

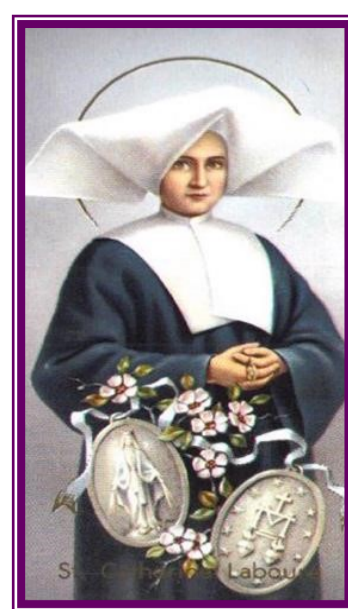
St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish



The Fifth Sunday of Lent

16 / 17 March 2024

Year B



THE ROAD TO CALVARY HOLY WEEK RETREAT FOR MEN

PROGRAM

10.00am	Registration
10.15am	Holy Mass
11.00am	Opening Prayer & Blessing
11.10am	Talk 1 - Tomasz Juszczak
12.00pm	Break
12.15pm	Outdoor Rosary
12.40pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Talk 2 - Tomasz Juszczak
2.30pm	Break - Move to Church
2.45pm	Reflection - Fr Noel Custodio The 7 Last Words of Christ
3.05pm	Adoration & Confession
3.50pm	Benediction
4.00pm	Closing Remarks and Thanks
4.05pm	Fellowship

SATURDAY 23 MARCH 10 AM - 4 PM

Dear Parishioners, This Tuesday night at 7pm, I will be giving the third instalment of our "Lenten Lectures" with a talk on the ("controversial) life of the late George Cardinal Pell. I will be sharing something of my own experience of the Cardinal and hope to speak to a side of the man seldom spoken of in the media. Undoubtedly, Cardinal Pell is the most influential churchman Australia has ever produced and it is likely his legacy will endure for many decades to come. Thus, I think its valuable for us all to know a little bit about the true character of the man and his ambitions for the Church in Australia. Following the talk, there will be a drinks reception to celebrate the solemnities of St Patrick and St Joseph; two days where we are allowed some respite from our Lenten penances. Do come along!

To all the men of our parish who have not yet signed up for the "Men's Retreat Day" next Saturday, please do so today! (The outline for the day is on the left of this note.) If you are hesitant because you haven't been to anything like this before or believe you are too busy, then this is more the reason to sign up – even if you can only come for part of the day. To the women of the parish, please encourage the men of your family to come along. We have 70 men already registered but we would like to make this a neat 100!

Finally, **Holy Week** is fast approaching. Please take note of the times for the various liturgies. I would like to encourage every parishioner to attend the Triduum; beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 7:30pm with adoration continuing until midnight. God bless! Fr Greg

In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Joan Abel (Requiem Mass for Joan's funeral will be held on Friday 22 March, 11am), Sue Grant, Joan Clare Hill, Beverley Young.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

William Roy Barnes, Alexsei Chijoff, Roy Collins (1st Anniversary), Brian Dooley, Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, Alexander Martin, Joan Edna Martin, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Sarah Jane Murrells (50th Anniversary) Adolfo Noche, Joe & Anna Natoli, Angela Nugent (30th Anniversary) Antonio Sorbara, The Deceased Members of the Friendship Club, The Holy Souls.

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

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, Marié 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

EASTER TRIDDUUM: This is the holiest and most solemn time of the year. We hope that you will do your best to attend as much of the Triduum as possible. Please note the following times:

Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass times as per usual.

Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm followed by adoration until midnight. (There is No 9:15am Mass.)

Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross

3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday: 7:30pm Easter Vigil

(There is NO 9:15am Mass)

Easter Sunday: 7:30am; 9:30am; 5:00pm

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 **NEXT 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 last two talks ("Lenten Lectures"). Talks will commence **at 7 pm** (finishing around 8pm). Our theme for this year is "**Christ, Catholicism, Controversy**".

Tuesday 19th March: Cardinal George Pell – The Cleric, The Cross, The Cell followed by drinks reception to celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph – **FR GREGORY MORGAN**

Tuesday 26th March: Spiritual Meditation Two – Jesus Said: "**For what should it profit a man to gain the whole world but lose his soul?**" (Mark 8:36) - **FR NOEL CUSTODIO**

SUNDAY MASS 5 PM 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

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. **Holy Thursday, 28 March Time: 9 pm – 11.30 pm (After Mass of the Lord's Supper)** See flyer at back of Church for more details.

MUSIC AND NEW CHOIR(S): Our next united gathering/rehearsal will be, **Wednesday, 27 March @ 6:00 pm.**

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.**

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 Porteous **1.30PM BENEDICTION** – St Mary's Cathedral.

PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY NEXT 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.

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. **Tuesday, 19 March @ 10.45am, Woronora Memorial Park, Sutherland.** Followed by lunch @ 12.30pm. See flyer at back of church for details and sign up sheet.

ST PATRICKS COLLEGE SUTHERLAND – YEAR 7 2026: Enrolments are open: contact spscutherland.syd.catholic.edu.au to submit an online application or request an application for Enrolment Form. Applications due **5th April, 2024.**

CABRINI (A MOVIE ABOUT ST FRANCIS): *Cabrini* is a 2024 American biographical drama, depicting the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini, portrayed by Cristiana Dell'Anna, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City. *Cabrini* explores the sexism and anti-Italianism faced by Cabrini and others in New York City in the late 19th century. Now showing at Beverly Hills cinema.

UP-COMING EVENTS

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, 20 April**) 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 Gynea 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 Gynea 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 6 pm 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 **24 March at 11am.** Please come to the parish office.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE—SHRINE TO OUR LADY OF MERCY PENROSE PARK:

Thank you to all those who attended the pilgrimage and heartfelt thanks to Fr Greg for uplifting us and leading us through our journey on the day. A few quotes from parishioners:

"The most amazing place, just want to go back to quiet time when mass and stations are on and spent time alone in the sepulchre"

"A late start but well worth the journey. Thanks to Fr Greg meditation and special spiritual environment, it was a blessed experience"

"Even though it was a late start it was all forgotten when we reached the secluded place of prayer"

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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

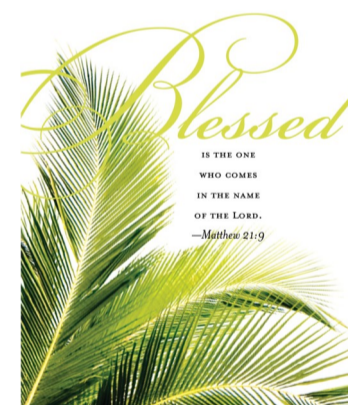
Tuesdays - Saturdays
 8:30 am - 9:10 am
(Fridays and Saturdays:
9:00 am Benediction)



23 / 24 March 2024

Year B

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.



	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	<p style="text-align: center;">Acolytes, Ministers and Readers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please refer to your individual Rosters for all Palm Sunday Masses.</p>			
1st Reader & Psalm:				
2nd Reader & Intercessions:				

The Altar Society: Group 4:

June Frost, Kath Burns & Laurice Dooley.

In The Counting House:

Ray Brennan, Denis O’Brien, Bob Taylor, Bob Greenwood, Barry Elliott & Peter Black

Children’s Liturgy
Sunday @ 9:30 am

Kerri Sharratt & Peta Owsnett

Audio-Visual

Pauline / Mark Natalie Hugh

Operators:

NO SENIOR CHOIR Jenni

The Clean Team: Group D: Norm Frost, Chris Jacobs & Jan Lambert.



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