



# St Catherine Labouré GyMEA Parish

## The 3rd Sunday of Easter

13 / 14 April 2024

Year B



### TELL NSW MPS TO REJECT THE GREENWICH "EQUALITY" BILL

Despite being promoted as a bill about 'equality', the Greenwich bill will:

- X Remove protections** for religious schools and other faith-based institutions in our anti-discrimination laws
- X Strip away public decency laws for prostitution** and allow prostitutes to solicit for business outside churches and schools
- X Let men access women's-only spaces** by allowing them to change their sex on official documents
- X Legalise commercial surrogacy** and place vulnerable women at risk, in Australia and overseas
- X Remove the need for parental consent for children's medical treatment**, allowing kids and doctors to override the wishes of parents



Have your say by completing a short, parliamentary survey into the bill.

Scan this QR code and indicate that you **OPPOSE** every part of the bill.

The bill is so extreme that we need to send a message to MPs to reject the whole bill.

**The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete and closes on 14 April, so please respond today.**

Dear Parishioners, Having been away for academic work last week, I want to take this opportunity to express my own gratitude to God and to this community for the blessed Easter triduum. It was truly a wonderful thing to see so many parishioners turn out for all of the liturgies and I was especially pleased to see so many in prayer all the way until midnight on Holy Thursday. Of course, an undoubtable highlight was the baptising and receiving of 18 new Catholics into our parish family. This wonderful sign of the Holy Spirit should be a reminder to us all of our world's need for God and of our own responsibility to reach out to those around us who may have lapsed or are yet to discover the beauty of the Catholic faith. I would like to reiterate my deepest gratitude to the choir, servers, altar society, and everyone else

who contributed to the liturgies. Finally, as you might be aware, the Archbishop has asked us to advise you of a dangerous and anti-freedom/religion piece of legislation being put before parliament. It is important we have a voice in this! For more information, and to ensure your own voice is heard, please use the QR code above. God bless you! Fr Greg

#### In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

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

#### We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

*Bartolino Alessi, Daniel Andreallo, William Roy Barnes, Alexsei Chijoff, Roy Collins (1st Anniversary), Trevor Oscar Corrie, 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, Odin Vial (5th Anniversary), 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 Bassiuoni, 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, Shaun McInerney, 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, 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.

**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](mailto: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:** Many thanks for your generosity. The Parish raised \$6,440.00 to support this worthy charity. If you still have donation boxes/ envelopes, please return by 15 May 2024.

**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](mailto:office@stcaths.org.au))

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST MORNING:** Holy Family Menai invites all ladies to join them **NEXT 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](mailto: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 **THIS COMING WEEK**, between **18 to 24 April** at various locations. For Registrations and info: [www.unicatholics.org.au](http://www.unicatholics.org.au) Please see flyer in the back of the Church for more details.

**NOT TOO LATE – THE DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD:**


**TODAY: 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. See flyer at the back of church for more information

**NEW AV SYSTEM:** Thanks to the vision and initiative of some technologically adept parishioners, we now have a new (updated) AV system that is far simpler and far less likely to crash. Thank you to those who have made this project possible.

**Our 64th Annual ANZAC Day Mass**  
**Thursday, 25 April:**  
The 9:15 am Mass will be celebrated here at Saint Catherine's.

**SISTERS of LIFE**  
SYDNEY EVANGELISATION SCHEDULE

- 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
- 19 APRIL** **Reflection Evening**  
6pm | Theme: A Spirituality of Care: A Reflection Evening with the Sisters of Life at the University of Notre Dame. Open to all.
- 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
- 21 APRIL** **Womens event**  
5pm - 7:30pm + \$10  
Tangara School for Girls
- 24 APRIL** **Fidelis**  
6pm | Join us for an exciting Fidelis with the Sisters of Life at their last public event in Sydney.  
ACU Starchyfield

 **UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME CATHOLICS**  
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](http://www.unicatholics.org.au) 

**UP-COMING EVENTS**

**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: **7 pm**

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

For all ages and refreshments to follow.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Takes place on the third Saturday of each month (**NEXT 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!

## MEN'S BREAKFASTS

NEXT  
**Third Saturday of the month**      **20 APRIL**

8:30 ADORATION | 9:15 HOLY MASS | 9:45 BREAKFAST | 10:15 FORMATION

**ANZAC DAY MASS:** A reminder that our parish will host a special Mass to honour the ANZAC's and all those who have given their lives for our freedom on Thursday, 25 April at 9.15 am.

**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](http://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 Piccareta 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.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION AND MASS:** Beginning with the Vigil Mass at 6 pm St Mary's Cathedral followed by candle-lit procession around the Cathedral Forecourt. When: **Saturday, 11 May 2024 at 6 pm**

**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. (**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 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!

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**2ND COLLECTION**  
Planned Giving-Church



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**PARISH DIRECTORY:**

**Parish Priest:** Reverend Doctor Gregory Morgan  
**Assistant Priest:** Reverend Father Noel Custodio  
**Seminarian:** Daniel O’Kelly  
**Presbytery:** 123 Gynea Bay Road, Gynea  
**Secretary:** Monday to Thursday: Natasha Amata  
 Friday: Maria Awad (Bookkeeper)  
**Office Hours: Monday to Thursday** being:  
 9:00 am - 12 noon then 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
**Friday:** 9:00 am - 2:30 pm  
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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)*



*20 / 21 April 2024*

***The 4th Sunday of Easter***

***Year B***



	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
<b>Acolytes &amp; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Jim Gothard Lesley Newman Margaret Morris	Jonathan Varga Matthew Nugent Gerry Flannery	Andrew Monsiff Mitch Worsley Michele Anthony Carole Venier	David Gormley Amelia Paras Margaret Reid
<b>1st Reader &amp; Psalm:</b>	Maureen Pocock	Adele Greenaway	Barbara Foster	Joan Pinto
<b>2nd Reader &amp; Intercessions:</b>	Philippa Macfarlane	Jan Lambert	Natasha Amata	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**

School Holidays

**Audio-Visual** Pauline /Mark Natalie Ajith Faye & James

**Operators:** NO SENIOR CHOIR Jenni  
 SCHOOL CHOIR

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



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