

St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 / 14 August 2022



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Dear Parishioners, It was such a joy to gather with various members of the St Vincent De Paul Society the other week to celebrate their centenary anniversary in the Sutherland Shire. We are extremely blessed to have such a wonderful Conference here in the parish of Gymea, led by the stellar President, Frank Tierney. It was a very joyful affair and an opportunity to give thanks to God for the wonderful work this organisation does to care for the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten in our local community. On behalf of the Parish, I congratulate and thank the members of our parish Conference for all that you do. I would also take this opportunity to encourage parishioners to consider whether this might be something you could get involved in. It is a tremendous way to live out the Gospel.



On a very different note, I was alerted during the week by a parishioner that a fake email account has been set up in my name and being used to solicit money. A good priest friend of mine, Fr Peter, had already experienced the same scam. The parish secretary was away that day, so he was looking after the emails. An email arrived that read, "Dear Secretary, I am busy in a meeting and cannot be disturbed. I need you to do something important for me. God Bless Fr Peter".



Intrigued, the real Fr Peter wrote back pretending to be the secretary. "Sure, Fr Peter, how can I help?" To which the scammer replied, "Great! I want to reward my hardworking staff by buying them gift cards. Can you go out and purchase \$1000 worth of gift cards (you can keep one for yourself) and then send me the codes? But don't tell anyone. It's a surprise. I will reimburse you later." To which the real Fr Peter replied, "Sure, Fr Peter, but can I have the rest of the day off work?" In short, if you ever receive such emails, please delete them.

A reminder about the Feast of the Assumption on Monday. It is a holy day of obligation so I look forward to seeing you two days in a row! God bless! Fr Greg

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Fr. Gerrit Kraan (Salesian of Don Bosco), Verna Burrows, Jean Goodson, 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 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, 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: **7:30 am, 9:15 am, 12 (noon—with our Primary School attending), and 7 pm.** 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Formation for both children and parents concluded this Sunday. Over the next **TWO** week-ends, these children will be making their First Holy Communion at the Saturday Vigil 5 pm Mass and also the Sunday, 9:30 am & 5 pm Masses. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers, especially for those who are away from the regular practice of their faith.

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" NEXT Monday evening, 22 August at 7.30 pm 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/>

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.**

KNOWING JESUS DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS: Receive these short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional videos into your inbox to help you explore and

understand who Jesus really is! Starts on Monday 15 August. Sign up today: BruceDownes.org/knowningJesus/ or go to our website BruceDownes.org

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023: The next international WYD will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, from the 1st-6th August 2023. An obvious concern of mine since arriving at St Cath's is the absence of young people at Mass, particularly in the WYD age group of 16-35. This is something I am obviously keen to address in the coming years. However, from my previous experience in other parishes, if you can find and consolidate even a small group of ten to twelve young people who are well-formed in the faith, you are in a much stronger position than to reach out to other young people who are on the "peripheries". For this reason, I am wondering whether this coming WYD might be an opportunity to consolidate the young people that do come to one of the four Sunday Masses in Gynea. One of the reasons I re-introduced the 5pm Mass on Sundays was with a view in the medium-term to create a space for young people to meet. In fact, there have been two young people who attend that Mass who have expressed interest in forming a group for young adults. So, this is all by way of saying that if you will be aged 18-35 by August next year, attend Mass here in Gynea, and would be interested in attending WYD with a view to developing your faith so as to reach out to other young people in the Shire, I would be very interested to hear from you. Through fundraising and some support from the Parish, I would hope to make it as affordable as possible; seeing this as an investment for our future. The last time I did this as an Assistant Priest in Liverpool, we combined attending WYD in Rio with a service project in Mexico City (we helped paint an orphanage). This experience had a truly transformative effect on the twenty or so young people I accompanied. Perhaps something similar would be possible next year. Please approach Fr Ronnie or myself (Fr Greg) if you are remotely interested. (Mum's and Dad's, this might be a way for you to encourage your child to reconnect with the parish and with their faith.)

FUNERAL NOTICE: A Funeral Service for the late Verna Burrows, a long-term parishioner of St. Cath's, will be held in the chapel at St. Vincent's Care Heathcote (John Paul Village) this coming Friday, 19th August at 10am.

CAMPION COLLEGE BALL: The Campion College Student Association invites you to attend a medieval masquerade ball on 10 September 2022. 5.30pm Vigil Mass then 6.45pm the Ball commences. Open to youth/young adults (ages 16-35) All welcome! \$80 per person. Purchase your tickets at campion.edu.au/events.

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.

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 – SPIRITUAL WARFARE: The next Men's Breakfast is **NEXT 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 this month we will be hearing a talk and discussing **spiritual warfare**.

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 Gymea Bowling Club from 10 am. New members always welcome - email them (*address on back page*) for more information. **NEXT meeting is to be held this coming Friday, 19 August @ 10 am, 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!

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.

STORY OF A HOMELESS MAN: The President of the St Vincent de Paul Conference here in Gymea, Frank Tierney, attended the "Vinnies Sleepout" held at St Cath's Primary School last Friday evening. Frank shared with the students the story of Daryl, a homeless man our Conference looks after. Daryl explained to Frank that, as a result of blaming himself for a tragic car accident, he went to the streets of Sydney for 25 years. When he become a father, he decided to reach out to St Vinnies to "get the help I needed to be a better man and be the dad my son needs." St Vinnies helped Daryl secure "permanent housing accommodation, including medical, clothing, furniture and food etc". They also provided for his sons school uniforms and Christmas presents that he could not afford. Daryl is "forever grateful that St Vincent de Paul were there for me, especially the understanding, patience and empathy they have shown with my history."

SACRED MUSIC IN OUR PARISH: I previously 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.

AFRICA FOOD CRISIS: Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Your generous donation means our partners can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis, call 1800 024 413 toll free or use this QR code to donate.



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MASS TIMES

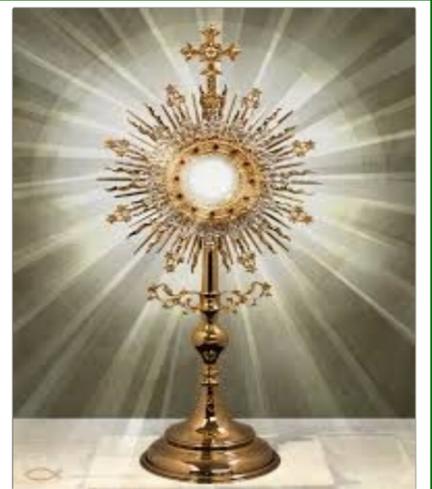
Monday - Saturday 9.15 am
Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

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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The 21st 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 Margaret Morris Cathy Bonello	Jonathan Varga Sam Keir David Gormley	Kevin Bourke Andrew Monsiff Michele Anthony	Mitch Worsley Amelia Paras Margaret Reid
1st Reader & Psalm:	Maureen Pocock	Adele Greenaway	Jim Gothard	Margaret Reid
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Julie Banister	James Clancy	Barbara Foster	Clare Cowley

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