

# St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

## The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year C

8 / 9 October 2022

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH 6:30PM AT DOLTONE HOUSE  
SYLVANIA WATERS

Labouré Lecture & St Catherine Labouré Gymea



## Parish Dinner

# BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Ticket sales available after Mass

Daniel and Leila Abdallah in conversation with **Monica Doumit**; Adjunct Senior Lecturer in Law and Director of Public Affairs and Engagement in the office of the Archbishop of Sydney



**Come and hear one of the most powerful stories of HOPE and FORGIVENESS amidst incredible tragedy and sorrow.**

Ticket also available online for \$82.50 per head at [www.stcaths.org.au/parishdinnerbooking](http://www.stcaths.org.au/parishdinnerbooking) or via the QR code (bottom left)

Dear Parishioners, Great news! After less than three weeks of selling tickets here in the parish, we have already sold 360 tickets to our inaugural Parish Dinner. This is a truly wonderful response! As a result, I am happy to report that there will be no elongated homilies or philosophically arid sermons for the time being..... As I said, I had hoped that at least 350 parishioners would attend but now we are well on the way to 400! This is an encouraging sign so thank you for your enthusiastic response. I am particularly grateful to those generous parishioners who have been assisting to organise the event, especially in selling the tickets. Thank you again!

Next week, I will extend an invitation to the families of our Parish School who might not be regular Mass-goers. Although the principal purpose for the dinner is to gather us together as a parish community in order to celebrate with pride the gift of being Catholic and to form new and deeper relationships with one another, I would also hope that it might be a moment of evangelisation for some others. Jesus would often eat and socialise with people as a first-step to bringing them to faith. There is no reason not to believe that the same pastoral strategy could not work in our own parish today.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. In my homily on Friday, I quoted the words of Pope Pius V who said: "Give me an army that prays the rosary and I will conquer the world." So: "Give me a parish that prays the rosary and we will conquer (convert all the souls) Gymea." May I invite you to honour Our Blessed Mother this month by making a special effort to say the Rosary as a family. I'm also thinking of organising a public rosary to be said outside the Church one Sunday here in Gymea. More on this next week. God bless you all! Fr Greg

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

*Tim Ferstat, Georgia Brown, Robert Rimoldi, Brian Simon Brewster (Ireland), Charlie Catania (Melb.), Eleanor Wood, Remedios Ash, John Quigg, Bernard Douglas Daniels,*

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

*Maribel Paras Beltran (1st Anniversary), Ken Connolly, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Ederina Fabian, Nicolo Colin Franco, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, John Lynch, Rodney James McGovern (1st Anniversary), Kath McGrath, Vicente Mendez, Peter Mooney, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Joe & Anna Natoli, Felisa Rosel, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Antonio Sorbara, The Holy Souls.*

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

*Elaine Bain, Catherine Bassiuoni, Gerry Banister, Jean Bell, Helen Bridges, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne, Hugh Casey, JoAnne Shackleton (Daughter of Dorothy Fraser-Bell), Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Joanne Davies (Daughter of Sue & Tony Day), Kath Dowd, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Margaret Gardner, Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Melina Grieco, Greg Hancock, Maree Hinton, Linden Kelleher (Parish Catechist), Jim Klingberg, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Ray O'Mara, Julia Quach, Vaska Petrova, Marie Rayner, Tony Ryan, Evelyn Spiteri, Yin Kwan Tsang, Doreen Vernon, June Walker, John Weaver, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood.*

**PARISH DINNER**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION:** Tickets are now available for collection. Your tickets will be in an envelope labelled with your name and can be collected from the back of the church. Please note that your seats will be reserved accordingly and you will be assisted to your place on the night. Your ticket simply provides a number for a lucky door prize. Further details to come. We apologise for the delay in printing the tickets; thank you for your patience.

**LAST WEEKEND OF TICKET SALES AFTER MASSES:**

This is the last weekend you will be able to purchase tickets after Mass. After this weekend, you will still be able to purchase your tickets by asking Fr Greg directly. Online ticket sales will remain open by going to [www.stcaths.org.au/parishdinnerbooking](http://www.stcaths.org.au/parishdinnerbooking). Note there is a \$2.50 processing fee for online bookings.

