

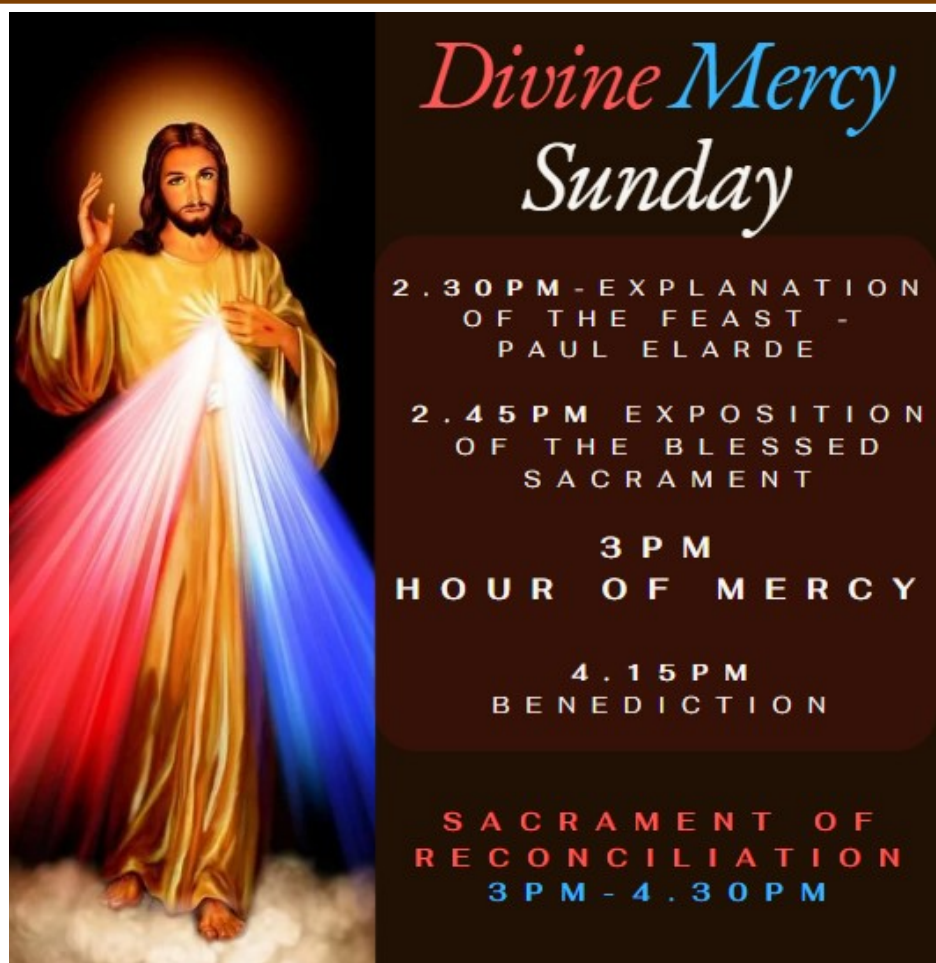
St Catherine Labouré Gymea Parish



Divine Mercy Sunday The 2nd Sunday of Easter

6 / 7 April 2024

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Dear Parishioners, Fr Greg and I would like to reiterate our gratitude to the many people who contributed to our Holy Week liturgies which were so well attended. We received such positive feedback as to how beautiful and reverent the liturgies were, especially the music and singing for the Triduum. On behalf of the entire parish community, I warmly congratulate the 18 people who will have received the sacraments of initiation this Easter. 16 were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and 2 more will be received over the coming weeks. It is such an encouraging sign of the grace of the Holy Spirit at work in the parish community. Yet as Fr Greg and I like to emphasise, we must continue to pray and work for the continued evangelisation of the people of Gymea, that many more may discover Truth and Mercy in Jesus Christ.

