

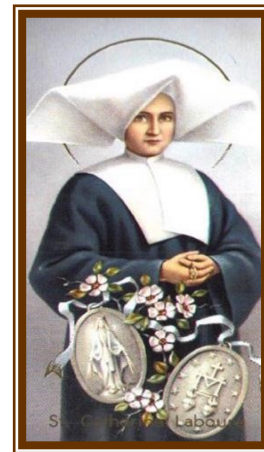
St Catherine Labouré GyMEA Parish



The 6th Sunday of Easter

4 / 5 May 2024

Year B



BIBLE STUDY

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



Thursday 7pm

"They have turned the World Upside Down"

Why study the Acts of the Apostles? We will look into the evangelisation efforts of the early church in the 1st century and how it can help us in our mission as Catholics today. Reading: Acts 1

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Thursday 7pm

"These men are not drunk"

We will do a deep dive into the event of Pentecost and St. Peter's first sermon. This will lead us into a discussion on the role of the Holy Spirit in the mission of Church. Reading: Acts 2-3

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Thursday 7pm

"Fearless Speech"

We will examine some of the characteristics of St. Peter's preaching, which will lead us into a discussion on boldness and freedom of speech. Reading: Acts 3-5

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Thursday 7pm

"Signs and Wonders"

As part of our upcoming Eucharistic exhibition and the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we will do a short study on miracles in Acts, which will lead into a talk on Eucharistic Miracles. Reading: Acts 5-8

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Dear Parishioners, Daniel O'Kelly, our seminarian, has been approved by the Archbishop to take the next step on his journey to priesthood known as "Candidacy". It is a simple but significant rite where Daniel will publically state his intention to receive Holy Orders and, in turn, the Church (in the person of the Bishop) will affirm his vocational calling. **This will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 19th May at 6pm.** A bus has been arranged for parishioners to attend. Please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the Church. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to show our love and support for Daniel as well as having the chance to experience Mass in our beautiful cathedral.

As I said last week, there is a great deal happening in our parish over the coming weeks, so, please make the most of the opportunities for prayer and formation.

Commencing this Thursday night at 7pm, Fr Noel will begin a four-part bible study on the Acts of the Apostles. The topics look fascinating!

For our young adults, there will be a weekly gathering held every Wednesday night starting on Wednesday 22nd May at 7pm. At our first gathering, I will give the first instalment of a series of talks on the topic of "Identity" – a most pressing and confusing issue within our society at present; but especially for young people. A time of prayer and fellowship will follow.

A reminder of our exhibition of the Eucharistic miracles, documented by the young Blessed Carlos Acutis, will be held here from 26th May to 9th June. At the heart of this is our parish **Eucharistic Procession** following the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 2nd June. God bless! Fr Greg



ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ROAD, GYMEA



In your charity, please pray for our recently deceased;

Eileen Dawson, Noel Ratcliffe, Anthony Mackison, Beryl Budd, Bishop Peter Ingham, Thomas Yim Pong Kwok, Coral Lacey.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:

*M.Y Thomas, Daniel Andreallo, William Roy Barnes, Cec and Mary Baz, Alexsei Chijoff, Roy Collins (1st Anniversary), Trevor Oscar Corrie, Brian Dooley,
Tracy de Lyall, Roy & Mary Esplin, Ederina Fabian, Bill Godfrey, Rod Halter, Lionel & Bev Hurst, Lean Family, Alexander Martin, Joan Edna Martin, Sid & Sylvia Mullen, Frank Murray, 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:

Jan Anderson, Elaine Bain, Catherine Bassiuoni, Gerry Banister, Cheryl May Barrett, Arthur Benson, Fr. Briffa, Pamela Buckley, Patricia Butler, Greg Byrne, Shirley Cashman, Baby Anthony Chisari, 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 & 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 and Leovie Rose, Tony Ryan, Adela Santos, Maria Sellaro, Evelyn Spiteri, Elaine Townsend, Karen Trang, Yin Kwan Tsang, June Walker, Jon Weaver,

The SICK List of names is only kept for 6 months and will start over again (1 July 2024) If you wish for a loved one to be mentioned, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG ADULTS (GATHERING): Commencing Wednesday 22nd May, St Cath's will have a regular gathering for young adults, 18-35, held **every Wednesday night**. At the first gathering, on **Wednesday 22nd May at 7pm**, Fr Greg will give the first talk in a new series on the topic of **"IDENTITY"**. Following the talk, there will be a brief time of prayer and then dinner. Please invite your friends. Further details to follow.

ELECTION TO CANDIDACY – SUNDAY 19TH MAY @ 6PM: Daniel O'Kelly, our very own seminarian, will take the next step on his journey to be priesthood having been formally accepted by the Archbishop to receive "Candidacy". Although the rite is quite simple, it is an important moment for Daniel to publically state his intention to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders and for the he bishop, in turn, to formally accept him. This will take place on the 19th May at 6pm at St Mary's Cathedral. We are hiring a bus. Please indicate if you would like to join us in support of Daniel. Please sign your name on the clipboards at the back of the church if you wish to attend. We will gather at St Cath's at 4:45pm and will look to return home for approximately 8:15pm. This is a wonderful chance for us to also give thanks for all that Daniel has done for our parish.

