

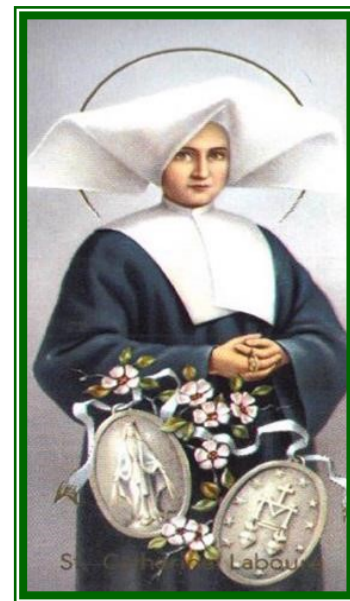
St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish



The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 / 4 February 2024

Year B



Shire Lenten Series For Young Adults

REFLECTION | ADORATION & CONFESSION | FELLOWSHIP

7:15 PM - 8:30 PM

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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
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ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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ST CATHERINE LABOURÉ CATHOLIC CHURCH
GYMEA



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ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
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ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Dear Parishioners, I certainly feel a renewed energy in the air! With our school community returning after their summer break (I do hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing time); with the holy season of Lent fast approaching; and parish life returning to its wonderfully busy and exciting pace, there is much to look forward to. 2024, we pray, will bring many blessings to our parish community. So, please, remember to (1) pray for your parish and your fellow parishioners (don't take this lightly, either); (2) think of a practical way in which you might contribute to the growth of God's Kingdom here in Gymea.

Please note the Mass times for Ash Wednesday this year. The early Lent will allow us all time to reflect upon our spiritual lives with greater intensity, which, we pray, will sustain us throughout the year ahead. As per our custom, we will have our usual "Lenten Lectures" across four Tuesdays at 7pm. The theme for these lectures is TBC. (Will have more details next week.) To the Young Adults of our parish, please take note of the special times for adoration and reflections held at different parishes across the Shire. Following

this, we will start a regular (weekly) young adults gathering here in Gymea. Of course, Lent is the opportune time for us all to make a good confession. Coincidentally, the parish received a note from the Archdiocese to remind us that our current confessional does not meet the requirements mandated by the Archbishop in 2019. Thankfully, our *very* talented seminarian, Daniel, has begun work on building a new confessional from scratch! One of the great blessings of our parish is that we have many who regularly avail themselves of this wonderful sacrament of healing. The new confessional will be near our current AV console which we are also looking to simplify. Finally, I reiterate again my great hope for our parish in 2024. Let's all do our best to keep our focus on Christ and put our talents at the service of the Gospel. God bless you! Fr Greg

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Kevin Bridges, Louis Bigeni, Maria del Carmen Casellas, Brother Peter Clinch, Lucia Di Lizio, Georgina Dorigo, Narelle Jackson, Helen McKellaher, Geanne Mirabatur, Bernard (Bernie) Hollamby, Alexander Newton, William Mason, Elizabeth Richards.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Philip Humphries (1st Anniversary), Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, Owen Monkhouse, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Joe & Anna Natoli, Antonio Sorbara, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Gina Dalla-Vecchio Venier (50th Anniversary), Fr. Reg Wilson, The Deceased Members of the Friendship Club, The Holy Souls.

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

Joan Abel, Elaine Bain, Catherine Bassiuni, Gerry Banister, Fr. Briffa, Baby Theodore Bristow, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne, Peter Cobcroft, Noeline Conyngham, Elaine Coughlan, Patricia Cutcliffe, Ludovic D'Lima, Joanne Davies, Kath Dowd, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Jeff Greenaway, Patricia Gordon, Melina Grieco, Maree Hinton, Martin Iffland, Phoebe Jablonski, Louisa James, Matthew Johnston, Deidre Jones, Linden Kelleher, Jim Klingberg, Peter Logue, Evie Morgan, Anthony Morris, Maree Norton, Vaska Petrova, Steve Porter, Julia Quach, Marié Rayner, Tony Ryan, Maria Sellaro, Evelyn Spiteri, Elaine Townsend, Yin Kwan Tsang, June Walker, Jon Weaver, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood, Beverley Young; and those who care for them.

WELCOME

PARISH VISION: To be an unashamedly Catholic community where every person can experience the embrace of “mercy and truth” (Psalm 85:10).

