"Listen to me all of you and understand...It is the things that come out of a man that make hím unclean"



### **Holy Name Catholic Parish**

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### 29 August— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Tine

#### From Fr Paul

Dear Parishioners,

The long saga of being in lockdown continues! This week NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian announced that lockdown will extend to the end of September.

Even with our own current hardships, on this Social Justice Sunday, we give thanks for our blessings as a nation and as a parish, and we remember those people of the world who are struggling in much worse circumstances. Across the world, we are living through a "one-in-one hundred year event".

Though we are 'all in this together', our circumstances vary and we each deal with this Covid-19 lockdown differently. Many find the uncertainty stressful, bringing on anxiety for the future. A good percentage of people have lost work and some professions and areas of employment have almost come to a halt.

Grandparents may feel the loss of time with their grandkids; children are missing the fun and friendship of childhood, the milestones, the sleepovers, the ability to play with other children outside the home. Many parents feel the loss of their community of support, and for expectant parents it has been stressful. School students of all ages can feel robbed of life at school, opportunities for learning together, opportunities for sport and other activities and the ordinary pleasures of friendship and fun.

Parents can find the supervision of at-home learning stressful and can feel robbed of fully celebrating their children's transition to the next phase in life: major exams, birthdays and graduations. Major events like baptisms, funerals and weddings must be re-considered. Sacramental programs have had to be put on hold. Refugees and temporary migrants have lost the safety of new-found homes, with the loss of jobs, accommodation and support services.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought changes to our lives we never imagined. It has transformed the world we live in, our sense of safety, our behaviours and how connected we feel to our loved ones. It's highlighted the importance of human connection. Lifeline, and similar agencies, have recorded Unprecedented demand as people reach out for help.

Deacon Sam, Fr Anselam and I continue to pray for you and to offer Mass for you and your intentions throughout each week. We are striving to maintain the life and upkeep of the parish within the limitations of the lockdown. Remember that while the church building is closed, the life of the church goes on in various ways, seen and unseen - in our hearts, our homes and in the celebration of some of the sacraments.

We continue to livestream morning Masses from Tuesday to Friday, and then the Saturday Vigil Mass. We celebrate funerals for ten, as we did for Margaret Woodlands, Brian Oong and Dexter Giblin most recently. We continue to prepare couples for marriage and stay in contact with families preparing their children for baptism. We have sought to reach out to the most vulnerable, the chronically sick, the housebound and the grieving.

I have continued to meet regularly (via Zoom) with the PPMC and the PFC. Some groups in the parish continue to meet Each week in the bulletin we shall suggest sound Catholic videos to inspire you (see Page 4); also our Bishop has some initiatives to help us stay connected to our faith during this time of lockdown (see Page 4).

Good wishes from Fr Anselam & Deacon Sam. With our prayers, support and warm regards,

Fr Paul

### Parish Masses This Week

Monday	30 August	No Mass			Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
Tuesday	31 August	Mass	9.15am	Livestreamed	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
Wednesday	1 September	Mass	9.15am	Livestreamed	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
Thursday	2 September	Mass	9.15am	Livestreamed	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
Friday	3 September	Mass	9.15am	Livestreamed	St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor
Saturday	4 September	Mass	5.00pm	Livestreamed	Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
Sunday	5 September	No Masses			23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Please Remember in your Prayers

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Fr John Neil OP (ordained at HNW October 1960; brother of Carole Wilson, died 21 August), Dexter John Giblin (died 17 August), Augusta Matejovski (sister in law of Amalie Gunzenhauser, died 9 August), Trish Panton (died 2 August, aged 85), Gigliola Cantarella (friend of Margaret and Pat MacMillan). Brian Oong (husband of Gwen, father of Matthew, Jason and Damian, father in law of Sally, Christine and Lily & grandfather of Natalie, Katie, Chloe, Zara, Hannah and Ryan died 21 July, aged 89), Julie Raftery (Gemma McDermott's mother, died 16 July), Ethel Christenson (mother of Paul and Linda, mother in law of Virginia, and nana of Isabella, Alana, Claudia, Nick and Daniel) died 13 July), Margaret Woodlands (wife of Brian, mother of Joanne, Elizabeth and Kristin, died 6th July), Br. Michael Stanley Madden cfc (Chris Madden's brother died 2 July, aged 95 years).

