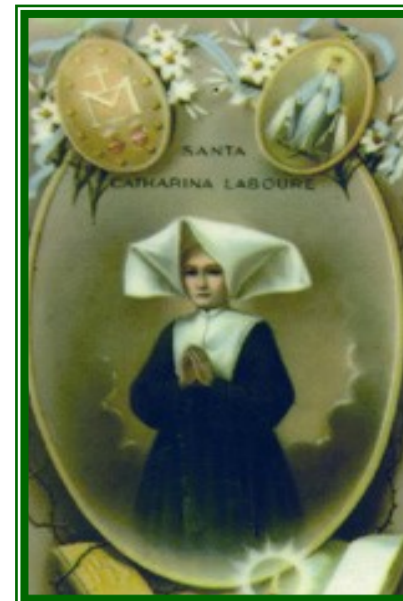


The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 / 29 January 2023

Year A



Dear Parishioners, To those of you who have taken the opportunity to travel, either to see family or to have a well earned holiday, I would like to warmly welcome you back to your spiritual home. This week, we also welcome back the students of our parish school. 2023 is gearing up to be an exciting and innovative year for our community. I am personally very excited about working with our new school executive. As you know, Mr Patrick Morrison is our new school Principal. Deborah Wolseley, heretofore our fantastic REC, is our new Assistant Principal. And we warmly welcome Mary-Clare Ebbs who has been appointed as our new REC. My fervent hope is that the parish and school will develop even closer bonds. So, I would ask you, the parishioners, to pray regularly for the families of the school; that not only will they receive a solid education but, most importantly, that they may come to know Christ in the Eucharist – the source of true happiness. You might also note that I am currently looking to employ a Youth Minister/Youth Co-Ordinator for our parish. One of the great absences in the Shire is the presence of young Catholics at Mass. (Though there are plenty of young Catholics around. Fr Dan McCaughan was telling me how the student body of St Patrick's College, Sutherland, is 93% Catholic – one of the highest of any high school in the Archdiocese – but has one of the lowest rates of practice in the Archdiocese.) Fr Noel and I are determined, with God's grace, to do what we can to make St Catherine's a place where young people can discover the beauty of our faith. One phenomenon Fr Dan I were reflecting on together is why so many young Catholics have gravitated to the Latin Mass. The Latin Mass at Lewisham, for instance, is packed with young people and young families. It seems young people are hungry for mysticism – for a sense of the sacred and the transcendent (maybe even silence); wanting to experience the very thing our world cannot give. We have such a beautiful tradition and so we should find ways to manifest it. Please pray for this important intention. Our future depends on it. God bless!

NOTICES

- Our usual (extended) parish bulletin will return next Weekend. If you have any notices you will like advertised, please send them through to the parish office by Thursday at the latest.
- If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic, please ask them to contact the parish office asap. We currently have four individuals who wish to become Catholic. The formation (RCIA) will begin in early February. **Please send the parish office an email this week if you are interested.**
- A reminder to parishioners aged between 18-35 who would like to join our parish pilgrimage to WYD this year. Expressions of interest are required asap to evaluate whether the pilgrimage is viable. Our subsidised cost is \$5,800, which is several thousands of dollars cheaper than the Archdiocesan pilgrimages. A once in a life time opportunity not to be missed.
- Please keep Thursday nights free in Lent for our next series of talks, which are likely to be on the life and works of the late Pope Benedict XVI.
- The funeral and Pontifical Requiem Mass for Cardinal Pell will take place at 11 am Thursday, 2 February at St Mary's Cathedral. All parishioners are welcome to attend what will likely be one of the largest funerals in the history of Australia. In order for Fr Greg and Fr Noel to concelebrate, **our usual 9.15am Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am that day.** Thank you for your understanding.
- Please note that NEXT Sunday, 12 February, I have invited Jodie McKay, the former Principal of our school, and our new Principal, Patrick Morrison, for a special 9:30 am Mass and blessing. The Mass will be followed by a celebration in the parish grounds. It would be great to have many of you there, especially if you have children at the school.
- A "Gala for Life" will be held at Canley Vale on 18 February with some great speakers. Tickets can be purchased via www.galaforlife.com.au

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Father John Anthony de Luca (brother of Peter), Frank Shannon, Cardinal George Pell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Jean Bell, Denise Biddle, Diane Smith, Bartolino Alessi.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time and ALL the Holy Souls, especially:

Ken Connolly, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Joe & Anna Natoli, Carmen Noche (1st Anniversary), John Vincent Sidgreaves, Antonio Sorbara, Peter Wild (1st Anniversary), The Holy Souls.

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

Elaine Bain, Catherine Bassiuoni, Gerry Banister, Helen Bridges, Father Briffa, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne, Hugh Casey, Peter Cobcroft, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Ludovic D'Lima, Joanne Davies, Kath Dowd, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Margaret Gardner, Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Melina Grieco, Maree Hinton, Philip Humphries, Louisa James, Linden Kelleher, Jim Klingberg, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Ray O'Mara, Vaska Petrova, Julia Quach, Marie Rayner, Tony Ryan, JoAnne Shackleton, Evelyn Spiteri, Elaine Townsend, Yin Kwan Tsang, Doreen Vernon, June Walker, Jon Weaver, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood and those who care for them.

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MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday 9.15 am
Saturday 5 pm Vigil Mass Midnight 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)



4 / 5 February 2023

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The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
Acolytes & Ministers of Holy Communion:	Kevin Bourke Matthew Delasey Emma Honey	Sam Keir Jonathan Varga	Graham Ward Joseph Lattouf Michele Anthony Barbara Foster	David Gormley Mitch Worsley Amelia Paras
1st Reader & Psalm:	Maureen Pocock	James Clancy	Moira Loader	Ronald Paras
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Bernie Parkin	Adele Greenaway	CHOIR Jed Loader	Faye Reardon

The Altar Society: Group 1:

Maureen Huckstep, Jacqueline Parker, Jeanette Brennan & Maria Black.

In The Monday Counting House

Barry Elliott & Denis O'Brien (Back-ups Ray Brennan, Peter Cobcroft & Charles Kooyman)

Altar Servers:

Audio-Visual Operators: Pauline / Mark Natalie Hugh Faye & James
 GPC NO SENIOR CHOIR Jenni & Dolly

The Clean Team: Team A: Mary Vee Tondi, June Digby, Hazel & Larry Lange.



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