

St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish



The Second Sunday of Lent

24 / 25 February 2024

Year B



LENTEN TALKS 2024

Christ, Catholicism, & Controversy

A Four Part Series During Lent



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TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 7PM

Spiritual Meditation One - Jesus said

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

(Matthew 5:44)

TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 7PM

Saint Edith Stein

The Atheist, The Nun, The Saint

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

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TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 7PM

(Solemnity of St Joseph)

George Cardinal Pell

The Cleric, The Cross, The Cell.

(Followed by a drinks reception to celebrate the solemnity of St Joseph)

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 7PM

Spiritual Meditation Two - Jesus said

“For what should it profit a man to gain the whole world but lose his soul?”

(Mark 8:36)

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Fr Greg Morgan

Fr Noel Custodio

Dear Parishioners, Please take note once again of our “Lenten Lectures” for 2024. The theme for this year is **Christ, Catholicism, & Controversy**. The word “controversial” has become something of a buzz word in the media, often used as a convenient label for those who diverge from, or challenge, mainstream narratives. However, the word quite literally means to be “turned against” and, in this sense, Jesus emerges as the most controversial person in history. Christ’s paschal mystery signifies a turning against sin, darkness, and death making Him inherently controversial. Our first and fourth presentations will be “spiritual meditations” based on some of the words of Our Lord in Scripture. On these two nights, there will also be a time of Adoration and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. Each night will commence at 7pm and finish by 8pm. If you haven’t thought of anything extra to do for Lent, this might be a great idea. God bless! Fr Greg

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

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

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

*Ron and Shirley Burden (70th Anniversary), Alexsei Chijoff, 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, Bennett Toms (35th Anniversary) 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, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne, Shirley Cashman, 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, Marie Rayner, Tony Ryan, Maria Sellaro, Evelyn Spiteri, Elaine Townsend, Yin Kwan Tsang, June Walker, Jon Weaver, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood; **and those who care for them.***



Last Sunday, our 16 catechumens and candidates, who will become Catholic in our parish this Easter, attended the Rite of Election, presided by the

Archbishop, at St Mary's Cathedral. This is a cause for great joy for us all so please pray wholeheartedly for them. My gratitude to the outstanding RCIA team who are assisting with their formation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GYMEA MEN'S RETREAT DAY: Following our very successful women's retreat days in Advent, we will host our first "GyMEA Men's Retreat Day" in Lent this year. It will be held here in the parish grounds on Saturday, 23 March and will include some excellent talks, adoration, and fellowship. **We have some excellent speakers confirmed so register today!** www.stcaths.org.au/mensretreat You can also sign your name on the clipboards at the back of the Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: *Every Friday* in Lent at 7 pm followed by Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Additionally on **Friday, 22 March at 5 pm** will be a *special Children* Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN TALKS: Please keep Tuesday **nights free in Lent** for our next series of talks ("Lenten Lectures"). Talks will commence Tuesdays; 5, 12, 19 and 26 March at 7 pm (finishing around 8pm). Our theme for this year is "Christ, Catholicism, Controversy". There will be two spiritual meditations that reflect upon some of Jesus' most controversial words and two talks that explore the lives of two controversial figures in recent Catholic history: one a saint and the other an Australian churchman. The topics are as stated on the front page of the bulletin.

LENTEN ENVELOPES - PROJECT COMPASSION: Please take your Lenten envelopes in the back of the church to support this worthy cause. **Wardens for weekend Masses for Saturday Vigil 5pm, 7.30 am, 9.30 am and 5 pm Sundays**, please email the Parish Office on office@stcaths.org.au. We are organising a roster for future weekend collections and upcoming Easter Weekend Masses.

SHIRE LENTEN SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS: The next Lenten series will be held on **Wednesday 28th February** at **St Patrick's Sutherland** from 7pm to 8.30pm. Seminarian Julian Masiello will be talking on **The Divine Mercy: "I am Love and Mercy Itself"**.

MUSIC AND NEW CHOIR(S): In a bid to continue to grow and revitalise the musical life of our parish, we would like to form one united choir to sing during the Easter Triduum. This will be a joy-filled opportunity to build community, to share your talents, and to help life hearts and minds to God. We are very blessed to

have Daniel to guide us in the rich tradition of the Church so, please, do come along. Our first united gathering will be **this Sunday, 25 February at 10:30 am (following the 9:30 am Mass)**. It would be most helpful if you could indicate your interest by either signing your name on the sheets at the back of the Church or contacting the parish office. Thank you again. **If you are unable to make this practice, please still come along to the next practice(s). The next will be Sunday 3rd March 10:30am.**

RESURRECTION PARTY: To warmly welcome our 16 new Catholics into our parish family, we would like to invite the candidates, sponsors, and immediate family to a "Resurrection Party", immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass in presbytery. An invitation is also extended to the members of the choir who generously sung throughout the triduum.