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Betty Laing (Ken's Mum, 3rd anniversary, 22nd August), Patricia Loneragan (sister of Fred, 4th anniversary on 26 August), Jean Goldrick (Mum of Chris, 6th anniversary on 27 August), Barry Price (husband of Marie-Claire, 6th anniversary on 28th August), Rose Leong (aunt of Caroline Ho, 1st anniversary, 18 August), Louis Planas (15th anniversary on 19 August), Melissa Lopes (sister in law of Quinnie Machado, 11th anniversary on 17 August), Alexandra Lopes (mother of Quinnie Machado, anniversary on 20 August), Peggy Smyth (Chrissie Goldrick's mum—2nd anniversary on 4 August), Patricia (Trisha) Smyth (sister of Chrissie Goldrick - 10th anniversary on 5 August), Mary Bourke (Grandmother of Rosalie Belsey, 5th anniversary on 10 August), Patrick Madden (brother of Chris, 5th anniversary on 10 August), Catherine Bourke (daughter of John and Penny Bourke, 6th anniversary, 11 August), Don Dell (husband of Joan, 13th anniversary on 13 August), Takehisa Koyanagi (brother in law of Michael Calvi, 8th anniversary on 13 August), Manh Phan (Melvin's father, 1st anniversary, 14 August), Ron Phillips (father of Lynne Attard, 1st anniversary 20 July), Evelyn Attard (Ray's mother, 23rd anniversary on 22 July), Amanda Therese Duggan (daughter of Therese and John, 15th anniversary on 26 July), Jim Johnson (2nd anniversary 30th July).

#### FOR THE SICK:

Kathleen Le Gras (Sister of Brian McGarry), Halina Brzozowski, Tina Northcott, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Greg Couch (husband of Cristina, son of Paul and Gemma, brother of Jess), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), Margaret Fandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston), Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Joe Pulis, Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum), Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), John Clark, June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiacomo, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Maureen Ritchard, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of Conor and Leila McCreton), Margaret Hayes, baby Kendal, Reginald Broderick, Michael Walsh, Caoimhe Browne, Murray Howe, George Dunne.

#### During lockdown try these tips:

- Setting practical and achievable short-term goals and routines can help direct our days to be more purposeful.
- Sticking to a routine (as closely as possible to what you did before lockdown) can also support our sense of direction and control.
- ♦ Check your own sense of well-being and those nearest you.
- Use social media for support, which many young people in the community have found beneficial during the pandemic. It's vital for us to hear others' experiences so we support them and can normalise our own.
- Finally, nothing is more important than reminding ourselves, we are all doing the best we can.

  And that's not only ok, it's enough!

# What does the Word say to us this Sunday?

#### Reflection:

Today, as we resume our reading of Mark's Gospel (having been reading from John 6), we meet a controversy over ritual cleanness.

All three readings tie in with one another.

In the **First Reading (Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8)** Moses urges the people to be faithful to God's Law, without adding to it or subtracting from it. It is not a burden to be endured, but a source of life and wisdom. **The Gospel (Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23)** shows what happened in practice. To the Law of God (given through Moses) they added their own traditions, which came to be regarded as equally authoritative and binding. Worse, they got in the way of God's Law.

Mark is making clear to Gentile Christians that, being followers of Christ, does not involve them in the observance of Jewish practices.

The **Second Reading (James 1:17-18,21-22,27)** (the first of five from the Letter of St James) shows the essential link between faith and love. It is not enough to listen to the word of God; we must put it into practice.





### This Sunday is Social Justice Sunday

By listening with an open heart to those who are most affected, we can begin, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discern the signs of the times.

## Social Justice Statement 2021-22: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear: the bush grown more silent, the birdsong less vibrant, the stream's sluggish ripple.

Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see: the soil depleted, the sky smudged, the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed. Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see: the workers who struggle to get by, the women subjected to violence, the people who are excluded.

Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear: the sound of hungry children, the distress of the mentally ill, the silent pain of homeless women and men.

Have mercy and open our ears.

Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight, to restore our hearing, and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people and peace for creation.

**Amen** 

## Videos to inspire you



In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus gets into an argument with the Pharisees concerning the nature of certain laws. The Pharisees insist that Jesus and his followers follow the laws of their fathers, while Jesus insists that the Pharisees look closer at the laws of God. This raises the question for us: which laws should we follow? Do we as Catholics have to follow all the Old Testament Laws as well as those of Jesus? What's the difference between the two? In this short five minute video, Fr Mike Schmitz explains the difference between the different types of laws, and the one's we need to follow to be faithful Christians.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDQQ0U8FHAE

