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Priests of the Society of the Divine Saviour



SALVATORIANIANS

Parish Office

Secretary: Colleen Kirk
Mon-Thurs: 8.30am-4.30pm

Admin [Volunteers]: Edyta Gandera/Denise Jay/Judith Myers
Friday: 9.00am-3.30pm

Other Volunteer Roles

AV Prep: Bob Smith, Greg McBride, Tilly Timp & Peter McLean

Bursars: Fay Steel & Ros Van Lierop

Caretakers: Ron Begg, Tom Brown & John Malicki

Gardeners: Trevor & Joyce Byrne & Victor Camilleri



1st Sunday of Advent

Year C

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

Come, Lord Jesus

*Jesus is coming.
How should I wait
actively more him;
Mass for often than
Sunday? Reading the
Gospel daily? Being
kinder and more
just? Caring for the
poor and needy at
home or away?
Let my Advent bring
me closer to God
and effect for the
best the lives of
those close to me.
If we wait in faith
and in hope, then
everything, even the
carols sung too early
and the celebration
too early, can
remind us of the God
who is coming soon
in Jesus Christ, to be
born of Mary.*

*Mary, may I wait
with you in joy and
in patience and in
hope?*

Feast Days This Week:

Mon 3/12: St Francis Xavier. Fri 7/12: St Ambrose
Sat 8/12: Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Next Sunday's Readings

1st: Baruch 5:1-9; 2nd: Phil 1:4-6; 8-11; Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

GROUP MEETINGS

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS -

Lectio Divina: Mondays @ 9.30am twice mthly. See Bulletin.
Wednesdays @ 10-11.15am @ Jordan Room. Recess to 2/19

RCIA - 7.30pm. New enquiries to Parish Priest, or Ian on 4363 1039. Open Now.

menALIVE - Next: 4/12, 7.30pm commencing with Mass. 1st Tuesday monthly.

CANCER PRAYERS - Last Thursday Monthly, 2pm at the Jordan Room.

GRIEF & LOSS, PRAYER AND SUPPORT - 1st Thurs mthly, 2pm in the Jordan Room

Children's Liturgy & Sacramental Prog Coordinator

Margaret Eadie
4325 7817

Catechists' Coordinator

Alain Corne

Wednesday 9am-1pm
Thurs 9.30am-1.30pm
4325 1042

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Leader [Comb Terrigal/Kinc/Gos/WW]
COORDINATOR
Matthew French
0411 792 587

Christian Brothers' Community

Frederick Street, East Gosford

SENIORS' MINISTRY

Leader
Barbara McCarthy
4322 0250



Br Peter Hester cfc
[Community Leader]
Br Denis Cusack cfc
Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St Patrick's Primary:	Mrs Cheryl Walsh	4325 1159
St Joseph's Catholic College:	Mr Tony McCudden	4324 4022
St Edward's College:	Mr Mark Bonnici	4321 6400
St Peter's College, Tuggerah:	Mr Tim Hilderbrandt	4351 2344

CHURCH OPENED DAILY 8.30AM-4.30PM. FOYER ONLY UNTIL LATE

STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

Rosary 20 mins before or after the Mass

Monday	9.00am
Tuesday	9.00am
Wednesday	11.30am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	12noon
Saturday	9.00am

Saturday:- Adoration 8am: Rosary: 9.30am.

Wednesday: 7am, Christian Brothers' Monastery,
Frederick St, East Gosford

WEEKEND MASSES

Gosford
Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am, 9am & 6.00pm
Somersby [30 Lutana Road]
Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Spencer [Wiseman's Ferry Rd]
1st Sat. Mthly 4.00pm

FAMILY MASSES

5.30pm Children's Mass, Dec 24

Filipino Mass 2nd Sunday Monthly

12noon

Korean Mass Mthly:6.00pm

[Enq: Peter 0409508123]

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During 9am Mass ea Sun of school Term.

ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

[Before the Blessed Sacrament]

Monday	8.30am-9am
Tuesday	9.30am-10am
Wednesday	12-12.30pm
Thursday	9.30-10am
Friday	11.15am - 12 noon & 12.30- 3.30pm
Saturday	8.00am

RECONCILIATION ~ 1ST RITE

Gosford:
Mon-Thurs: During Adoration Times
Friday 11.15am-11.45am
Saturday 8.15-8.45am & 5.30pm
Sunday 7.00 am, 8.30am & 5.30pm
Somersby - Saturday 5.40pm

ADORATION @ BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Located on Chapel Lane @ the Admin Centre

Mon to Thurs 8.30 to 3.30pm/Fri 9-3.30pm

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

3pm each Friday and after the weekday Masses

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Last Wednesday Monthly 12noon

Services in Aged Care Centres

WHERE	MASS	COMMUNION SERV.
St Andrews [Presb], E/Gosford		3.30pm, Wednesday twice monthly.
Orana, Pt Clare	2pm, 4th Tues Mthly	2pm, 2nd Tues Mthly
Evergreen Life Care, West Gosford	3.30pm, 4th Tues Mthly	3.30pm, 2nd Tues Monthly.

Marriages: By Appointment

Please contact the Parish Secretary for enquiries.

Baptisms: **Contact Office** Bookings Req'd
Dec 16. 2019: Jan 6 & 20. Feb 3 & 17. Mar 3, 17 & 31;
April 7 & 28. May 5 & 19. June 2, 16 & 30.

Sacramental Programme 2019

Confirmation: Sat June 1, @ 12noon
Wed Aug 28 @ 7.00pm
1st Reconciliation
1st Eucharist Saturday Nov 23, 6pm @ Gos & Smsby
Sunday Nov 24, 9am & dedicated 11am Mass

PLEASE VISIT OUR CHAPEL FOR PRIVATE PRAYER & ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Open M-Th, 8.30am-4pm & Fri, 9am to 3.30pm. Located at the Admin Centre - just follow the signs.



JOIN US FOR OUR SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP at the Jordan Room, following the 9am Mass. All profits to Charities

FRIDAY CRAFT GROUP

Each week of school term, 10am-12.30pm at the Music Room, St Pat's Victoria St campus. **Please come along!**



IN NEED OF A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY OUT-OF-HOURS? SIMPLY CALL OUR OFFICE ON 4325 1042, FOR A DIVERSION TO A PRIEST.

CAN YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN? Please become a Catechist, or join the Children's Liturgy team. Just call the Parish Office on 4325 1042.



YOUR LOVED ONE, OR YOU, IS ILL AND PERHAPS DYING? Remember, it is never too early to call your priest, and if the worst should happen... please remember your first point of contact to make arrangements should be with your priest or the Parish Office.

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE, SOMERSBY
 Divine Mercy Fri Dec 7, 5.30-8.30. Advent Retreat Dec 15-16.
 Night Vigil: Dec 15, 8pm. One Day Retreat: Dec 30.
 New Years Eve: Dec 31 9pm.
 160 Hensons Rd. E: drcsydney@gmail.com M: 0434 099 088

IN YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 3/12	After 9am Mass	ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA STUDY at the Jordan Room. All most welcome.
Tuesday 4/12	7.30pm	'menALIVE' MEETING AFTER OUR 7.30PM MASS [FINAL IN 2018]
Wednesday 5/12	12noon	OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA , following the 11.30am Mass - replacing last Wednesday's cancelled novena
Thursday 6/12	After 9am Mass 2pm	SALVATORIAN COLLABORATORS' PRAYER MEETING at the Jordan Room. GRIEF & LOSS PRAYER & SUPPORT MEETING at the Jordan Room for anyone who needs spiritual support during their time of loss.
Friday 7/12	12noon	FIRST FRIDAY MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK



BAPTISM PRESENTATION THIS WEEKEND

We welcome at the 9am Mass this weekend Daniel & Simone Moffitt who present their daughters, Evie Rose & Harlow Belle to their new faith community in preparation for their upcoming baptism next weekend.

Welcome Evie & Harlow!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL COMMENCES TODAY!

