

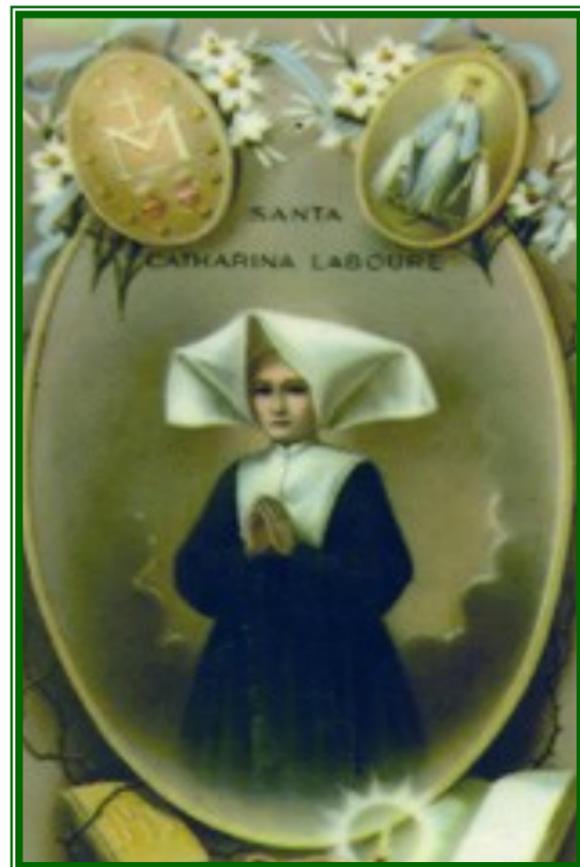
# St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

## The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



16 / 17 July 2022

Year C



“Martha and Mary are two sisters. Jesus is passing through their village and, the text says, Martha received him at her home. Indeed, when Jesus has been made comfortable, Mary sits at his feet and listens to him while Martha is totally absorbed by her many tasks, certainly due to the special Guest. We seem to see the scene: one sister bustling about busily and the other, as it were, enraptured by the presence of the Teacher and by his words. A little later Martha, who is evidently resentful, can no longer resist and complains, even feeling that she has a right to criticize Jesus: “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me”. Martha would even like to teach the Teacher! Jesus on the other hand answers her very calmly: “Martha, Martha”, and the repetition of her name expresses his affection, “you are anxious and troubled about many things; only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her”. Christ’s words are quite clear: there is no contempt for active life, nor even less for generous hospitality; rather, a distinct reminder of the fact that the only really necessary thing is something else: listening to the word of the Lord; and the Lord is there at that moment, present in the Person of Jesus! All the rest will pass away and will be taken from us but the word of God is eternal and gives meaning to our daily actions. Dear friends, as I said, this Gospel passage is more than ever in tune with the vacation period, because it recalls the fact that the human person must indeed work and be involved in domestic and professional occupations, but first and foremost needs God, who is the inner light of Love and Truth. Without love, even the most important activities lose their value and give no joy. Without a profound meaning, all our activities are reduced to sterile and unorganised activism. And who, if not Jesus Christ, gives us Love and Truth? Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us learn to help each other, to collaborate, but first of all to choose together the better part which is and always will be our greatest good.”

*Excerpt from an address by Pope Benedict XVI*

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

*Donald Featherston, Moira Cowie, John Murray, Geoff Hill, Dave Turner, Michael Mann, Leena Marcus, Mark Felton, Tony Cain, Margaret Shaw, Alice Elliott, James (Bill) Lindwall.*

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

*Tom Anthony, Robert Camilleri, Roy & Mary Esplin, Lean Family, Doug Payne (1st Anniversary), Doris (10th Anniversary) & John Phillips, Dusan Rudolf, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Rita Verco, The Holy Souls, 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, 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, Marie Rayner, Tony Ryan, Evelyn Spiteri, Yin Kwan Tsang, Doreen Vernon, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood.*

**PARISH FUNERAL NOTICES:**

The Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of **Moira Cowie** will be offered here at St Catherine's on Thursday 21st July at 11.00am.

The Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of **John Murray** will be offered here at St Catherine's on Thursday 21st July at 1.00pm.

**ANNUAL LEAVE:** Fr Greg returns this week.

**HUMANAE VITAE MONTH:**

Answering the Call of Humanae Vitae - The Life and Work of John and Evelyn Billings. **Saturday, 23 July** from 9.30am at St Catherine Laboure's, GyMEA.