We can often make the mistake of thinking all Christian churches are essentially the same. We all worship the same God, so what's the big deal? The answer lies not just in finding the truth, but in finding the "fullness of truth." The video below contains the inspirational conversion story of Steve Ray, a former Baptist who was raised "anti-Catholic," but after a long journey of seeking the answer to deeper questions, he found himself safely in the arms of the Catholic faith. A recommended watch if you are interested in knowing what sets us apart as Catholics.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oXslk2pl6Fk

# From our Bishop - Connecting online during Covid-19 Lockdowns...

To support Bishop Anthony's wish to continue to connect and engage online with our community during these challenging times, the Evangelisation team launches **BAY CONNECT** today. This initiative provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online with our communities. The Bay Connect page is published today, <a href="https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect">https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect</a> and featured on the Diocese home page <a href="https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/">https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/</a>

#### The program features **commencing THIS Monday, 30 August**, include:

- Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom **THE CHOSEN MONDAY** Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.
- Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS A place for the community to come
  together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families,
  parishioners and clergy are invited.
- Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom **HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD** Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.
- Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom FORMATION FRIDAYS An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion. We request your participation and support by liking and sharing the social media posts including Bishop Anthony's Facebook Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/bishopanthonyrandazzo">https://www.facebook.com/bishopanthonyrandazzo</a> and Diocese Broken Bay Facebook Page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/brokenbaydiocese/">https://www.facebook.com/brokenbaydiocese/</a>

### A Psalm of Lament and Praise in a time of Coronavirus

How shall we praise you, Lord, our God?

When we are locked down, how shall we praise you?

When the doors to your house are barred, and your people cannot assemble?

When those desperately in need of money and work cannot even wait in the market-place?

When we have to circle round people in the street, and to queue for shops maintaining safe distance?

When we can only communicate by hearing on the phone, or seeing on the screen;

or digitally messaging, or even just waving through a window?

When we cannot meet our parents and children, grandparents

and grandchildren, or other family members and friends?

When we cannot touch them in their flesh and blood,

to know they are really alive? How shall we praise you?

How, like Thomas, shall we not see yet believe

that your son is raised among us?

How shall we praise you?

How can I praise you, Lord?

Are you plaguing us with this virus to punish us because we have all done wrong, or thought wrongly, or felt wrongly, or just been wrong?

If so, why do only some die, and those, apparently, the ones who are the least worst or most caring amongst us?

Or are you trying to teach us a lesson? If so, why is it so hard to learn?

And how are we to find the answer when we do not even know the question?

Or are you still the same loving God, coming to us in our sufferings and opening up the way to new life in Jesus?

Lord, I will try to praise you. Through gritted teeth, I will try to praise you.

I will try to remember that you have created all things, and this virus is part of your creation.

I will try not to hate it but seek to mitigate its harm. I will try to keep myself and others safe.

I will work to pray for them and seek to help in whatever way I can.

Lord, when I cannot pray or worship help me be aware of all your people and your saints and angels hovering around me, lifting me up.

When I feel alone, let me feel you near me, even if only for a moment that enables me to go on.

Let me hear you say "Peace be with you".

Lord, I will praise you. Let all the peoples praise you.

Revd Kenneth Howcroft

# Spirit of St Lucy's

### Through their eyes (Part 2)

Here are some more beautiful images taken by our students in recent weeks. Their captions have been offered by other students within our Art Scholarship program. Enjoy!



Through the Rays



**A Precious Treasure** 



The Only Way



**Squiggly Lines and Straight Lines** 



God's Rainbow Message



**Hope Will Find A Way** 



#### **Meal Donations**

We are currently supporting a number of families who are experiencing challenges unrelated to our current COVID situation, which is impacting the situation even more.

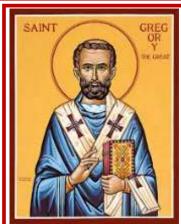
One way that we can offer practical support is with a pre-cooked meal. A number of staff and families are supplying meals for us to hand out each day, however we are always willing to take on more donations.



If you would like to assist us, and volunteer your time and generosity in cooking a meal and delivering it to us here at St Lucy's, please get in touch with either of the following people below. Such a small gesture is always so greatly received and appreciated.

Vanessa Dillon Cassandra Brading Jono Carey vanessad@stlucys.nsw.edu.au cassandrab@stlucys.nsw.edu.au JonathanC@stlucys.nsw.edu.au

### Saints we remember this week



St Gregory the Great (540—604) Feast Day 3 September

Gregory, before he became pope, happened to see some Anglo-Saxon slaves for sale in a Roman marketplace. He asked about the race of the remarkable blond men and was told they were "Anglos." "Not Anglos, but angels," he was said to reply. As a result, it is said, Gregory was later inspired to send missionaries to England.