COMMITMENT TO SUNDAY MASS: Attending Sunday Mass is essential to doing what Jesus asked for us. Apart from the Eucharist, Jesus said we, quite literally, will have “no life” within us. In the words of St John Vianney: “**If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.**” Let’s never take the graces given for granted.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will recommence weekly meetings on Thursday 1st February, 7 pm, at the Parish Meeting Room.

CATECHIST ‘COMMISSIONING & SENDING FORTH’ MASS: will be celebrated this Sunday at the 9:30 am. All Catechists and Catechist Helpers are asked to attend this Mass. There will be light refreshments after Mass for the parish to share and celebrate this occasion.

CATECHIST HELPER POSITIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE: Especially for Wednesday Afternoons at Grays Point - Enquiries please contact the Parish Office at office@stcaths.org.au

MUSIC: A meeting for all choirs is being organised for early to mid Feb. We would like to begin planning the Easter triduum and are hoping to form one (large) choir for this purpose.

CHURCH SCAFFOLD LADDER FOUND: All praise to God as we found our church scaffold ladder that was hiding behind water tanks in the school.

BOOKS: The late Doreen Vernon, one of our oldest parishioners, who died late last year has left a large quantity of various religious books (plus one family Bible) she had accumulated over her long life, as well as a framed print of the Last Supper – traditional and also one she picked up in Sri Lanka as well as a framed print of the Immaculate Heart of Mary entrusted to Grahame Cashman to see they get to good homes. A list of these Books and photos of the three framed prints are able to be viewed on the Parish’s website under the PARISH NEWS & RELATED FILES tab. If you would like any of these Books or prints, please contact the Parish Office on office@stcaths.org.au and state the title of the book or print you are interested in, these will then be left at the Sacristy the following week-end with your name on for your collection. Many thanks.

ASH WEDNESDAY: 14 February is Ash Wednesday which starts the Season of Lent. Masses will be: **7:30 am; 9:15 am; 12 noon School Mass with Years 3 - 6) and 7:00 pm.**

LENTEN TALKS: Please keep Tuesday **nights free in Lent** for our next series of talks (“Lenten Lectures”). These will focus on “Hot Button Issues” and will be revealed shortly.

LENTEN BOOKS: The Archdiocese has once again produced a Lenten book for your spiritual nourishment. Please collect your

copy from the back of the church. A limit of one per family would be appreciated. You might consider organising a Lenten Group in your home or here at the parish.

CONGRATULATIONS: Fr Greg, Fr Noel, Daniel and all the office staff at St Catherine’s would like to extend our warm congratulations to:

FRANK TIERNEY & GYMEA CONFERENCE OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL on their nomination for **Australia Day "Community Group of the Year"** for the tireless, selfless work they do within our community in GyMEA.

DIANE MCINERNEY who has been awarded the **Woman of the Year (Miranda)** for her work in the wider community and with the Catholic Women’s League GyMEA branch. Diane is invited to attend the International Women Day of the Year awards on 8th March 2024 to receive her accolade in the city.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY LEADERS NEEDED: Children’s Liturgy will be running again from **Sunday 18th February**. If you would like to contribute to this ministry as a leader, please contact Maria Rose (Children’s Liturgy Coordinator - maria.rose@syd.catholic.edu.au)

2024 SACRAMENT ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN: You can now enrol your children into the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation via our parish website www.stcaths.org.au/sacramental-programme.

Confirmation registrations close **23 February 2024.**

Reconciliation registrations close **30 August 2024.**

Holy Communion registrations close **16 October 2024.**

COMBINED SACRAMENT INFORMATION EVENING: If your child will be undertaking any of the above stated sacraments please come along to the **Benedict Hall from 7-9pm** on the **Tuesday 13th February 2024** for more information and to meet the sacramental team afterwards with any questions. We encourage at least one parent/grandparent/guardian to attend this one off meeting. If you are able to attend **without** children this would be preferable. Thank you for your understanding.

ST CATHERINE’S FAMILY MASS: Sunday 18th February followed by morning tea. Come and join us!

UP-COMING EVENTS

ST CATHERINE'S PARISH & SCHOOL FAMILY MASS:

Takes place on the third Sunday of each month (**returns Sunday, 18 February**) at the 9:30 am Mass followed by a morning tea.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Takes place on the third Saturday of each month (**returns Saturday, 17 February**) This 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!

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 (Password: 1234) Please call Patricio on 0423 041 590 with any trouble logging on.

