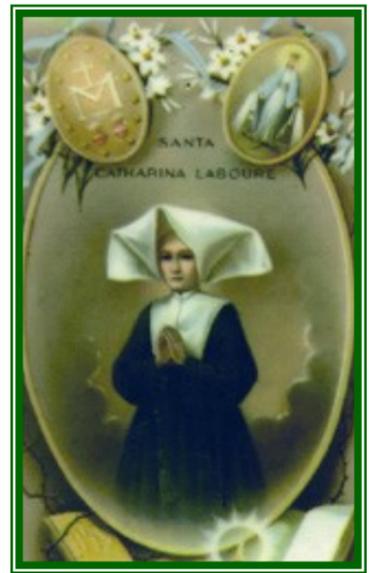


St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish



The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 / 7 August 2022



Year C



Dear Parishioners, On Thursday of last week, the 4th of August, the Church celebrated the Feast of Saint John Vianney, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. I hope to say a few words about him in this Sunday's homily. St John Vianney lived in 19th century France; a time of great social and political upheaval. The Church was bitterly persecuted. It is said that Vianney was by no means the "sharpest knife in the draw". I believe he found mastering Latin a real challenge, which, for a future priest, was a non-negotiable. In 1818, he was appointed Parish Priest of Ars, a small village close to Lyon. The picture to the left is of him approaching the village and asking a shepherd boy for directions. "Thank you for showing me the way to Ars", he said, "I'll now show you the way to heaven." It is

certainly worthwhile familiarising yourself with the life of this extraordinary saint. But to cut to the chase, he turned a small, diminishing, and relatively Godless parish into a place where thousands upon thousands would flock to; either to go to confession to him (he had the gift of reading souls) or to hear him preach (and he certainly never held back in his homilies). If you were to ask how he managed to do this, two words come to mind: prayer and mortification. This is how St Vianney describes prayer: "Prayer is nothing else but union with God. When one has a heart that is pure and united with God, he is given a kind of serenity and sweetness that makes him ecstatic, a light that surrounds him with marvelous brightness. In this intimate union, God and the soul are fused together like two bits of wax that no one can ever pull apart. This union of God with a tiny creature is a lovely thing.

It is a happiness beyond understanding." We should all be people of prayer but especially priests. One holy priest said to us in the seminary: "The priest who does not pray is a dangerous man." Speaking of seminary, it was such a joy to attend the ordination today (6th August) of five new brother priests in Sydney. It was also lovely to see some of our own parishioners in attendance too. Here is a photo of the Archbishop blessing the vestments in the lead up to the ordination. (If you have good eyes, you might also spot our illustrious Fr Ronnie in the corner.) Please, through the intercession of St John Vianney, pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in religious life. It is such a joy to be a parish priest! God bless you all! Fr Greg



In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

John Hart, Stephen Lo, Brian Flynn, Donald Featherston, Moira Cowie, John Murray, Geoff Hill, Dave Turner, Michael Mann, Leena Marcus, Mark Felton.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Tom Anthony, Robert Camilleri, Ken Connolly, Victoria Comri Cullen, Peter & Esme Del-Grande, Roy & Mary Esplin, Ederina Fabian (Remembrance of her birthday), Marie Featherston, Bill Godfrey, Robert & Billie Links, Maurilio Lobo (10th Anniversary), Teofilo Mendez, Joe & Anna Natoli, Doug Payne (1st Anniversary), Doris (10th Anniversary) & John Phillips, Dusan Rudolf, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Rita Verco, Lily Wood, The Relatives & Friends of Carole & Terry Gleeson, The Holy Souls.

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

Catherine Bassiuni, 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, Jean Goodson, Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Melina Grieco, Maree Hinton, Gloria Klein, Jim Klingberg, Doug Maybon, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Ray O'Mara, Julia Quach, Marie Rayner, Tony Ryan, Evelyn Spiteri, Yin Kwan Tsang, Carole Venier, Doreen Vernon, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY: The Feast of the Assumption, **Monday, 15 August**, is one of only two Holy Days of Obligation—besides every Sunday—in Australia. (In other countries, including England, there are many more.) This means Catholics are **obligated** to attend Mass on that day. Here at St Catherine's, we will offer four Masses to ensure everyone can attend. The Mass times will be: **7:30am, 9:15am, 12 (noon—Primary School attending), and 7pm.** As you can see, there are Masses throughout the day so I look forward to us all honoring Our Lady as a parish community on this most solemn day.

THIS WEEKEND: Five young men were ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Sydney at St Mary's Cathedral. Fr Greg and Fr Ronnie both attended this ordination. Please pray for an increase in vocations!

SACRED MUSIC IN OUR PARISH: I previously gave a talk on the importance of silence 2 weeks ago, 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 have already commenced and will continue for two more consecutive **Sundays** (including this Sunday):

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.

SAVE THE DATE—INAUGURAL PARISH DINNER:

Friday, 25 November is the date for our inaugural, though henceforth annual, “Labouré Lecture and Parish Dinner”. This year, a distinguished guest speaker will be invited. 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. 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. **Thank you very much to the**

wonderful group of parishioners who have generously responded to my call for help to organise this event.

Details about our first meeting will be soon advised.