The Society's Christmas appeal will be given at each Mass this weekend and donation envelopes made available on the seats over three weekends. If you prefer to give a gift, please place it under the the Giving Tree.

1ST SUNDAY MORNING TEA Today, December 2 @ the Jordan Room in conjunction with our Mini Fete!

Devonshire Teas available today at the Jordan Room, and all funds raised go to the Salvatorian missions!

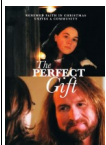
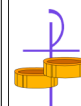
MINI FETE THIS WEEKEND!
 After the Vigil, and morning Masses
 all funds raised go to the
SALVATORIAN MISSIONS WORLDWIDE



Please give it your support! And here's what you may expect ...Devonshire Teas; Christmas Gifts & Decorations; Christmas Cakes & Puddings; Other cakes & biscuits, Crafts, Books, Pickles, Chutneys & More!

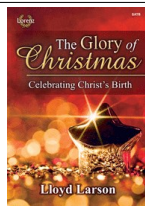
Congratulations on your Golden Wedding Anniversary Angelo & Rita Galea

50 years wed on Saturday November 24!
 May God bless you and may you have many, many more years together!



MOVIES WITH MEANING SATURDAY DECEMBER 8 AFTER THE VIGIL MASS "The Perfect Gift"

is a wonderful family movie to get us all focused on the meaning of Christmas through the experiences of the people in a small town. Why not bring a plate and stay for dinner? **And Coming Up on December 29 'The Christmas Candle' Pop that one in your diary!**



'THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS' A Christmas Musical @ St Pat's on NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 3pm in the church.

Our choir, and its helpers, present 'The Glory of Christmas', a 50 minute musical wherein we journey with Mary and Joseph as they prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ, and the emotions they feel as the chosen parents of the Messiah. **Tickets only \$10 on sale this weekend, and at the door. All funds raised to the parish.**

COAST SHELTER NEEDS FOOD ITEMS

The shelves are empty at Coast Shelter and they seek your help with: tins of tuna/salmon/spaghetti, muesli bars/snacks/biscuits/crackers, Continental Pasta/pasta sauces. Please leave at the Parish Office. Thanks

OUR CHOIR AT ERINA FAIR, SUNDAY DECEMBER 16 @ 11AM

Come to the Atrium at Erina Fair on Sunday the 16th where our choir will be proclaiming the joy that is the coming of the Lord! They're only there until 12noon so make sure you take the time to give them your support.



2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION @ ST PATRICK'S Wednesday December 19 @ 7.30pm

Come, Lord Jesus! Be prepared. Please avail yourself of an opportunity to receive reconciliation before Christmas, at Gosford or one of the parishes below:

Terrigal Parish Thursday Dec 13, 7pm	Woy Woy Parish Tuesday Dec 18, 7pm	Kincumber Parish Thurs Dec 20, 7pm	Wyoming Parish Friday Dec 21 7.30pm
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'SAVIOUR' : ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PRAYER & REFLECTION BOOKS
 Now available at the foyer to assist in your Advent preparation. **\$3.**

CANDLELIT MASSES @ ST PAT'S DURING ADVENT: A YOUTH MINISTRY INITIATIVE COMMENCING TONIGHT, SUNDAY DECEMBER 2!

Everybody, come for a beautiful candlelit Mass each Sunday evening during Advent at 8pm, commencing tonight, December 2, preceded by Adoration from 7pm. Want to know more? Contact Matt French on 0411 792 587.



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: SATURDAY DECEMBER 8: REFLECTION

When we honour the Mother of God under the title "Immaculate Conception", we recognise in her a model of purity, innocence, trust, childlike curiosity, reverence, and respect, living peacefully alongside a mature awareness that life isn't simple.

