

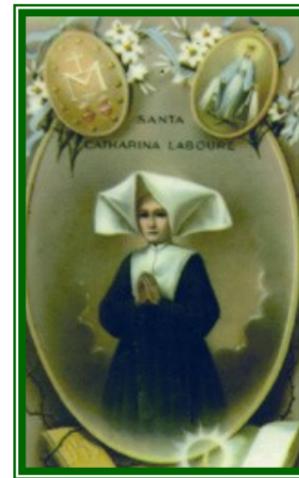
# St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish

## The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 / 23 October 2022



Year C



Dear Parishioners, It seems change is in the air — especially given that, only last week, I informed you of the retirement of our School Principal, Mrs Jodie McKay! I have some good news and some bad news. The bad news (for us): Fr Ronnie Maree has been appointed by the Archbishop as Administrator of St Anthony's Parish, Austral. All going well, after one year, Fr Ronnie will then be appointed the Parish Priest and the Archbishop has already expressed his desire for this to be a twelve year appointment. It is an area that is growing exponentially and, thus, a young priest with both vision and energy is

certainly needed. Although I am personally sad to lose such a wonderful priestly collaborator and the company of a good friend, I also know that Fr Ronnie is the ideal person for what will be an exciting but challenging role. Fr Ronnie will take up his new appointment on the 30th November and will be returning from annual leave in approximately a week's time. I cannot tell you what a blessing Fr Ronnie has been to me over these past nine months and I am sure all of you would express the same sentiment. There will be an opportunity to say "thank you" to Fr Ronnie over the coming weeks.

Now for the very good news: The Archbishop has appointed Fr Noel Custodio, heretofore the Assistant Priest of Sacred Heart, Mosman, as our new Assistant Priest. Fr Noel was ordained in the midst of the pandemic in September 2020. He is a tremendous young man — highly intelligent, very personable, and hard working. Fr Noel is a solid priest and has had much to do with the faith formation of young people. He is currently working on a Masters Degree in a rather new theological discipline. (I'll let him explain what it's all about when he arrives.) Once again, I feel God has been very kind to us and I do hope and anticipate that he will be with us for the foreseeable future.

Fr Noel will arrive in the parish on the 8th of November. Thus, for a short while at least, we could have three priests here at Gymea! I am sure you will do all you can to make Fr Noel warmly welcome, even if you join me in still grieving the loss of Fr. Ronnie. God bless! Fr Greg



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

*Gregory Hancock, 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, Mary & Fred Cherry, Ken Connolly, Tracy de Lyall, Ian Dransfield (1st Anniversary), Roy & Mary Esplin, Ederina Fabian, Nicolo Colin Franco, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Frank Humphries (1st Anniversary - 18th Nov), 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, Lorna & Charles O'Brien, Betty & Fred Rooney, Felisa Rosel, Giuseppe Sellaro, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Antonio Sorbara, David Stephenson, Barbara Tonitto, 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, Fr. Briffa (Recovery from a fall), 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**

**JODIE MCKAY:** Last week, there was a note in the bulletin regarding the retirement of Mrs Jodie McKay, the Principal of St Catherine's Primary School and a member of this parish community. I reiterate again how blessed our community has been to have had Jodie's strong leadership over these past years. I would also like to express my own gratitude to Jodie and to publically affirm how fortunate I feel to have worked alongside her these past 16 months. Details about a Parish celebration/recognition will be confirmed in due course.

**MUSICIANS/SINGERS:** A holy priest once said at a conference that you can tell a parish is dying on two counts: (1) If it has no altar servers, then it's a sign your parish has no youth; (2) if you have no musicians, then it's a sign your parish has no talent! This is certainly not true of St Cath's! Nevertheless, I am working on ensuring that we have musicians to help us pray at the Vigil Mass (5pm), 9:30am, and Sunday 5pm. If you can play the organ or have a "reasonable" voice, please get in touch. I hope to have an established roster by early next year. Thank you for your patience on this score and thank you very much indeed to all those who generously sing/play already.

**COUNTING HOUSE:** Currently, three generous parishioners have been counting the weekly collections on Mondays. It is a rule that priests are in no way involved with counting the collections. The official Archdiocesan guidelines recommend "that Parishes have multiple teams, ideally not less than three counting teams, rostered to rotate weekly." Similarly, Catholic Church Insurance requests that "a counting roster is in place." To ensure we are compliant with these points, I am looking to establish at least the recommended minimum of three rotating counting teams of three people each. (In total, nine volunteers as a minimum with three team leaders. A few retired accountants/book-keepers would be a real grace, too!) Due to the introduction of a Sunday evening Mass, and also to take into account certain security issues, Monday morning would seem to be the best time for this to take place. However, if we are unable to source the requisite numbers, then we might have to explore other possibilities. I have invited someone from the Archdiocese to conduct training for any new comers. Please can you email admin@stcaths.org.au if you are interested in assisting.

