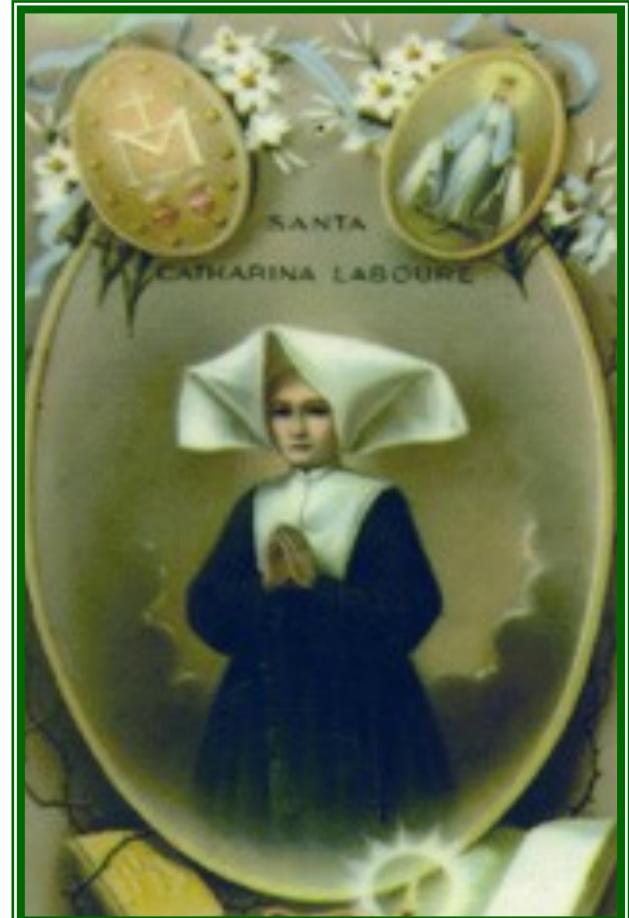


The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



2 / 3 July 2022

Year C



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel today (see Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20) presents Jesus sending out 72 disciples to the villages he is about to visit in order to prepare the way. This is a particular feature of the Evangelist Luke, who stressed that the mission was not exclusive to the Twelve Apostles but extended also to the other disciples. Indeed, Jesus said: "The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few" (Lk 10: 2). There is work for all in God's field. Christ, however, did not limit himself to sending out his missionaries: he also gave them clear and precise instructions on how to behave. He first sent them out "two by two" so that they might help each other and bear witness to brotherly love. He warned them that they would be like "lambs in the midst of wolves". They were to be peaceful in spite of everything, and were to bear a message of peace in every situation; they were not to take clothes or money with them in order to live on whatever Providence offered them; they were to heal the sick as a sign of God's mercy; wherever people rejected them, they were to depart, doing no more than to alert them to their responsibility for rejecting the Kingdom of God. St Luke highlighted the disciples' enthusiasm at the good results of their mission and recorded Jesus' beautiful expression: "Do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven" (Lk 10: 20). May this Gospel reawaken in all the baptized the awareness that they are missionaries of Christ, called to prepare the way for him with words and with the witness of their lives.

Angelus address of Pope Benedict XVI given at Saint Peter's Square, Sunday, 8 July 2007

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Dusan Rudoff, Tony Cain, Margaret Shaw, Alice Elliott, James (Bill) Lindwall.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Joe Caputo, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Espin, Joan McSwan, John Vincent Sidgreaves, The Holy Souls.

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

Catherine Bassiuoni, Gerry Banister, Jean Bell, Helen Bridges, Pamela Bucksey, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne, Hugh Casey, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Melina Grieco, Maree Hinton, Gloria Klein, Doug Maybon, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Ray O'Mara, Julia Quach, Marié Rayner, Tony Ryan, Evelyn Spiteri, Yin Kwan Tsang, Doreen Vernon, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood.

PARISH APOLOGETICS GROUP:

The parish apologetics group held their sixth meeting this last Wednesday as we continued our series on The Eucharist. All are invited to join us as we continue working through the series. We begin on **Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm** in the Church followed by time for discussion which concludes at around 8.00pm. All are most welcome. A special invitation is extended to our RCIA candidates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

It is not too late to enrol your child in the program. Registrations are done via the parish website. A reminder that formation for both children and parents will take place on four consecutive **Sundays:**

24 July: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm;

31 July: 3:45 pm -4:45 pm;

7 August: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm &

14 August: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm.

Please pray for these children!

