

St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

9 / 10 March 2024

Year B



LENTEN LECTURES 2024

Christ, Catholicism, & Controversy

Part Two

TUESDAY 12TH MARCH 7PM

Fr Noel Custodio

Saint Edith Stein

The Atheist
The Nun
The Saint



Dear Parishioners, Last week was certainly another wonderfully grace-filled week in the life of our parish. It was lovely to see a strong turn out for our first "Lenten Lecture" on Tuesday night. Please come along to Fr Noel's talk this Tuesday evening, which is on the life of an extraordinary saint of the last century, Edith Stein (St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross). (If you don't know anything about her life then, all I can say is, you're missing out!) On Wednesday, our seminarian, Daniel, gave a very moving and inspiring testimony. I have received a number of messages from parishioners to say how touched they were by his words. It was also tremendous to see so many people kneeling in front of Our Lord in Adoration and the confession line was long. These are truly great signs of spiritual life and vitality. On Friday we had another excellent turn out for Stations of the Cross. **The week culminated on another spiritual high with our pilgrimage to Penrose Park; it was a blessed day of prayer, friendship, and renewal. There is of course much more to come.**

You may have noticed the thoughtfully designed banner on the fence advertising the various times for our Holy Week liturgies. I would like to really encourage each and every parishioner to attend as much of the triduum (Holy Thursday-Easter Vigil) as possible. This is the most sacred time of the year. The more we unite as a parish family and pray together, the more graces will flow into our own lives and into our apostolic endeavours to evangelise. As always, ask yourself: Who am I

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

inviting back to Church this Easter? 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), Brian Dooley, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Sarah Jane Murrells (50th Anniversary) Joe & Anna Natoli, Angela Nugent (30th Anniversary) 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, Arthur Benson, 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, Marie Rayner, Jill Rosel, Leovie Rosel, 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. Tomasz Juszcak is confirmed as the guest speaker. **You can also sign your name on the clipboards at the back of the Church.**

www.stcaths.org.au/mensretreat

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.

LENTEN TALKS: Please keep Tuesday **nights free in Lent** for our next series of talks ("Lenten Lectures"). Talks will commence **Tuesdays; 12, 19 and 26 March at 7 pm** (finishing around 8pm). Our theme for this year is "**Christ, Catholicism, Controversy**". There will be one more 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.

SUNDAY MASS 5PM COLLECTORS: We require **two or more** collectors specifically for this mass to kindly volunteer. If you regularly attend this mass please contact the parish office urgently or email: office@stcaths.org.au

SHIRE LENTEN SERIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS: The next Lenten series will be held on **Wednesday, 13 March here at St Aloysius Cronulla** from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. Deacon Adrian Suyanto will be talking on "**Lent is not the End**".

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, **Thursday, 14 March @ 7:00 pm. 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 and Holy Communion via our parish website

www.stcaths.org.au/sacramental-programme.

Confirmations registrations **CLOSED**

Reconciliation registrations close **30 August 2024.**

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

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE BURRANEER ENROLMENT OPEN DAYS: THIS Wednesday,

13 March 4.00 pm -7.45 pm. Enrolling YR 7 2026 & YR 11 2025.

<https://www.trybooking.com/COYOT>

SAVE THE DATE: DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD:

Sunday, 14 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

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

1.30PM BENEDICTION – St Mary's Cathedral

PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY: WEEKEND OF 23/24 MARCH:

If you have access to a palm tree suitable for Palm Sunday, please cut some up for use on this important Day and leave inside the Church after Mass; Friday morning, 22 March. The baskets will be placed from Friday afternoon. It is OK to leave cut up fronds in bags at the back of the Church nearest to the Sacristy.

BONNIE VIEW STREET PROPERTY UPDATE: In October last year you were presented with an update on these two adjoining blocks. They were placed on the market for sale late last year and I'm pleased to report that contracts have now been exchanged. The Parish is now in a position to seek to purchase two replacement units with the sale proceeds, as previously advised. The units will be used for mission works and provide a source of ongoing income. The funds from the sale will also be used to assist in minor capital works and some much-needed repairs on the Church and Parish facilities.

SUTHERLAND SHIRE 7 CHURCH PILGRIMAGE: You are invited to participate in the 7 church pilgrimage: an ancient devotion where Christians visit Seven Churches to meditate on the events leading to the Lord's Passion .

When: **Holy Thursday, 28th March**

Time: **9pm – 11.30pm (After Mass of the Lord's Supper)**

See flyer at back of church for more details

REFLECT AND RENEW: The Sutherland Shire Network of Family Educators invite you join them as they pray the beautiful stations of the Cross this Lent. **When: Tuesday 19th March @ 10.45am** **Where: Woronora Memorial Park, Sutherland.** Followed by lunch @ 12.30pm. See flyer for details.

UP-COMING EVENTS



Shire Lenten Series
For Young Adults
REFLECTION | ADORATION & CONFESSION | FELLOWSHIP
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM
13 MAR "LENT IS NOT THE END"
DEACON ADRIAN SUYANTO
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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 (**NEXT 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 the **Monday** morning masses only, 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!

PARISH DINNER/SOCIAL COMMITTEE: A meeting of the Parish Dinner and Social Committee will take place on Sunday **24th March at 11am.** Please come to the parish office.

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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)



16 / 17 March 2024

Year B

The 5th 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:	Jim Gothard Graham Ward Paul Marsden	Jonathan Varga Gerry Flannery Matthew Nugent	Andrew Monsiff Carole Venier Michele Anthony	David Gormley Amelia Paras Julie Banister
1st Reader & Psalm:	Emma Honey	Jan Lambert	James Clancy	Julie Banister
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Maureen Pocock	Jan Lambert	Sue Day	Ronald Paras

The Altar Society: Group 3:
 Norma Wong & Aurora Hall.

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

Children’s Liturgy
Sunday @ 9:30 am

Cathy Rizzo, Judy Spichopoulos & Peta Natoli

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

The Clean Team: Group C: St Vincent de Paul.



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