

St Catherine Labouré GyMEA Parish



The Third Sunday of Lent

2 / 3 March 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, Besides the commencement of our Lenten Lectures on Tuesday (see above), I would like to draw everyone's attention to the special event our parish will host this Wednesday evening; led by our multi-talented seminarian, Daniel. Although this is principally aimed at young adults (so everyone aged 16-35 is *strongly* encouraged to come along), **the night is open to ALL**. Commencing at 7:15pm, Daniel will share something of his own faith life. He has a really beautiful story to tell so, if you're free, do come along and bring a friend! Please continue to pray for our 16 candidates who will be received into the Catholic Church parish this Easter at our parish. And, don't forget to be praying and fasting for someone you know who is away from the practice of the faith. Perhaps you might think of inviting them to the parish over the coming weeks? God bless!
Fr Greg

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

William Roy Barnes, Sue Grant, Beverley Young, Kevin Bridges, Brother Peter Clinch, Narelle Jackson, Helen McKellaher.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

*Ron and Shirley Burden (70th Anniversary), Alexsei Chijoff, Roy Collins (1st Anniversary), Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Joe & Anna Natoli, Antonio Sorbara, John Vincent Sidgreaves, Bennett Toms (35th 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, Ritchie Perez, Vaska Petrova, Steve Porter, Julia Quach, Marié Rayner, Jill Rose, Leovie Rose, Tony Ryan, Adela Santos, Maria Sellaro, Evelyn Spiteri, Elaine Townsend, Karen Trang, Yin Kwan Tsang, June Walker, Jon Weaver, Lindy Webb, Maree Whitaker, Gary Wood; **and those who care for them.***

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 from 7 to 7.30 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. If any children are interested in participating in the Children Station Of The Cross email Ms Rizzo caterina.rizzo@syd.catholic.edu.au please RSVP by Monday 4th March

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: It's not too late to take your Lenten envelopes in the back of the church to support this worthwhile cause. Thankyou for your generosity this Easter season.

SHIRE LENTEN SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS: The next Lenten series will be held on **Wednesday 6th March here at St Catherine's** from 7pm to 8.30pm. Our very own Seminarian Daniel O'Kelly will be talking on **The Love of God – I thirst**".

WARDENS FOR WEEKEND EASTER MASSES: for Saturday Vigil 5 pm, 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.

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 next united gathering will be **Sunday, 10 March @ 2:30 pm**

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).**

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.

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 have now **closed** – **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 NEXT SATURDAY 9 MARCH FROM 9–4PM: This event had now been **FULLY BOOKED**.


We ask that you **kindly bring your own lunch**. Please pay your donation of **\$10** either in the Parish Office in cash or via EFTPOS before the event. If unable to attend please let the Parish Office know ASAP as we have a cancellation list.

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

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE BURRANEER ENROLMENT OPEN DAYS: Wednesday, 13 March 4.00 pm -7.45 pm. Enrolling YR 7 2026 & YR 11 2025. <https://www.trybooking.com/COYOT>

ST PATRICKS COLLEGE SUTHERLAND – OPEN DAY:

 **St Patrick's College, Sutherland Year 7, 2026**
OPEN DAY Wednesday, 6 March 2024 4.00pm – 6.00pm. Guided tours, all welcome. Enrolments are open - please visit spcsutherland.syd.catholic.edu.au to submit an online application or request an Application for Enrolment form. Applications due 5 April, 2024.

SAVE THE DATE: DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD: Sunday 14th April 2024 at St Mary's Cathedral. **The Feast of the Annunciation** is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother Mary's womb.

10.30am MASS – St Mary's Cathedral

12noon ANGELUS – followed by prayerful STREET PROCESSION. Led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher and Bishop Umbers. Followed by address at Parliament House by Guest Speaker Archbishop Julian Porteous.

1.30pm BENEDICTION – St Mary's Cathedral

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| <p>1ST COLLECTION Planned Giving-Pastoral Revenue</p> |  |
| <p>2ND COLLECTION Planned Giving-Church</p> | |

UP-COMING EVENTS



Shire Lenten Series
For Young Adults

REFLECTION | ADORATION & CONFESSION | FELLOWSHIP

7:15 PM - 8:30 PM

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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SUTHERLAND SHIRE CHORAL SOCIETY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT:

Presenting *Handel's Messiah* on the **24 March 2024 @ 2 pm** 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.

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.

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

Don't forget to get your copy today! Still only \$2!

PARISH DIRECTORY:

Parish Priest: Reverend Doctor Gregory Morgan
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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)



9 / 10 March 2024

Year B

The 4th 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 |
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| Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: | Matthew Delasey Margaret Morris Lesley Newman | Sam Keir Jonathan Varga Judith Rumsey | Mitch Worsley Joseph Lattouf Michele Anthony Carole Venier | Jim Gothard Amelia Paras Maureen Ross |
| 1st Reader & Psalm: 2nd Reader & Intercessions: | Margaret Graham Lesley Newman | Judith Rumsey Christine Harding | Moira Loader Jed Loader | Ronald Paras Joan Pinto |

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*

Children’s Liturgy
Sunday @ 9:30 am

Trecia Mammoliti & Eva Tymkiewicz

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

The Clean Team: Group B: Paras Family.



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