It's rare to find both reverence and sophistication, idealism and realism, purity, innocence and passion, inside the same person as we find in Mary. Something inside us yearns always for innocence, purity, freshness and trust. If we lose these we find ourselves cynical and disillusioned with an unhappiness that comes precisely from having been around, from having had our eyes opened, from having knowledge without innocence. We need to hold that innocence and experience in a proper tension. Mary, Mother of the Lord teaches us how to do just that. In Mary we have an image of humanity and divinity at home. *Excerpt: www.saltandlighttv.org.*

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CALLING ALL KIDS & THEIR PARENTS TOO!
 Chris & Kelly Paget are preparing for the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at the Edmund Rice Centre and are looking for kids and adults to be involved in: **Drama / Music / Reading** to make the Mass more meaningful for all. Please contact Chris on 0438 638 707.

CALLING ALL LITURGICAL & AV MINISTRIES FOR OUR CHRISTMAS ROSTER

Traditionally our Christmas Masses are beautiful liturgies in celebration of the birth of our Saviour and are enhanced by the level of involvement by members of our ministries, which is exceptional.

We are hoping for that same level of support this year and have placed a sheet at the sacristy on which readers, commentators, altar servers [senior & junior] may nominate their preferred Mass/es, and we look forward to and thank you in anticipation of your usual level of support. Please note that the roster will need to be finalised by the weekend of December 15/16.

ADVENT MASS @ THE DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE, SOMERSBY

Thursday December 13, 11am.
 Join us for Mass, prayers and a BYO lunch at the Vincentian complex. Place your name on the bus list at the foyer. Departing 10.15am.

LET'S MAKE OUR CHURCH SHINE THIS CHRISTMAS!

Please join us on **Thursday December 20** after the 9am Mass for our Christmas Clean! We look forward to seeing you there to give a hand, and then joining us at our fabulous morning tea which follows!

KIDS' MATTER

ST PATRICK'S YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS THIS THURSDAY DECEMBER 6, 6.30pm!

Congratulations all Year 6 Graduates and may you have every success in the coming years. We pray the gifts of the Holy Spirit will guide, strengthen and protect you on your journey into the future.

'ROSTERED PERSONS' THANK YOU EVENT

It is always lovely to give back and we had that opportunity on Wednesday evening at our Thanksgiving Mass & Supper. At the same time, we would also like to thank Tom Brown, Alain Corne, and anyone who offered to give a hand on the evening, in a continuation of that generosity of spirit that is Gosford Parish.

Saturday December 22: Carols by Candlelight @ St Pat's Hall after the Vigil Mass

A big thank you to our musicians and choristers for providing this great opportunity for an evening together! Bring your dinner if you'd like!

ENCOUNTER CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRIES : WHAT'S ON

[A Gosford, Terrigal, Kincumber, Woy Woy Parishes Youth Initiative]

7pm Silence @ St Patrick's December 7

Young Adults Prayer and Social Night | Ages 18-30

Adoration | Reflective Music | Dinner & Drinks | Enq: Matt on 0411 792 587

ARE YOU ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

Don't eat your lunch alone, come and join us at our Christmas Lunch starting at 11.30am at St Patrick's Hall.

You bring yourselves, and we'll bring the food & the fun!

We look forward to seeing you there, or perhaps you know someone who should come along too. There's a sheet at the foyer on which to RSVP for catering purposes.

If any parishioners would care to donate funds towards catering, they would be gratefully received. Gifts of food etc are difficult to handle and anticipate therefore we find less wastage if we take the cash to buy the goods we know we will need. We trust you understand, and hope you will assist us.

PINT SIZED PADDIES

For Kids Yr 5 to Yr 8



Next: Fri Dec 7, 7pm at the hall.

Enq: Mel on 0434 251 481

AFTERMATH [18-35]


JOIN US FOR DINNER

Elanora Hotel, Sunday December 30 after the 6pm Mass!



All welcome! the more the merrier!

YOUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Christmas Eve @ Gosford	5.00pm 5.30pm	Carols Children's Mass	At St Edward's College, Russell Drysdale Street, East Gosford
	7.30pm 8.00pm	Carols Youth Mass	At St Pat's, followed by Port & Christmas Cake so please join us!
	10.00pm 10.30pm	Carols Christmas Mass	At St Pat's, and also followed by Port & Christmas Cake
Christmas Eve @ Somersby	6pm	Christmas Mass	St Francis of Assisi Centre, Somersby
Christmas Day @ Gosford	7.30am, 9am & 6pm	Christmas Masses	At St Patrick's with live music at 7.30 & 9am Masses.