ALTAR SERVERS: A number of parishioners have commented on how wonderful it is to see children serving at Mass again. Fr Ronnie has very graciously trained the first group but we would always welcome some more volunteers. If your child has made their First Holy Communion, perhaps you might discuss with them whether they would like to serve at Mass, regularly or on occasions. Please approach for Fr Ronnie or myself (Fr Greg) if interested.

CLASSROOM MUSIC TEACHERS WANTED: Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for specialist Instrumental tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings and Classroom Music Teachers with an ability to teach Drama and Dance to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week. Tutors will commence in Term 1, 2023 and to start applying, you can view the live advert on our Sydney Catholic Schools website <https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/musicjobs>. All Classroom Music Teacher positions will be advertised from Monday, 25 July and for anyone interested you can add your expression of interest. For further information, please contact the SCS' Recruitment team at: hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The next Men's Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, 16 July (the third Saturday of each month)**. 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 Christ and the Passover.

"LECTURE" SERIES:

Fr Greg will be giving a three-part series of talks for the Archdiocese titled "**Simple Suggestions to Spiritual Obstacles: Rekindling our Prayer Life after Pandemic Procrastination**"

These talks will be delivered at St Cath's on three consecutive Thursdays (**21 & 28 July & 4 August**) from 7.30 pm to 8.45 pm; with people across the Archdiocese being able to join us via Zoom.

Please mark the dates in your diary.

The working titles for these three talks are as follows:

Lecture One, 21 July: *Silence – The Antidote to Spiritual Blindness & the Pathway to Truth*

Lecture Two, 28 July: *Self-Knowledge – The Antidote to Spiritual Deception & the Pathway to Prudence*

Lecture Three, 4 August: *Self-Sacrifice - The Antidote to Spiritual Acedia & the Pathway to Joy*

The original lecture series on '**Reclaiming the Power of Language**' will likely be held in the city at a date TBC.

To Register please go to: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED: Thank you to those who have already come forward to volunteer their time and services, for Cleaning of the Church, pews and carpet, etc. and also to assist the Altar Society ladies in preparing the Sanctuary - both groups work to a monthly roster with 5th Sundays doubling up. This is a wonderful way to make a positive contribution to our parish and to meet a small group of wonderful parishioners. Please speak to Fr Greg or contact the Parish Office.

ANNUAL LEAVE: Fr Greg will be away for another week on annual/research leave.

Fr Ronnie will be in charge of the parish. He will have a busy liturgical schedule so please support him in any way you can.

PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2022: Specifically tailored for our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners to be renewed in the Church's mission of evangelisation, join us to strengthen your practical efforts through spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation.

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct. Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm. \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Registration essential: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 by Sunday 14 August.

Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

FEAST DAYS THIS COMING WEEK:

Monday 4th July - St Elizabeth of Portugal: a queen who served the poor and helped her country avoid war during the 13th and 14th centuries. Named for her great-aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Born in 1271 and while still very young, she was married to King Diniz of Portugal, a marriage that would put her faith and patience to the test.

Tuesday 5th July - St Antony Mary Zaccaria: He was born in Cremona in Lombardy and started by studying medicine, but soon decided to become a priest instead and was ordained in 1528. He founded the Congregation of Clerks Regular of St Paul, generally known as the Barnabites, whose aim was the reform of the clergy and laity.

Wednesday 6th July - St Maria Goretti: the third of seven children of a poor peasant family in Italy; Alessandro Serenelli, her neighbour, murdered Maria whilst trying to rape her. She died in the afternoon of 6 July 1902, at the age 11. Alessandro repented in prison and when released he and Maria's mother received Communion side by side on Christmas Day 1937, and they spent Christmas together. Maria was canonized in 1950. Her mother was present at the ceremony, the first time this has ever happened, and so was Alessandro.