“LECTURE” SERIES: Thank you to the parishioners who attended the Didasko Lecture Series (given by Fr Greg) over the last three weeks. 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 Didasko series will start soon. This time Professor Tracey Rowland will be presenting. I am open to the idea of parishioners being able to gather on the three Wednesdays (10th, 17th, 24th August) here in the Church. If parishioners are interested in attending, please can you email Laurence, the Parish Admin Assistant: admin@stcaths.org.au

ST THOMAS MORE BRIGHTON LE SANDS MEN'S GROUP: **Special guest Bishop Danny Meagher.** NEXT 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 NEED: Fr Greg is in need of more volunteers to distribute Holy Communion to the sick. If you are interested and available, please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry. It would not take more than an hour and (depending on numbers) every six or seven weeks. Training will be provided. I know our sick and housebound parishioners really appreciate having Our Lord brought to them.

BILLING'S METHOD AWARENESS WEBINAR:

Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps. See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration. Website: <https://www.billings.life/en/> Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IHI>

CWL ANNUAL MASS: **Members of the Gynea Conference (future members):** You are invited to **attend the Catholic Women's League Sydney Annual Mass and Luncheon on Tuesday 9th August 2022.** Mass will be celebrated by the Archdiocesan chaplain, Fr Greg Morgan at **10:30am** in the Chapel on Level 6 at the Polding centre (133 Liverpool Street, City) Following Mass a meeting and luncheon will take place on level 8. Our special guest speaker will be Diahanna Senko, Director of Ukraine Crisis Appeal. Please send an email to cwlsydney@sydneycatholic.org if you would like to attend.

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**.

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/music-jobs>. 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.

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....

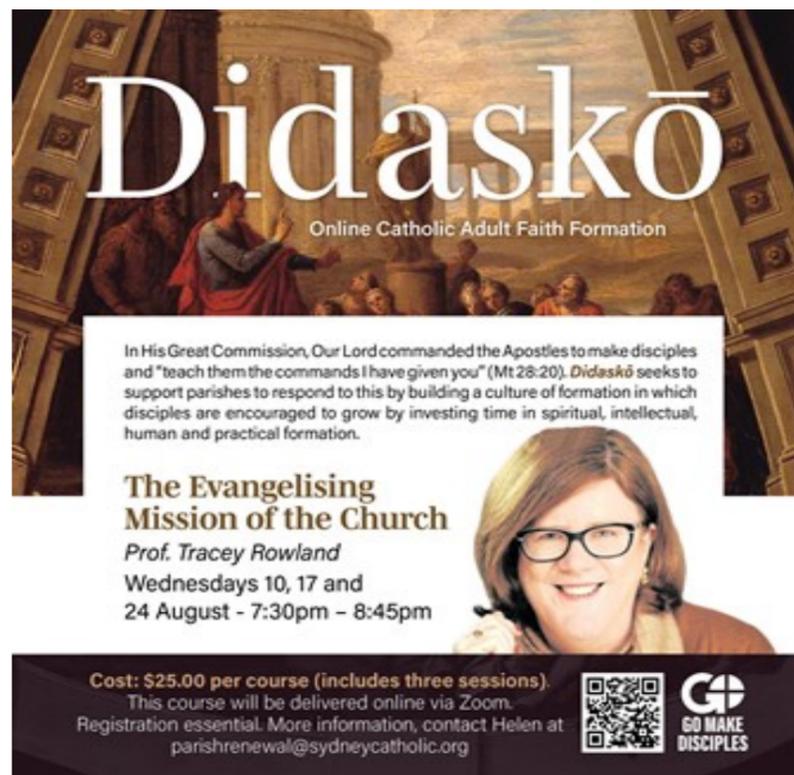
FRIENDSHIP CLUB: The Friendship Club Meet on the third Friday of the month at Gynea Bowling Club from 10 am. New members always welcome - email them (*address on back page*) for more information. **A meeting is to be held Friday 19th August, 10.00am, followed by**

Paul Kearney's Aussie Rock & Roll Presentation.

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** @ the 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.



Didaskō
Online Catholic Adult Faith Formation

In His Great Commission, Our Lord commanded the Apostles to make disciples and "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20). Didaskō seeks to support parishes to respond to this by building a culture of formation in which disciples are encouraged to grow by investing time in spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation.

The Evangelising Mission of the Church
Prof. Tracey Rowland
Wednesdays 10, 17 and 24 August - 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Cost: \$25.00 per course (includes three sessions).
This course will be delivered online via Zoom.
Registration essential. More information, contact Helen at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

OVERSEAS MISSION: Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community. Enquire online (<https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad>) or Ph: 0422 742 567

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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)*



13 / 14 August 2022

The 20th 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:	Phil Boland Matthew Delasey Julie Banister	Jim Gothard Jonathan Varga Judith Rumsey	Kevin Bourke Joseph Lattouf Cathy Bonello Michele Anthony	Laurence Klein Amelia Paras Paul Marsden
1st Reader & Psalm:	Bernie Parkin	Adele Greenaway	Barbara Foster	Jed Loader
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Natasha Metlege	Judith Rumsey	James Clancy	Moirra Loader

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

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 B: Paras Family.



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