This weekend we celebrate 'Divine Mercy Sunday' as part of the Second Sunday of Easter. The Divine Mercy devotion has been a tsunami of grace for so many around the world, and Fr Greg and I are always surprised at how

many people are drawn to the message of Divine Mercy given by Our Lord to St. Faustina, especially when we live in a culture that is often so merciless and unforgiving. The parish will offer devotions in honour of the Feast of Divine Mercy; commencing at 2.30pm with a short talk and then Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, veneration of the Image, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary and silent adoration. God bless! Fr Noel



In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Beryl Dorothea Budd, Charie Maria Fordham, Anthony James Witt, Cohen Hinchliffe, Joan Abel, Sue Grant, Joan Clare Hill, Beverley Young.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

Coral Lacey, Bartolino Alessi, 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), JoAnne Shackleton, 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, John and Rona Harris, Maree Hinton, James Hourigan, 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 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

NOT (A PRACTICING) CATHOLIC? We are a proudly Catholic parish family who hold firm to the teachings of Jesus Christ because they are the one timeless source of truth and mercy. We believe that every human being has an intrinsic dignity, created in the image and likeness of God, and, as such, every human being is welcome in this parish. We are truly one family. If you are not Catholic – or if you have been away from the practice of your faith and want to know more –, why not reach out to one of the priests and come and have a chat? In a world of such confusion, we all need the spiritual clarity and intellectual genius of the Catholic faith more than ever.

WEEKDAY MASS Due to the Archdiocesan Clergy Conference in Wollongong this coming week, Fr Greg and Fr Noel will be in and out of the parish for most of next week., There will be **NO 9.15am Mass on Wednesday, 10 April. Mass will be moved to 7pm that evening.** Thank you for understanding.

BIBLE STUDY: A new Bible study series will recommence in May. We are thinking of doing a deep dive into the *Acts of the Apostles* whilst also exploring the mission of the early Church. Please keep Thursdays of May free! Details TBA.

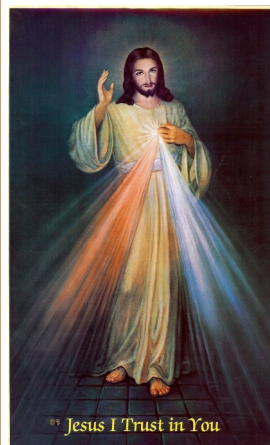
SUNDAY MASS 5.00 PM COLLECTORS: We require **two or more** collectors specifically for this mass to kindly volunteer. If you regularly attend this Mass please contact the parish office urgently or email: office@stcaths.org.au.

DECEMBER 2024 PARISH DINNER PREFERENCES: Our parish dinners, held at Doltone House in late November, have been wonderful opportunities to gather and celebrate this blessed parish family and form new friendships. Given this is our third year, Fr Greg and the organising committee would like your feedback on the possibility of hosting this year's dinner on a Sydney Harbour cruise. The format would be much the same, and the parish will provide buses for all parishioners into the city and back. If you would like to express your opinion on this, you can indicate your thoughts

CARITAS – PROJECT COMPASSION: Please return donation envelopes/boxes next week. You can place in either collection or bring to Parish Office. *Thank you for your support.*

EASTER MASS OFFERINGS: You will find donation envelopes on the pews. Your donation supports the Archdiocesan Pastoral Revenue Fund, which, among other things, supports all the priests of the Archdiocese, both serving and retired. *Many thanks for your donations.*

MINISTERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND To those willing to be inducted and trained as Home Ministers. New roster begins Sunday, 5 May and it would be great if you can be inducted and trained to start on the new roster. Please contact Michele C/- the Parish Office if you can help with this very important Parish Ministry (office@stcaths.org.au)



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

This Sunday, 7 April, commencing at **2:30pm to 4.30pm**, our parish will host special devotions for the Feast of Divine Mercy. In a series of revelations to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930's, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

Program includes: Exposition, Veneration of Divine Mercy image, Confession, Chaplet and Holy Rosary, Benediction. Divine Mercy **FREE** bookmarks will be at the back of the church for anyone to take. You are welcome to stay (or return) for the 5 pm Mass afterwards.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST MORNING: Holy Family Menai invites all ladies to join them on **Saturday, 20 April** for a morning of community and connection over a delicious breakfast. 9.15 am - **Mass**, 10.00 am – **Breakfast/Brunch** 10.45 am -**Talk by Deacon Sone – "Living our Lady's Fiat (YES) in Everyday Life** 11.30 am -**Round Table Discussions** 11.50 am – **Schoenstatt Response By Sister Elizabeth Foley**


Contact: Andrea: admin@holymenai.org.au
Please bring a plate to share & \$5.