**REQUIEM MASS:** A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of one of our parishioners, Gregory Hancock, will be offered here at St. Cath's on Monday 31st October at 11am.

**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**

**QUESTIONS FOR THE ABDALLAH'S :** Our inaugural "Labouré Lecture" will take the form of a Q&A, hosted by Ms Monica Doumit – Director of Public Affairs for the Archbishop and a frequent media commentator. Parishioners have the opportunity to ask questions of interest in advance of the dinner. Please email admin@stcaths.org.au. A box will also be left at the back of the church for this purpose from next Weekend.

**TICKETS FOR SALE:** Four hundred tickets have been sold. Officially, ticket sales have now ceased to prevent overflow but if a parishioner would still like a ticket, please see Fr Greg. 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 and thank you for your patience.

**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. This year, the names of our loved ones and friends will be put into a book and 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.

**ALL SOULS DAY MASSES:** Tuesday 2nd of November is a day dedicated by the Church to praying for our deceased loved ones and friends. Masses will be offered at **7:30am, 9:15am, 5pm, and 7pm.**

**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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL FESTIVAL MASS:** You are warmly invited to attend the St Vincent de Paul yearly Festival Mass at St Patrick's church, Sutherland this coming Friday **28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm**. This is a special occasion with the 100th centenary celebration of our society in the Sutherland Shire. Bishop Terry Brady will be the main celebrant at Mass. Bishop Terry as he is affectionately known and who recently retired, has made a remarkable contribution to the Catholic Church in Australia, especially through ministry to the disadvantaged over many decades.

**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):** Thank you to the group of women who came along to our meeting last Thursday night. The discussion was both varied and interesting. Attention is now firmly on preparing for our Parish/Shire Women's Retreat. Never too late to get involved!

**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 on the "Feminine Genius and its relationship to the Spiritual Life", prayer, and a special time of Eucharistic Adoration. More details to come. **Please mark your calendars now.** Please email [admin@stcaths.org.au](mailto:admin@stcaths.org.au) to get involved.

**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 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.

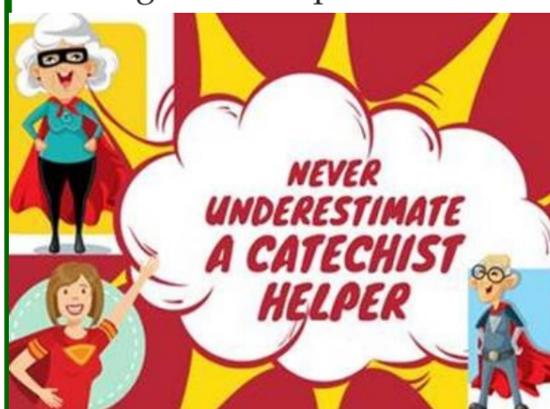
**FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** The Friendship Club Meet on the third Friday of the month at GyMEA Bowling Club from 10 am. New members always welcome - email them (*address on back page*) for more information. **Details about forthcoming meetings will be advised in the parish bulletin.**

**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**

#### **CATECHISTS FOR 2023 - RECRUITING NOW!**

We need four Catechists for our state schools; it would be amazing if some parents could volunteer some of their



time for this important ministry. Full training is available and we are starting to recruit for next year. This ministry is ideal for mums and dads who are working from home and can

spare just 30 minutes per week. If interested, email Karen at [kvs1569@gmail.com](mailto:kvs1569@gmail.com).

**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

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**PARISH DIRECTORY:**

**Parish Priest:** Father Gregory Morgan  
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**Presbytery:** 123 Gynea Bay Road, Gynea  
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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)*



29 / 30 October 2022

NEXT WEEK IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

***The 31st 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>	Matthew Delasey Margaret Morris Emma Honey	Jonathan Varga Jim Gothard Judith Rumsey	Andrew Monsiff Mitch Worsley Cathy Bonello Peter Cobcroft	David Gormley Laurence Klein Amelia Paras
<b>1st Reader &amp; Psalm:</b>	Julie Banister	Judith Rumsey	James Clancy	Ronald Paras
<b>2nd Reader &amp; Intercessions:</b>	Graham Ward	Adele Greenaway	Michele Anthony	Margaret Reid

**The Altar Society: Group 4:**  
 June Frost, Kath Burns & Laurice Dooley.

**In The Counting House:**  
**Team :** Peter Cobcroft & Ray Brennan (Back-up Charles Kooyman)

**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.