DOREEN VERNON RELIGIOUS BOOKS: If you would like any of these books please contact the Parish Office on office@stcaths.org.au for the list.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS NEEDED: Children's Liturgy has commenced. 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**.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MERCY PENROSE PARK 9TH MARCH 9-4PM: This event had now been **FULLY BOOKED**. We ask that **you bring your own lunch**. Please kindly pay your donation of **\$10** either in the parish office in cash or via EFTPOS before the event. If unable to attend please let parish office know ASAP.

ST CATHERINE LABOURE PRIMARY SCHOOL 2025 ENROLMENT OPEN DAYS: Tuesday, 5 March 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm; Thursday, 7 March 9.15 am - 10.30 am; Sunday, 10 March 10.00 am - 11.30 am. Please access enrolment information via the School website: www.sclgyMEA.catholic.edu.au

SAVE PALLIATIVE CARE—SIGN THE PETITION: Archbishop Anthony Fisher writes "*ethanasia and assisted suicide* has been in operation in NSW for three months. I said at the time that its implementation was a very dark day for our state and that remains true. In the 2023-2024 NSW Budget, \$150 million was cut from the previously allocated budget for palliative care in this state. I encourage you to please **sign this petition**, asking for the full funding of palliative care to be restored." www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lc/pages/epetition-details.aspx?q=TCDPkH-n_irjDpWLSkyyOA

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE BURRANEER ENROLMENT OPEN DAYS: Wednesday 13th March 4.00pm - 7.45pm. Enrolling YR 7 2026 & YR 11 2025.

UP-COMING EVENTS



Shire Lenten Series
For Young Adults

REFLECTION | ADORATION & CONFESSION | FELLOWSHIP

7:15 PM - 8:30 PM

21 FEB	ADORATION: "WOULD YOU NOT KEEP WATCH WITH ME?" DEACON LIKISONE TOMINIKO HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, MENAI
28 FEB	THE DIVINE MERCY: "I AM LOVE AND MERCY ITSELF" SEMINARIAN JULIAN MASIELLO ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUTHERLAND
06 MAR	THE LOVE OF GOD: "I THIRST" SEMINARIAN DANIEL O'KELLY ST CATHERINE LABOURÉ CATHOLIC CHURCH, GYMEA
13 MAR	"LENT IS NOT THE END" DEACON ADRIAN SUYANTO ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, CRONULLA

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PALESTINE 2024: At Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Miranda, **Friday, 1 March 10.30am**. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch. Enquiries Bernadette: 9525 1448.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE CHORAL SOCIETY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT: Presenting *Handel's Messiah* on the **24th March 2024 @ 2pm** at the Pavilion Performing Arts Centre. Bookings: theapavilionarts.au. Tickets from \$39-\$54. Our very own choir members Clare Cowley and Annette De Luca will be singing.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Takes place on the third Saturday of each month (**Saturday, 16 March**) 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.

URGENT NOTICE RE PARKING

When attending Mass during the week, please be aware that the parking to the right of entrance gate is reserved for Montessori Staff. Please **do not park** in these spots. Recently the staff have been parked in and have not been able to leave to attend meetings. The school have also been notified that they are not to use these parking spots. *Thank you for your consideration.*

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 2024: 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.

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!

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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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)



2 / 3 March 2024

Year B

The 3rd Sunday of Lent



Remember you are dust and to dust you will return.

	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Kevin Bourke Jan Lambert Cathy Bonello	Jonathan Varga Sam Keir Frank Tierney	Andrew Monsiff Joseph Lattouf Michele Anthony Carole Venier	Graham Ward Paul Marsden Amelia Paras
1st Reader & Psalm:	Margaret Morris	Christine Harding	Michele Anthony	Faye Reardon
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Jim Gothard	James Clancy	Carole Venier	Ronald Paras

The Altar Society: Group 1:
 Maureen Huckstep, Jacqueline Parker & Maria Black.

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

Children’s Liturgy Sunday @ 9:30 am

Beth Rose & Maria Rose

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

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



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