SEMINARIAN – STEPHEN HOWARD: Stephen Howard is in his fifth year of seminary formation for the Archdiocese of Sydney and currently completing his studies at the Pontifical North American College, Rome. He will be returning home shortly for a visit and has been appointed to our parish for a short-term placement in July/August. I have taught Stephen philosophy and know him to be an outstanding young man. Please pray for him and welcome him to our parish when he comes.

BIBLE STUDY- ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: A new Bible study series will recommence in May of doing a deep dive into the *Acts of the Apostles*. Please keep Thursdays in May free! **Our first session will be THIS Thursday, 9 May 7 pm – 8 pm.**

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)

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION/EXHIBITION: A crucial part of our mission to evangelise and re-evangelise Catholics and non-Catholics is to promote a love for Our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes the definitive teaching of the Council of Trent, which summarises the Catholic faith by declaring: **"Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation."** Thanks to the wonderful initiative and generosity of a parishioner, we will host a very special exhibition that draws inspiration from Blessed Carlos Acutis documentation of various Eucharistic miracles. **The images will be found along the back of the Church, beginning Sunday, 26 May through to Sunday, 9 June.** Our annual Eucharistic Procession down Gympsea Bay Road will, of course, be held on the Feast of Corpus Christ, **Sunday, 2 June**, following the mass. Please mark your calendars now!

2024 WALK WITH CHRIST EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION : As per last year, I invite parishioners to join me in attending the Walk with Christ Eucharistic Procession through the City on **Sunday, 2 June at 2.30pm**. Once again, I would like to take a full coach of parishioners with me. We will leave at approximately 1:00 pm and return at approximately 5:30 pm. **Bus sign up sheets will be available in the next few weeks.**

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL: Please be advised that the parish will undertake Charitable Works Fund Appeals. CWF contributions are 100% tax deductible and support a plethora of the good works of the Archdiocese including: Catholic Care (our welfare agency); various hospital and university chaplaincies; the ministry to the deaf and hard of hearing; Aboriginal Catholic Ministry; and it also supports the cost of training our future priests (seminarians) as well as many other such works. The Archdiocese requires that every parish conduct this appeal three times a year and every parish is given a specific "quota" (a numerical-financial goal), which reflects the income/socio-economic capacities of that parish. Our quota this quarter is close to \$23,000. Whatever we do not raise has to be paid out of the parish account. Envelopes will be available throughout the month of May but we will officially take up the appeal **THIS Weekend of the 4th and 5th May**. I thank you wholeheartedly for your generosity and for your love and support of our parish.

PRAYER CARDS INTENTIONS – MOTHER DAY Please pick up a prayer card this weekend and write your prayer intentions and leave in the basket. We will gather all of them for our Mother Day Mass **NEXT Sunday 12th May**.

UP-COMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE – PARISH DINNER 2024: Our Parish Dinner/Social Committee are planning a very exciting (new) venture for us all to gather and celebrate this wonderful community of faith. **Please mark Friday, 6 December in your calendars for our third parish dinner and Labour lecture.**

PARISH CALENDAR: We now have an online Parish Calendar where you can view all upcoming events and parish group meetings at our parish. Visit www.stcaths.org.au/calendar.

CALVARY HEATH CARE KOGARAH – REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: An invitation is extended to all those who are bereaved, especially those whose loved ones have received care at Calvary Health Care Kogarah Hospital and Community. The Remembrance Service will be held **May 18th at 2pm** in Calvary's Chapel, 91 - 111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah. Attendees are invited to bring a photo of the person they are remembering. Light refreshments follow the service.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Takes place on the third Saturday of each month (**Saturday, 18 May**) 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!

CARMELITE WEEKEND RETREAT (10TH - 12TH MAY, 2024): PRESENTER: Fr. Paul Maunder, OCD & Cristina Leontini, translator of *Life and thoughts of Mariam Baouardy, 'the little nothing'* Illiterate, child-like, naive, poor, a 'the little nothing', this Teresian Carmelite nun founded the Carmel of the Holy Child Jesus in Bethlehem. Fr Paul and Cristina Leontini will present her life and comment on her way of the cross in the context of today's sufferings, especially in the Holy Land. **WHEN:** 10 - 12 May 2024 • 6 pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday) **WHERE:** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW **COST:** \$330 Please register at the following link: www.mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program

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:** **NEXT Saturday, 11 May 2024 at 6 pm.**

ST PATRICKS SUTHERLAND – SACRED MUSIC CONCERT – SUNDAY 19TH MAY @ 2PM: St Patrick's Sutherland is hosting a concert of sacred music to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Book online at : <https://www.trybooking.com/CRIFH>

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 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!

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.

<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 5 pm 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)*



11 / 12 May 2024

Year B

The Ascension of the Lord into Heaven



	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm	Sunday 7.30 am	Sunday 9.30 am	Sunday Evening 5.00 pm
Acolytes & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Kevin Bourke Jim Gothard Emma Honey	Jonathan Varga Sam Keir Judith Rumsey	Mitch Worsley Carole Venier Michele Anthony Barbara Foster	David Gormley Amelia Paras Margaret Reid
1st Reader & Psalm:	Natasha Metlege	Judith Rumsey	Brian Phillips	Ronald Paras
2nd Reader & Intercessions:	Maureen Pocock	Adele Greenaway	Natasha Amata	Faye Reardon

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

Maria and Beth Rose

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