Gregory was descended from Roman nobles with a strong Christian faith. He was related to two previous popes (Felix III and Agapitus I), his aunts were nuns. He was raised in Rome.

By the age of 30, he was the chief administrative official of the city, responsible for finances, police, provisioning, and public works—an experience that helped him hone his administrative skills and, together with his personal wealth, gave him the opportunity to create six monasteries.

Yet, Gregory remained dissatisfied, and upon his father's death in 574, he converted his house into a monastery and retired to a life of contemplation and prayer. During these years, the happiest in Gregory's life, he began a detailed study of the Scriptures. Here he also ruined his health with fasting, a sacrifice that would precipitate his early death.

His administrative skills did not remain unappreciated. In 577 Pope Benedict appointed Gregory one of the seven deacons of Rome, and Pope Pelagius II sent him, in 578, as representative to the imperial court, then later recalled him to serve as his confidential adviser. In 589, a flood destroyed the grain reserves of Rome, instigating a famine and then a plague that swept through Rome and killed Pope Pelagius. Gregory was elected to succeed him. Though he had tried to refuse the office, once elected, he went to work with vigour.

Gregory was actively concerned about the work of priests. He wrote a book of instruction for bishops, On Pastoral Care, in which he wrote, "Act in such a way that your humility may not be weakness, nor your authority be severity. Justice must be accompanied by humility, that humility may render justice lovable." It became a manual for holy life throughout the Middle Ages.

Gregory set a high mark for the medieval papacy. He defended the primacy of the Chair of Peter against even the smallest slight. He reconciled many independent bishops to Rome by humble appeals, not defending his personal rights but those of the institution. He was the first pope to call himself Servus Servorum Dei, "the servant of the servants of God," a title still in use today. He is one of the four great Latin doctors of the church (along with Ambrose, Augustine, and Jerome), and upon his death he was named a saint by popular acclaim.

### Vale Fr John Neill OP - 15 May 1932 - 21 Aug 2021

Fr John Neill OP is being remembered fondly in educational circles, following his death last Saturday at the age of 89. Fr John's pivotal role in the establishment of both the Australian Catholic University and the University of Notre Dame Australia is being remembered by senior leaders from both universities, fondly remembering his visionary leadership and decades of passionate advocacy for Catholic education. He was Headmaster of Blackfriars College, Adelaide for seventeen years.





"He was for a time my Religious superior; I knew him as Master of the young Dominican students in formation for the priesthood; most importantly I knew him as a fellow Dominican. The Second Vatican Council declared, following the teaching of St Thomas Aquinas, that Religious life is supposed to be a school of perfection in charity. To be honest, it doesn't always work: but in Fr John's case I truly believe it did. Requiescat in pace, dear father and brother", the Archbishop wrote in a personal tribute.

Fr Paul Durkin, Parish Priest of Holy Name, wrote the following to Bishop Anthony and Fr David, the Vicar General, this week: "Fr John was truly 'a priest apart'. I worked closely with him at the Catholic Education Office, Sydney and at St Benedict's, Broadway. He was ordained at Holy Name, Wahroonga and this place was special to him and the family. John had a big influence on me, and I admired him very much. In his humble, quiet way he attracted people to himself and to Christ. Fr John encouraged others to be themselves and to make their contribution, as God intended."

I heard the voice from heaven saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labours; for their good works follow them." Revelation 14.13

### Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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#### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am 8.00am — 8.30am Silent Prayer

8.30am— 8.45am Morning Prayer of the Church

8.45am — 9.00am Rosarv Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended)

Mass is also celebrated::

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms

(Suspended until further notice)

#### Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am. Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

#### **Sick Calls:**

Any time day or night.

Please call 0408 350 885 out of office hours

#### **Confessions:**

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council for 2020/2021: Gemma McDermott (Chair), Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Vanessa Dillon (St Lucy's) and Jason Scanlon (St Edmunds)

Parish Finance Committee: Marinela Mendes, Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien

Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

The Parish has a NEW Bank Account Number: The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) with whom the parish banks), has changed some of its processes. This means we have a new account number. In the past, we would provide the details here, however, in late 2020, the Diocese of Broken Bay advised we were no longer to advertise our bank account details in the parish bulletin or on our website.

**SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?** If you deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the new account number and so we are asking that you contact the Parish Office as soon as possible by emailing: jackie.thornton@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221

### Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests. It is very much appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by joining a Planned Giving scheme. Please contact the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach.

Alternatively see the "Make A Payment" tab on www.holynamewahroonga.com.au