

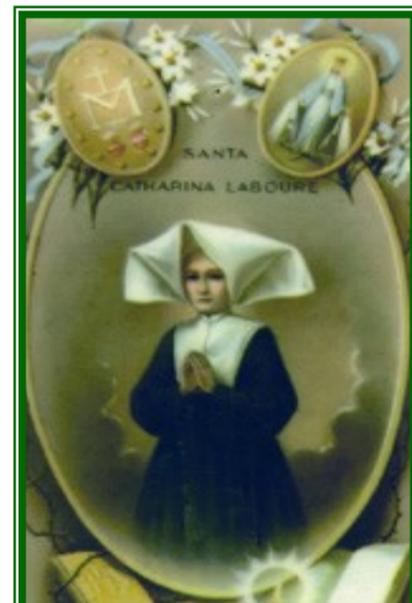
St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

The 17th Sunday



23 / 24 July 2022

Year C



Dear Parishioners, It is lovely to be back among you after a three-week break. I missed you all very much! Although I had a very blessed time away, it has certainly been “full steam ahead” from the moment I landed on Wednesday 13th. There is certainly much to do in the months ahead and I really hope to continue to build up the momentum of renewal and evangelisation in this parish. To do that, I need all of you to continue to get involved! So, please remember to pray for our parish, to reach out to your friends, family, and neighbours who may have lapsed in the practice of their faith (invite them back to Mass), and think of how you might put your own talents to good use in order to build up God’s Kingdom here in Gymea.

A few (belated) words about the Eucharistic Procession held on the Feast of Corpus Christi: I have to say, I was truly, truly(!) delighted by the response from you, the parishioners. It was incredibly moving, to say the least. Within minutes of the procession ending and over the days that followed, I received a number of emails and text messages from parishioners (and some non-Catholic locals) with some incredible stories. Many of these emails and messages recounted how members of the public approached parishioners intrigued by what they were witnessing. For instance, one lady ran up to a parishioner towards the end of the procession to ask what they were doing. After the parishioner explained, the lady asked her if she would pray for her. The parishioner immediately did so and then invited the lady to come to Mass the following Sunday. Another parishioner told me of how another individual literally ran down from their apartment and asked if they would pray for their sick child. More generally, I heard that a number of coffee shops were abuzz with questions. Later on that day, a couple of strangers came up to me on the high street and asked: “What is the Eucharist?” (Wow! Where do you start?)

All this is by way of saying what a grace this event was and it only goes to show the impact Our Lord can have if we put our fears and inhibitions aside and just trust in Him! I really believe God showed to us that day the importance of “launching out into the deep”, being proud of the beauty and genius of our faith, and then doing something counter-cultural to make the Truth present in our confused world! Thank you also for praying for the special intention of the child in our parish who is sick. Please continue to pray for that child and her family.

Thank you, also, to the bus-load of parishioners who accompanied me into the City to join over 13,000 other Catholics for the “Walk with Christ” event on the same day. A special mention of our wonderful Acolyte, David Gormley, who carried the parish banner. David is wonderfully tall so everyone could see Gymea parishioners were out in force that day!

Moving forward, my hope and my prayer is that each and every one of you, the parishioners, will continue to take greater ownership of this parish by continually responding to the universal call both to holiness and to evangelisation. Have a think! What can I do to bring souls to Christ? What might I commit to? First and foremost, let us commit ourselves this week to greater prayer for each other and for the ongoing conversion of our parish.

I am very grateful indeed to Fr Ronnie for holding the fort so well during my absence (catching Covid and all) and to the parish staff for all their hard work. Thank you so much! God bless you all. Fr Greg

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, Ken Connolly, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Maurilio Lobo (10th Anniversary), Joe & Anna Natoli, Doug Payne (1st Anniversary), Doris (10th Anniversary) & John Phillips, Dusan Rudolf, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Rita Verco, 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 Buckley, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne, Hugh Casey, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Kath Dowd, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Margaret Gardner, 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.

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST: Five young men will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Sydney at St Mary's Cathedral. Fr Greg and Fr Ronnie will be attending this ordination. **Thus, the Saturday morning Mass will be moved to 8am.** There will be no Adoration or Benediction beforehand. We apologise for any inconvenience but, as I am sure you will understand, every priest is expected to attend and we want to show our support for these new priests as they lay down their lives to serve you, the People of God.