Thursday 7th July - Blessed Peter To Rot: He was born in 1912 at Rakunai, a village on the Melanesian island of New Britain, today part of Papua New Guinea. His parents belonged to the region's first generation of Catholics. He became a catechist. He married in 1936 and had three children. When the Japanese occupied the island during the war, all the missionaries imprisoned in a concentration camp and Peter was the only spiritual guide that Catholics had. He organized prayer services, gave religious instruction, baptized children, preserved the consecrated Hosts and administered them to the sick and dying, and gave help to the poor. The Japanese had destroyed the church when they arrived, so Peter built a new one out of the branches of trees. After a quiet start, repression grew violent. Peter was arrested in April or May 1945 and savagely "questioned" by officials. He was sentenced to two months in prison and was then martyred.

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.*

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

STATE SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED: If you have 30 minutes to spare on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday please consider assisting catechists in state school class rooms in bringing the Church to the state school children.

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 - email them (*address on back page*) for more information....

FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The Friendship Club Meet on the third Friday of the month at Gymea Bowling Club from 10 am. New members always welcome - email them (*address on back page*) for more information....

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP: Did you know we have a wonderful group of faith-filled parishioners who gather each Thurs evening at 6pm in our church, to say the Rosary & pray & reflect on Our Lady's messages to the world. Email them (*address on back page*) for more information or simply come to a Meeting. Why not join them, everyone is welcome!

CONFESIONS: A reminder that confessions are available **before & after every weekday Mass** (including Saturdays) Please approach Fr Ronnie or myself if you wish to receive this Sacrament.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2022: Thursday 29 September - Sunday 2 October. Freeman College Bonnyrigg. This popular conference was postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-lockdowns, but is back this year. The weekend includes the opportunity for Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration, inspiring speakers, workshops and dynamic music. The event is aimed at all ages with a program of interest to primary and high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from across the country. Speakers will include Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Fr Rob Galea and Therese Mills MGL. \$100 Discount available for the first 50 young adults who register or volunteer from the Archdiocese of Sydney. EMAIL: John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org for the Discount Code. Read more about the conference online: <https://igniteconference.com.au/>

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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

CONFESSON TIMES

Mondays - Saturdays

Before and after every weekday Mass (including Saturdays)

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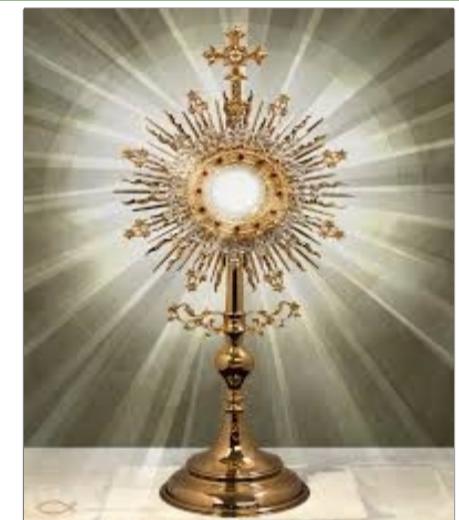
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ADORATION TIMES

Tuesdays - Saturdays

8:30 am - 9:10 am

(Fridays and Saturdays:

9:00 am Benediction)

9 / 10 July 2022

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

	Saturday Vigil 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday Evening 5.00pm
Acolytes & Ministers of Holy Communion:	Kevin Bourke Cathy Bonello Emma Honey	Sam Keir Mitch Worsley Judith Rumsey	Graham Ward Jonathan Varga Michele Anthony Barbara Foster	David Gormley Laurence Klein Amelia Paras
1st Reader & Psalm: 2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Maureen Morris Bernie Parkin	Adele Greenaway Judith Rumsey	Barbara Foster Jim Gothard	Ronald Paras Margaret Reid

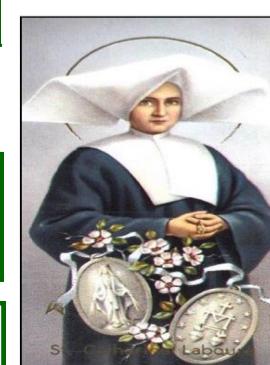
Altar Servers:

<u>Audio-Visual Operators:</u>	Pauline / Mark GPC	Natalie NO SENIOR CHOIR	Hugh Faye & James Jenni & Dolly
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The Clean Team: Group B: Paras Family.

The Altar Society: Group 2:
Doreen Vernon, Ava T Mahne &
Aurora Hall.

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



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