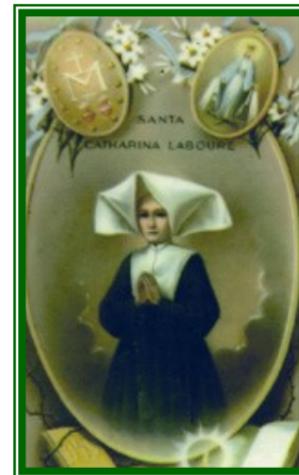


# St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

## The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



15 / 16 October 2022



Year C



Dear Parishioners, They say “all good things must come to an end”. Alas, Mrs Jodie McKay, the Principal of our wonderful parish school, has announced that she will retire at the end of this year, 2022. A letter from Sydney Catholic Schools was issued to parents this week, which read as follows: “Mrs McKay is a dedicated Catholic educational leader who cares for staff, students and their families with commitment and sensitivity. She is an outstanding educator who understands the importance of providing the right level of support for all students and the opportunities to bring their learning alive through community action. In collaboration with Fr Greg Morgan, Mrs McKay has helped foster a welcoming Christ-centred community. Her leadership skills have empowered students, parents and staff, placing their concerns and wellbeing at the centre. She has overseen a strong learning culture, made an extraordinary impact and created an excellent school. On behalf of all, I thank Mrs McKay for all her dedication and leadership of the St Catherine Labouré Community and wish her all the best on the next journey and every blessing in her future endeavours.”

For many in our community, this news may have come as some surprise. As one parent remarked to me during the week, “Jodie is the heart and soul of the school”. Nevertheless, I am conscious that Jodie spent considerable time discerning this important decision and, I am sure, is looking forward to having more time to spend with her beloved family. Although I have only had the pleasure of working alongside Jodie these past 16 months, she has impressed me for her strong leadership, her unwavering commitment to both the staff and students, and for her fidelity to her Catholic faith. She certainly leaves big shoes to fill! So I ask you to please pray to the Holy Spirit that we find a replacement who will continue to build upon the authentic vision and trajectory Jodie has helped promote in our community.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has purchased their tickets to the Parish Dinner. We are now very close to capacity at around 400 tickets sold. A wonderful sign of things to come.

God bless! 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), Angelo Casamento, Ken Connolly, Tracy de Lyall, Ian Dransfield (1st Anniversary), 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, Brian Mabey, Vicente Mendez, Peter Mooney, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Joe & Anna Natoli, Felisa Rosel, Giuseppe Sellaro, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Antonio Sorbara, David Stephenson, The Holy Souls.*

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

*Elaine Bain, Catherine Bassiuni, 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.*

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MRS JODIE MCKAY:** It is with much sadness that Mrs Jodie Mackay has announced her retirement at the end of this school year. I look forward to organising a few opportunities for us, as a parish community, to celebrate Jodie's vast achievements and to thank her for profound contribution to our community.

**COUNTING HOUSE:** Following the last Parish Finance Committee meeting—and in light of the fact that we are well and truly coming out of the pandemic —, I would like to reintroduce the practice of parishioners assisting with the counting of our weekend collections. (Currently, three generous parishioners have been doing this on a Monday. It is a rule that priests are in no way involved with counting the collections.) Further details will be confirmed and a brief refresher training will be organised. I hope to have this system up and running by Advent at the latest. Thank you to all those parishioners who have expressed a desire to get involved again.

**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. We are currently in the process of eliminating parking opposite the garage to ease congestion. 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:** The first of the two classes is THIS Sunday, 16 October; with the second class being NEXT 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 then 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.

**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/3slbh>; Daceyville: <https://fal.cn/3slo8>; Enmore: <https://fal.cn/3sloa>; Leichhardt: <https://fal.cn/3slod>; 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.

**PARISH DINNER**

**TICKETS FOR SALE:** We have sold close to four hundred tickets over the last few Weekends here at the parish. Although we are nearly at capacity, we are able to accommodate a few more parishioners who might like to



attend. Please see Fr Greg to purchase a ticket. Thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm. I think it is a sign of wonderful things to come. The Parish Dinner Committee had the opportunity to view the venue last Friday. There will be live entertainment from two different bands: The St Patrick's High

School Band will play on arrival and then a professional jazz/soul band, The Platinum's, will perform later on in the evening.

**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. **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.

**HAVEN'T GOT A TICKET?** It is not too late—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). Please be advised that we are close to capacity so get in quick! Otherwise, a waiting list will be created.

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

**UP-COMING EVENTS****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.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** The next Men's Breakfast **will be held Saturday, 19 November (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 **THIS Thursday, 20 October at 7 pm**. The night will begin with a brief 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.

**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.

**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 10 am? 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:** Jeanette & Robert Brennan, long time parishioners, who live in Sylvania and would very much like to come to Mass. 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 can assist.

**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.

**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:  
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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)*



22 / 23 October 2022

***The 30th 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>	Kevin Bourke Graham Ward Jodie McKay	Sam Keir Andrew Monsiff Judith Rumsey	Jim Gothard Joseph Lattouf Paul Marsden Michele Anthony	Laurence Klein David Gormley Amelia Paras
<b>1st Reader &amp; Psalm:</b>	Maureen Pocock	Judith Rumsey	Jed Loader	Joan Pinto
<b>2nd Reader &amp; Intercessions:</b>	Lesley Newman		Moira Loader	Ronald Paras

**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.