SACRED MUSIC IN OUR PARISH: Last Thursday evening, I gave a talk on the importance of silence and explored why our society is so afraid of it. (Hence the constant need in our world today to turn to noise and distraction to "escape" from confronting the deeper meaning of life.) Silence is the gateway to God and so there are meant to be moments of profound silence in the Mass. But the Catholic Church is arguably the greatest contributor to sacred music. Music, when liturgically appropriate, can also lift our hearts and minds to God and help us to pray. I am now looking to try and develop the musical life of the parish. If you have any expertise in sacred music, or can play the organ, or are a "good" singer, please get in touch with Fr Greg or Fr Ronnie.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Formation for both children and parents will commence this Sunday and continue thenceforth for three other 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 keep the children and their families in your prayers, especially for those who are away from the regular practice of their faith.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY: Parishioners have been warmly invited by our parish Primary School to attend a special Mass to honour and pray for our grandparents. This will take place on the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Our Blessed Mother and the grandparents of Christ, the Lord. The Mass will be held on Tuesday 26th July at 12 noon.

PARISH DINNER: It is certainly an ambition of mine to also build up the social-community of this life of this parish. Hence you may have noted in previous bulletins my intention of hosting an inaugural parish dinner and Labouré Lecture. The idea of a Labouré Lecture came from one of our own parishioners. I would like to think we could have as many as 350 parishioners in attendance and I have approached a very special guest speaker for

the night. The dinner will take place on Friday 25th November. As you can imagine, it is very difficult for me to run every initiative/group by myself, particularly when juggling a full-time teaching load. So I am looking for about six to eight parishioners who might be willing to help me organize this event. If you are at all interested, please send an email to the Administration Assistant, Laurence at: admin@stcaths.org.au

Thank you for your support!

"LECTURE" SERIES: Last Thursday, Fr Greg gave the first lecture in this three-part series for the Archdiocese titled "**Simple Suggestions to Spiritual Obstacles: Rekindling our Prayer Life after "Pandemic Procrastination"**". It was great to have a number of St. Cath's parishioners attend and to welcome a good cohort of participants via Zoom from across the Archdiocese. The next talk is this Thursday 28th July 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, LAST WEEK – 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*

If you are unable to make it to the Church but would like to join via Zoom, please contact the parish office via email or send a message on our Facebook page.

St VINCENT de PAUL CENTENARY CELEBRATION:

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

Next 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 Gynea Conference Tables**"

We have a few tickets on the night still available for the Gynea Table. Contact Frank on 0412 844 542.

FINANCE COUNCIL: A special meeting of the Finance Council will be held at the parish meeting room on Tuesday 2nd August at 6.30pm.

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

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.*

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 ninth 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.

ST THOMAS MORE BRIGHTON LE SANDS MEN'S GROUP: **Special guest Bishop Danny Meagher.** Saturday, 13 August. 8.00 am for Adoration and Reconciliation. Holy Mass at 8.30 am followed by talk by Bishop Danny Meagher and discussion. Doors open 7.30 am.

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. Please speak to Fr Greg or contact the Parish Office.

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 for the Discount Code. Read more about the conference online: <https://igniteconference.com.au/>

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MASS TIMES

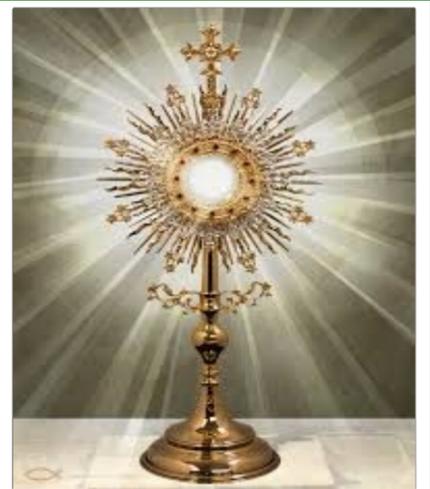
Monday - Saturday 9.15 am
Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

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)*



30 / 31 July 2022

NEXT WEEK IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The 18th 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:	Graham Ward Andrew Monsiff Cathy Bonello	Sam Keir Jonathan Varga David Gormley	Jim Gothard Joseph Lattouf Barbara Foster Michele Anthony	Mitch Worsley Amelia Paras Paul Marsden
1st Reader & Psalm:	Natasha Metlege	Judith Rumsey	James Clancy	Jed Loader
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Lesley Newman	Adele Greenaway	Julie Banister	Moira Loader

The Altar Society: Group 3:
 Norma Wong, Vicki Laffan,
 Kay Humphries & Chris.

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 C: St Vincent de Paul.



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