ADORATION:

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

CONFESSIONS:

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

DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP:

To be held after **Monday** and **Wednesday** Masses at 10 am. Louisa Piccarella wrote 36 volumes about how to live in the Divine Will. We will read from the writings and learn how to live in GOD'S Will.

CENACLE GROUP:

The Marian Movement of Priests (MMP) is an International Catholic Movement based on locutions received from the Virgin Mary by Fr. Don Gobbi. The group meets after Mass on **Tuesdays** after the rosary to discuss the readings from the book.

DIDASKO: ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology.

Dates: Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024

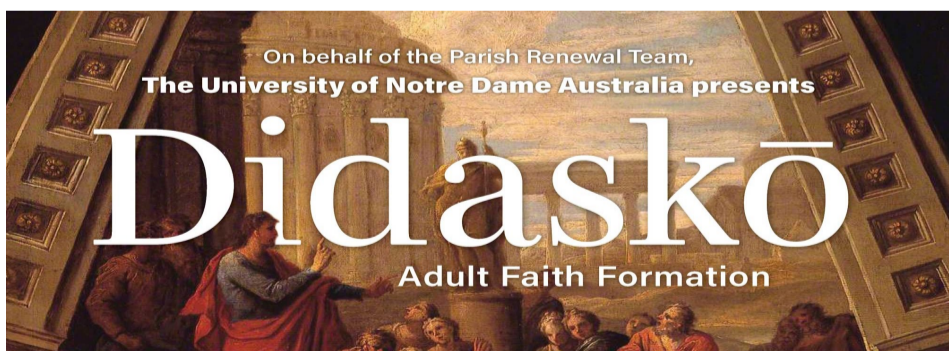
Time: 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Mode: Online via Zoom

Cost: \$35 per person (+ booking fees),

\$100 for Parish Groups (+ booking fees)

Description: This course introduces theological thinking in a way that is inclusive of wonder. Drawing on thinkers like Ratzinger/ Benedict XVI and St John Paul II, as well St Augustine and St



**God the Beautiful:
An Introduction
to Theology**

Chris Wolter

Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024,
7:30pm - 8:45pm



Thomas Aquinas, the thought-provoking three-part program will make God-ology enjoyable and accessible. Chris Wolter teaches theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia for 13 years.

PARISH GROUPS

ALTAR SOCIETY:

The Altar Society assists with the cleaning of the sacred vessels and the beautification of our church. *Our Altar Society urgently needs volunteers, there are two groups who urgently need assistance – please contact the Office if you can help. Training is provided.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REGISTRATION 2023:

The CWL group meets monthly and will offer spiritual formation as well as assist with fundraising to help various charitable ventures. Membership forms can be found at the back of the Church and returned to the parish office. **(The next general meeting will be held on 22nd February at 7pm – 8.30pm in the parish conference room)**

FRIENDSHIP CLUB:

The Friendship Club is a seniors social organisation within the GyMEA Parish community. Our membership (currently around 75) comprises both married couples and singles as well as those who are by themselves later in life. Members are mainly from the GyMEA parish but also come from other parts of the Shire as well as further afield. We also have a number of non-Catholic members. General Meetings are held every 3rd Friday of the month.

LEGION OF MARY:

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbours on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. 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.**

MEDJUGORJE PRAYER GROUP:

The prayer group have been meeting in our church every Thursday since 1987 at 6pm reflecting on the monthly messages the visionaries are currently receiving from Our Lady Queen of Peace to the world and they finish with the rosary. **You are most welcome to join them.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. We have one of the largest conferences in Australia. The members are an asset to our parish!

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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)



10 / 11 February 2024

Year B

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Matthew Delasey Kevin Bourke Jodie McKay	Sam Keir Jonathan Varga Judith Rumsey	Andrew Monsiff Joseph Lattouf Barbara Foster Carole Venier	David Gormley Amelia Paras Maureen Ross
1st Reader & Psalm:	Bernie Parkin	Adele Greenaway	Jed Loader	Joan Pinto
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Lesley Newman	Judith Rumsey	Moira Loader	Ronald Paras

The Altar Society: Group 2:
 Ava T Mahne, Louise Butterfield,
 Sandra Sandoval & Barbara Foster.

In The Counting House:
*Ray Brennan, Denis O’Brien,
 Bob Taylor, Bob Greenwood,
 Barry Elliott & Peter Black*



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

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

The Clean Team: Group B: Paras Family.