**INVITE A LAPSED CATHOLIC:** I invite you all to think of a lapsed Catholic friend you might like to invite. I am sure that hearing the testimony of Mr and Mrs Abdallah will have a powerful effect on us all. Moreover, it promises to be a wonderful occasion to celebrate faith and friendship with live entertainment, too!

**YOUNG ADULTS TABLE (SPONSORED):** All young adults of our parish (aged between 16 and 35) are invited to form a table at no cost. (Especially, but not necessarily, if you are considering going to WYD.) If you are a young adult and want to sit at the Young Adults table, email [admin@stcaths.org.au](mailto:admin@stcaths.org.au).

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MASS NEXT TUESDAY AT 6.30PM, NOT 9.15AM:**

Unfortunately, due to an insufficient supply of priests, there will be no morning Mass this coming Tuesday, 11 October; instead **Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm.**

**CAR PARKING:** Parking here at the parish early on a weekday morning can be quite hectic. It has come to my attention that, under the lease agreement with Montessori signed some years ago, parking **before 9am** is prioritised for the parents dropping off their children for Montessori. For those parishioners who are able, please park near the train station or another suitable place. I will endeavour to change this arrangement ASA. Please remember that a child was killed here at St Cath's a few years ago as a result of the congestion. I asks you to exercise heightened caution so as to avoid a repeat of such tragedies.

**RECONCILIATION PROGRAM:** If you are a parent intending for your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year, we implore you to enrol your child asap at [www.stcaths.org.au/sacramental-program](http://www.stcaths.org.au/sacramental-program), if you have not already. The first of the two classes will be held NEXT Sunday, 16 October; with the second class being the

following Sunday, 23 October. Classes begin at 3.45 pm and end at 4.45 pm. Parents are invited, with their children, to attend Mass after the preparation classes. Children will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, 27 October at 4:30 pm and 6.00 pm.

**PLANNED GIVING:** If you would prefer to support our parish through Direct Debit, please contact the parish office.

**NEXT PARISH LECTURE/TALK SERIES:** Will commence in November and will address topics of particular controversy, such as the relationship between church and state and the overturning of Roe vs Wade.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** The Como Social and Leisure Centre offers an opportunity for adults with disability to make new friends and learn and develop skills. They currently have space for new participants. If you are interested in their services, they would be more than happy to arrange a tour. Call (02) 8752 2512 or 0403 728 526. Email [Naia.Armitage@vinnies.org.au](mailto:Naia.Armitage@vinnies.org.au).

**COLLECTION BAGS:** Thank your for the feedback thus far. Any further feedback regarding collection bags/places can be directed to [admin@stcaths.org.au](mailto:admin@stcaths.org.au).

**FAMILY EDUCATORS NEEDED:** Family Educators liaise between our school and parish communities. The role is school based, 2.5 days per week. The role works to create invitational events, information sessions and activities that aim to connect families with the religious life of the school and the parish. Family educators also provide further support to families in the development of their child – spiritually, socially and educationally. A good heart and a big smile is all you need to be a great Family Educator.

They currently have roles in these locations:

- **Bondi:** <https://fal.cn/3slod>; **Beverley Hills:** <https://fal.cn/3sluh>; **Daceyville:** <https://fal.cn/3slo8>; **Enmore:** <https://fal.cn/3sloa>; **Leichhardt:** <https://fal.cn/3sloc>; **Leichhardt North:** <https://fal.cn/3slob>; **North Shore:** <https://fal.cn/3slo9>

**INVITE SOMEONE (BACK) TO MASS:** I encourage you, dear parishioners, to take seriously your own personal call to help re-evangelise our parish and beyond. One simple way we can do this is by simply inviting someone back to Mass. So, have a think, say a prayer for that person, and then invite them back to Mass.

**CONFESSIONS:** Confessions are available **from Tuesday to Saturday before & after every Mass.** Please approach Fr Ronnie or Fr Greg if you wish to receive this Sacrament.

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

**PARISH GROUPS**

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

**ROSARY ONLINE:** Did you know that our parish has an online Rosary every Saturday Morning at 10a m? The Zoom link is as follows: [www.stcaths.org.au/onlinerosary](http://www.stcaths.org.au/onlinerosary) (Password: 1234).

**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....

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** After speaking with a few parents at the School, I am exploring the possibility of introducing Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays. This would be for children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion. I anticipate this commencing in February 2023.