Your

Prayers

Please

Recently Deceased: Anthony Lowe.

Anniversaries: Jim McCarthy, Jim Hilton, Doreen Luff, Allan Picinnin, Clare Chauffepied, Beverley McMahon.

Remembrances: Atkins Family, Hickey Family, Lloyd Woods, Mr & Mrs Nicolas Toma, Youkhana David, Michael Kokegei.

In your love and concern, please pray for the seriously ill members of our community: John Burg, Brian Graham, Norman Ryan, Elizabeth Powell, Margaret Dalgleish, Val Dibben, Zenon Riveros, Jennifer Buckley, Pat Walker, Paul Harrison, Leo Fry, Todd O'Shea, Mary Brown, Bob Smith, Mary Roberts, Brett McDonagh, Bernadette Kirby, Pat Drockman, Neale Simpson, Megan McGowan, Brent Senegar, Brian Nichols, Frank McGuinness, Eileen MacDonald, Kathleen Moffat, Glenn Mills, Chris Bandereim, Bruce Branthwaite, Peter & Lena O'Donovan, Marea Watkins, Allen Francis, Tina Learwood, Chris Price, John Riley, Frank Lentini, Kath Ryan, Kath Graham, Sandra Hassan, Sid Dowsett, Dennis Robert.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS, THEIR FAMILIES & FRIENDS: WED DEC 12 Holy Name Parish, Wahroonga, 7pm.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Mass. Flyer at foyer.

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The Epiphany Pilgrimage: the journey of the Magi: Are you looking for a different way to start the 2019 new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit, 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 Jan '19 and finishes at Bell on 8 Jan. For further info and to register: www.epiphanypilgrimage.org for general info & current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.

YOUR ROSTER ~ DECEMBER 9, 2018 ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

	Acolytes	Lectors	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Audio	St Francis of Assisi Somersby	
VIGIL	j Fernandes P Young	P Sheeran B Sharp	Jan Blanch	A Fernandes, C Parry, E Third, T Timp, D Ball.	Taz Parry, Harry Cockerton, Alvita & Annette Fernandes	Johan Fernandes	Commentator & Intercessions Mary Lynch	
7.30AM	P O'Neill A Pont	R Fong G Price	Ron Burgess	G Price, C Coughlin, E Dal Busco, M Eadie, S Evans.		Glad Williams	1st Reader Cheryl Barany	
9.00am	P Julius P McLean	W Stringer E Torres- Machuca	Chris Paget	K Quinn, M Holland, H, P & M Hussein.	Tina Dennis, Hannah Farris, Dean Umpad, Scott Shedden, Lincoln Gottardo.	Roy Kim	2nd Reader Mary Luci	
6.00PM	P Forbes K O'Donnell	A Lovell M Lovell	Barbara McCarthy	R Tropiano, P Anderson, L Beglin, C Dunn, N Koleszar.	Samantha Angulo, Sienna MacDonald, Raydon Gomez.	Joe Tro- pano	Eucharistic Ministers Cheryl Barany Jane Azzopardi	
COUNTERS Dec 3 Group 1: Eunice Dal Busco, Neryl Tyrrell, Joyce Byrne. Dec 10 Group 2 Ken Murray & Ron Begg		ALTAR LINEN LAUNDERING Elaine Bell Collect: Dec 10 Return: Dec 14		ALTAR SOCIETY Fran Thompson Barbara Mills Roslyn McMahon Audrey Morris	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Margaret Eadie Cecilia Coughlin	PARISH BUS TO 9AM MASS Driver: John Donnelly Helper: Brenda Donnelly	HOSPITAL VISITATION Eunice Dal Busco Laraine Rowe	Altar Servers Natalia Luci Jessica Xuereb
							Flowers Carmen Galea	



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