SISTERS OF LIFE – SYDNEY EVANGELISATION MISSION:

There will be four sisters on this mission from the USA, two of which are Aussie women: Sr. Mary Grace Langrell (Sydney) and Sr. Rose Patrick O'Connor Webb (Toowoomba). There will be 4 main events from the **18th to 24th April** at various locations. For Registrations and info: **www.unicatholics.org.au** Please see flyer in the back of the church for more details.



<p>18 APRIL City Compass X Bishops Blend event 6:30pm Talk: 'Imago Dei in the Culture of Death' 7:30pm Bishop's Blend Dinner with Young professionals * \$20 St Mary's Cathedral</p>	<p>19 APRIL Reflection Evening 4pm Theme: A Spirituality of Care. A Reflection Evening with the Sisters of Life at the University of Notre Dame. Open to all.</p>
<p>20 APRIL Alumni Retreat Day 9am – 5:30pm Theme: Turning to God. University Alumni are invited to this full day retreat * \$20 St. Maria's Leichhardt</p>	<p>21 APRIL Womens event 5pm - 7:30pm * \$10 Tangara School for Girls</p>
<p>24 APRIL Fidelis 6pm Join us for an exciting Fidelis with the Sisters of Life at their last public event in Sydney. ACU Strathfield</p>	

 *The Sisters of Life are women who are in love with Love – Love incarnate, crucified, and Risen – and captivated by the truth of the beauty of every human person, created in God's image and likeness.*



For registrations and info
www.unicatholics.org.au 

UP-COMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD: NEXT 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. **10.30 am MASS** – St Mary's Cathedral, **12 noon 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. **1.30 pm BENEDICTION** – St Mary's Cathedral.

DEFEND THE FAITH: In Defense of the Catholic Faith in a Rapidly Secular Society and the threat of Radical Islam - Guest speaker and Catholic Apologist Dr Robert Haddad.

Where: **Holy Family Menai Catholic Church**

Time: **7pm**

When: **Friday 10th May 2024.**

For all ages and refreshments to follow.

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 Piccaretta 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.

PARISH GROUPS

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATOR NEEDED: We kindly need a new volunteer for the 9.30am SUNDAY mass. Please contact parish office on office@stcaths.org.au.

ACOLYTES, MINISTERS & READERS: The next Roster is due for May, June, July & August. Please contact the Parish Office if there are any changes to your preferences.

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. **(Next General Meeting is held Thursday 18th April at 7pm at 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 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!

<p>1ST COLLECTION Planned Giving-Pastoral Revenue</p> <p>2ND COLLECTION Planned Giving-Church</p>	
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MASS TIMES - HOLY WEEK

Mondays - Saturdays 9.15 am
Saturday 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 5 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Saturday
Before and after every weekday Mass (including Saturdays)
Saturdays 4:30 pm – 4:55 pm

ADORATION TIMES

Tuesday - Saturday
 8:30 am - 9:10 am

*(Fridays and Saturdays:
 9:00 am Benediction)*



13 / 14 April 2024

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

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	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 Cathy Bonello Emma Honey	Jonathan Varga Sam Keir Matthew Nugent	Mitch Worsley Andrew Monsiff Carole Venier Barbara Foster	David Gormley Amelia Paras Maureen Ross
1st Reader & Psalm:	Julie Banister	Judith Rumsey	Sue Day	Ronald Paras
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Lesley Newman	Adele Greenaway	Michele Anthony	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

School Holidays

Audio-Visual Pauline / Mark Natalie

Operators: 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.