**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. **Details about forthcoming meetings will be advised in the parish bulletin.**

**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. Why not join them, everyone is welcome!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**WISHING TO COME TO MASS:** We have received a request from Jeanette & Robert Brennan, long time parishioners, who live in Sylvania and would very much like to come to Mass on Sat or Sun. However, they are currently without transport. They would be happy to attend either the Vigil 5 pm or the Sunday morning at 9:30 am. We have a community car that could be used for this purpose if you do not wish to use your own car. Please contact the parish office if you might be able to assist Jeanette.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** 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. Don't delay! Step forward!!

**UP-COMING EVENTS**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next Men's Breakfast **is NEXT Saturday, 15 October (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! This is another great initiative to invite a friend who might have lapsed in the faith.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (GYMEA):** Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, 20 October at 7 pm.** The night will begin with a talk by Fr Greg on St John Paul II's Letter to Women followed by drinks and light food in the presbytery. Please email [admin@stcaths.org.au](mailto:admin@stcaths.org.au) if you would like to join us.

**WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT DAY (GYMEA):** Calling all women of the Shire. Mark your calendars! A day of retreat, prayer, fellowship, and encounter is being organised by Fr Greg and a group of faith filled women of our parish. It will take place on **Saturday, 26 November** and will consist of talks from some great speakers, prayer, and a special time of Eucharistic Adoration. More details to come. Please email [admin@stcaths.org.au](mailto:admin@stcaths.org.au) to get involved.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023:** If you will be aged 18-35 by August next year, attend Mass here in GyMEA, 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. Please approach Fr Greg if you are remotely interested.

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:** The Church dedicates the month of to praying for our deceased relatives and friends, as well as all the Holy Souls of Purgatory. I am very grateful to Grahame Cashman who generously arranges for the names of those we want to pray for to be listed in frames placed on the Sanctuary. To assist Grahame in this task, I invite you to start making arrangements now to submit the names **BEFORE** the end of October to ensure that they are recorded. Envelopes for this Intention are in your boxes, however, a plain envelope so marked **NOVEMBER** is acceptable. *PRINT the name on an envelope (or piece of paper and put inside the envelope) and place it in the collection bags or you may drop it off in the Presbytery letter box.*

Please limit the number of names and **PRINT CLEARLY** – we receive too many that are not legible and cannot be recorded for this reason.

**PARISH DIRECTORY:**

**Parish Priest:** Father Gregory Morgan  
**Assistant Priest:** Father Ronnie Maree  
**Presbytery:** 123 Gymea Bay Road, Gymea  
**Secretary:** Kerry Ginman  
**Office Hours:** Tuesday to Thursday being:  
 8:30 am - 12 noon then 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm  
 Friday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm then closed.  
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**Facebook:** [www.stcaths.org.au/facebook](http://www.stcaths.org.au/facebook)  
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**MASS TIMES**

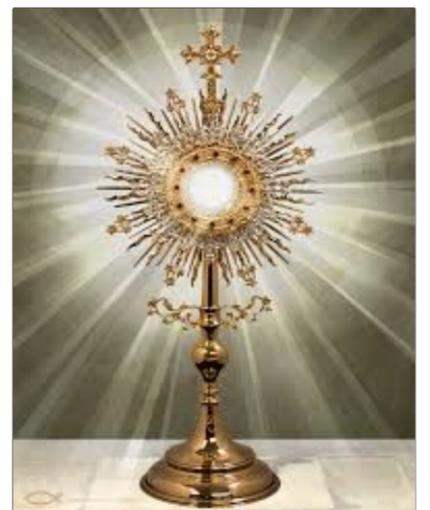
**Monday - Saturday** 9.15 am  
**Saturday** 5 pm Vigil Mass  
**Sunday** 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

**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)*



15 / 16 October 2022

***The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C***

	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
<b>Acolytes &amp; Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Phil Boland Margaret Morris Emma Honey	Jonathan Varga Sam Keir	Joseph Lattouf Graham Ward Julie Banister	David Gormley Laurence Klein Margaret Reid
<b>1st Reader &amp; Psalm: 2nd Reader &amp; Intercessions:</b>	Matthew Delasey Bernie Parkin	James Clancy	Michele Anthony Julie Banister	Clare Cowley Margaret Reid

**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.