- 9.30am – Morning tea
- 10am – Lynne Anderson (CEO of BillingsLIFE) will discuss the development of The Billings Ovulation Method® and how to apply this knowledge that every woman ought to have
- 11am – Q&A

Register via Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CAGZH>

**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!*

**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.

COST is: \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

**Registration essential:** [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22) by **Sunday 14 August.**

Inquiries: [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org)

**"LECTURE" SERIES: STARTS THIS WEEK!!!!**

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/](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/)

**St VINCENT de PAUL CENTENARY CELEBRATION:**

All parishioners are invited to join us in celebrating 100 Years of Vinnies in the Sutherland Shire.

**Saturday, 30 July from 7.00 pm at Club on East, 7 East Parade, Sutherland**

Tickets \$65 (3 course meal + drink on arrival) Everybody is welcome and invited to bring your family and friends as we raise funds for those in need in the Shire.

Silent Auction/Raffles/Lucky Door Prize. Remember to bring your gold coins.

Book your tickets via the link:

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/vinnies-sutherland-shire-centenary-celebration> .

Put in the comments "*Please put me on GyMEA Conference Tables*"

**All enquiries to Frank on 0412.844.542**

**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.

**FEAST DAYS THIS COMING WEEK:**

Wednesday, 20 July - **Saint Apollinaris**

Thursday, 21 July - **Saint Lawrence of Brindisi**

Friday, 15 July - **Saint Mary Magdalene**

Saturday, 16 July - **Saint Bridget**

**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.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, 20 August (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 **PRAYER**.

**PARISH APOLOGETICS GROUP:** The parish apologetics group held their eighth 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 7.00 pm** in the Church followed by time for discussion which concludes at around 8.00 pm. All are most welcome. A special invitation is extended to our RCIA candidates.

**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](mailto:hr.recruitment@syd.catholic.edu.au).

**ST THOMAS MORE BRIGHTON LE SANDS MEN'S GROUP:** Special guest **Bishop Danny Meagher**.

Saturday 13 August. 8.00am for Adoration and Reconciliation. Holy Mass at 8.30am followed by talk by Bishop Danny Meagher and discussion. Doors open 7.30.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

**Don't forget to get your copy today! Still only \$2!**

**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 Gynea Bowling Club from 10 am. New members always welcome - email them (*address on back page*) for more information. Next meeting Friday 15th July, followed by Card Bingo.

**MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP:** Did you know we have a wonderful group of faith-filled parishioners who gather each Thursday evening at 6 pm 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!

**CONFESSIONS:** 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](mailto:John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org) for the Discount Code. Read more about the conference online: <https://igniteconference.com.au/>

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**MASS TIMES**

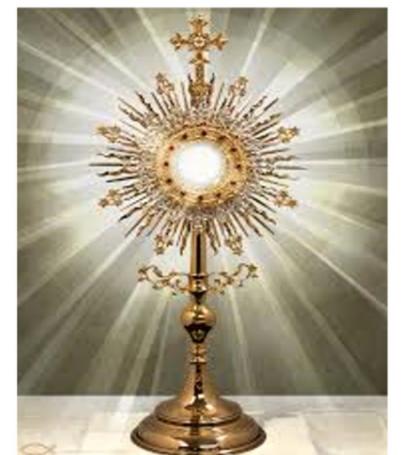
**Monday - Saturday 9.15 am**  
**Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm**

**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)*



23 / 24 July 2022

***The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C***

	Saturday Vigil 5.00pm	Sunday 7.30am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday Evening 5.00pm
<b>Acolytes &amp; Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Kevin Bourke Matthew Delasey Lesley Newman	Sam Keir Jonathan Varga	Jim Gothard Mitch Worsley Carole Venier Peter Cobcroft	David Gormley Laurence Klein Amelia Paras
<b>1st Reader &amp; Psalm:</b>	Maureen Pocock		Barbara Foster	Ronald Paras
<b>2nd Reader &amp; Intercessions:</b>	Bernie Parkin	Adele Greenaway	Michele Anthony	Joan Pinto

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

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

**Altar Servers:**

**Audio-Visual Operators:** Pauline / Mark Natalie Hugh Faye & James  
 GPC NO SENIOR CHOIR Jenni & Dolly

**The Clean Team: Group D:** Norm Frost, Chris Jacobs & Jan Lambert.



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