare Cowley, the faithful members of the Altar Society led by their CEO, the young Doreen Vernon, our audio-visual team, the church cleaners, and everyone else who has so generously given of their time and talents. May God bless you for your labours. Thank you!

CANCELLED (FATHER'S/MEN'S BUSH WALK): Very unfortunately, Robert Purdon, who had kindly organized the walk for Easter Monday, is in isolation due to Covid. The walk is thus postponed and a new date will be set shortly. Apologies to all those who were intending to come along. Nevertheless, if you're interested in getting involved, **please contact Robert: r.purdon@live.com**

LENTEN LECTURE SERIES: You can watch the recordings of the Lenten Lecture series on our YouTube and Facebook page as well as many other videos (such as homilies by Father Greg and Father Ronnie). Thank you to everyone who attended our Lenten Lecture series. There will be lots more talks to come.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The next Men's Breakfast will be held the Saturday after Easter Sunday: **Saturday, 23 April**. It is a great opportunity for men to catch up over a hot breakfast before hearing an inspirational talk on a topic of our Catholic Faith! Last month we heard a talk on the humble St Joseph, this month's talk is on **The Last Seven Sayings of Jesus**.

SAVE THE DATE: Our inaugural, though henceforth annual, "Labouré Lecture and Parish Dinner" will take place on **Friday, 25 November**. A distinguished guest speaker will be invited. Details to follow but please save the date in your calendars now.

CONFESSIONS: A reminder that confessions are available **before and after every weekday Mass** (including Saturdays). Please approach Fr Ronnie or myself if you wish to receive this Sacrament. On Saturdays, Fr Ronnie or myself will be in the confessional immediately following the morning 9:15am Mass for as long as necessary and from 4:30 – 4:55pm. If you have been away from the practice of your faith,, there is no better way to "begin again" .

CONGRATULATIONS: It is a great pleasure to be able to (finally) congratulate two recipients of the Archdiocesan Dempsey Medal, Mr Grahame Cashman and Doreen Vernon. Doreen and Grahame have been parishioners of St Cath's for many years and continue to dedicate innumerable hours of service to the parish. The presentation of the Dempsey Medal is a small recognition for the tremendous work you have done for us all. God bless you both!

WELCOME TO SEMINARIANS: We are incredibly blessed to have five or so seminarians (future priests) of the Archdiocese of Sydney lead the singing at the 9.30am Mass. These fine young men have been celebrating the Triduum at St Mary's Cathedral, which is always a supremely beautiful (but demanding) affair so I am especially grateful to them for joining us today. Please pray for these young men who have laid down their lives for you, the people of God, to one day serve you as priests. Thank you seminarians!

EASTER WATER: You are invited to take home one of the small plastic containers filled with "Easter Water" blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass. You will also find a sheet of paper titled "Order of Blessing of Homes..." We encourage you to use the water to bless your home and to say the prayers together as a family.

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. Membership to CWL will afford a free invitation to the retreat day, which will take place in the coming months. **Sign up forms can be found on the tables at the back of the Church or on the CWL website**. 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.

NEXT "LECTURE" SERIES: Fr Greg will be giving a three-part series of talks for the Archdiocese titled **"Empty Words Empty Pews: How Reclaiming Language Can Help Re-Evangelise Our Parishes"**. These talks will be delivered at St Cath's on three consecutive Thursdays (21st July, 28th July, 4th August) from 7.30pm to 8.45pm but people across the Archdiocese will join us via Zoom. Please mark the dates in your diary.

CAMINO IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH:

This overnight pilgrimage for men is a challenge in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker! The Camino will begin with 9 pm Mass on Friday, 29 April at St Jerome's, Punchbowl with Bishop Richard Umbers and conclude on Saturday, 30 April with 5.30 am Mass at St Michael's, Meadowbank followed by a hearty bbq breakfast. The entire walk from start to finish will include 7 locations with 6 churches: from St Jerome's - Punchbowl, to St Felix - Bankstown, Immaculate Heart of Mary - Sefton St Peter Chanel - Berala, St Joachim's - Lidcombe, Sydney Olympic Park and St Michael's, Meadowbank. Each location will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Register Now - www.trybooking.com/BXRIT**

ADORATION: Remember, our parish has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available every day Tuesday - Saturday from 8:30 am - 9:10 am.

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. [One should go to confession, therefore, before returning to Holy Communion if we have missed Sunday Mass due to laziness or indifference.]"

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.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: Due to Easter, the Friendship Club meeting will be held on Friday, 22nd April in the Gynea Bowling Club @ 10.00am. Following the meeting will be a presentation by Catholic Care. New members very welcome.

LEGION OF MARY: Our Parish is blessed to have a longstanding Legion of Mary group, which meets every Thursday morning after the 9.15 am Mass. We are always on the look out for new members. Please get involved (or just come and see!) and do pray for our Legion members too! They do such wonderful works in honour of Our Blessed Mother.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Thank you to those parents who attended the information to launch our new Sacramental Program. It is not too late to register your children for any of this year's sacraments. Please visit our parish website to do so. **To watch a recording of what was discussed, please use the following link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5eHFIDp5yk**

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.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE SUTHERLAND: Is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 for 2023. To enrol online or download an Application for Enrolment visit www.spcsutherland.catholic.edu.au

EUTHANASIA BILL: This dreadful piece of legislation, which will undoubtedly impact upon the rights and protections of the sick and most vulnerable (as has been proven across the world), is now being debated in the Legislative Assembly in NSW. Incidentally, I was impressed that even the UK government realised the slippery slope of Euthanasia and recently refused to legalise assisted suicide in the country. We too should stand firm and be a sign of hope for a much better way forward. If you would like to hear some of the arguments as to why we should oppose it, you might like to listen to my talk www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIQKbrUV1VI (Or go to our parish's YouTube page). Please get involved: www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw

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MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday 9.15 am
Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Mondays - Saturdays
 Before and after every weekday Mass (including Saturdays)
On Saturdays 4:30 pm - 4:55 pm

ADORATION TIMES

Tuesdays - Saturdays
 8:30 am - 9:10 am
 (Fridays and Saturdays:
 9:00 am Benediction)



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	Saturday Vigil	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday Evening
	5.00pm	7.30am	9.30am	5.00pm
Acolytes	Kevin Bourke	Jim Gothard	Graham Ward	David Gormley
& Ministers of Holy Communion:	Lesley Newman	Doreen Vernon	Cathy Bonello	Julie Banister
	Matthew Delasey	Paul Marsden	Michele Anthony	Margaret Reid
			Barbara Foster	
1st Reader:	Natasha Metlege	James Clancy	Michele Anthony	Julie Banister
Psalmist:	Maureen Pocock			Jed Loader
2nd Reader:	Jodie McKay	Adele Greenaway	Graham Ward	Moirra Loader
Intercessions:	Matthew Delasey	Doreen Vernon	Barbara Foster	Margaret Reid



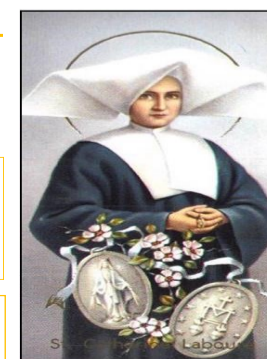
The Altar Society: Group 4:
 June Frost, Kath Burns & Laurice Dooley.

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

Altar Servers:

Audio-Visual Operators: Pauline / Mark Hugh
SENIOR CHOIR: Jenni & Dolly

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



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