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3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

Luke's Gospel today

is a reminder to us

that Advent asks us to consider our honesty and integrity,

for we know that

many are poor, at home and abroad.

because of the greed

of others. Christmas

is a reminder and a challenge that all can

live with the dianity

safety, shelter, food,

water, employment, freedom. The Christ

child who was born poor represents all

the poor of the

world, especially

born ordinary, he

children. As he was

represents that God

helps us in the ordi-

nary aspects of life.

come is the one who

The one who is to

will live and love

truths of human

according to these

dignity and equality.

meets, greets and

we have come to

regard as human rights-education,

PASTORAL CARE

Fr Tadeusz Seremet SDS

[Parish Priest]

Fr Sebastian Polak SDS

[Assistant Priest]

http://www.sds.org.au

Priests of the Society of the Divine Saviour

SALVATORIANS

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

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Gardeners: Trevor & Joyce Byrne & Victor Camilleri

Children's Liturgy & Sacramental Prog Coordinator Margaret Eadie 4325 7817

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

SENIORS' MINISTRY

Leader

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St Joseph's Catholic College:

St Peter's College, Tuggerah:

St Patrick's Primary:

St Edward's College:

Barbara McCarthy 4322 0250

Catechists' Coordinator **Alain Corne**

Wednesday 9am-1pm Thurs 9.30am-1.30pm 4325 1042 saintpatsccd@acs.net.au

Christian Brothers' Community

Frederick Street, East Gosford



Mrs Cheryl Walsh

Mr Tony McCudden

Mr Tim Hilderbrandt

Mr Mark Bonnici

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

1st Micah 5:1-4; 2nd: Heb 10:5-10; Gospel: Lk 1:39-44 **GROUP**

4325 1159

4324 4022

4321 6400

4351 2344

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. Contact Ian on 4363 1039. Recommences 29 January 2019.

menALIVE - Next: TBA, 7.30pm commencing with Mass. 1st Tuesday monthly.

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

Someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am

and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals.

Next Sunday's Readings

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

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 9.00am Tuesday Wednesday 11.30am Thursday 9.00am Friday 9.00am Saturday

Saturday: - Adoration 8am: Rosary: 9.30am. Wednesday: 7am, Christian Brothers' Monastery,

Frederick St, East Gosford

WEEKEND MASSES

Gosford

Vigil Mass 6.00pm 7.30am, 9am & 6.00pm Sunday

Somersby [30 Lutana Road]

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Spencer [Wiseman's Ferry Rd]

4.00pm 1st Sat. Mthly

FAMILY MASSES

5.30pm Children's Mass, Dec 24

Filipino Mass 2nd Sunday Monthly 12noon

MEETINGS

Korean Mass Mthly:6.00pm

[Eng: Peter 0409508123]

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During 9am Mass ea Sun of school Term.

ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

[Before the Blessed Sacrament]

8.30am-9am Monday 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** 11.15am-11.45am Friday Saturday 8.15-8.45am & 5.30pm Sunday 7.00 am, 8.30am & 5.30pm Somersby - Saturday

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		3.30pm, Wednesday			
[Presb], E/Gosford		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.			

By Appointment Marriages:

Please contact the Parish Secretary for enquiries.

Contact Office Bookings Req'd **Baptisms:** 2019: Jan 6 & 20. Feb 3 & 17. Mar 3, 17 & 31; April 7 & 28. May 5 & 19. June 2, 16 & 30. July 7 & 21

Sacramental Programme 2019

Confirmation: Sat June 1, @ 12noon 1st Reconciliation Wed Aug 28 @ 7.00pm Saturday Nov 23, 6pm @ Gos & Smsby 1st Eucharist 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.

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.

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.

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE, SOMERSBY

One Day Retreat: Dec 30. New Years Eve: Dec 31 9pm. Mass 11.30pm. Divine Mercy Jan 4, 5.30-8.30. Volunteers Retreat Jan 11-13 Night Vigil: Jan 19, 8pm.

160 Hensons Rd. E: drcsydney@gmail.com M: 0434 099 088

IN YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 17/12	After 9am Mass	ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA STUDY at the Jordan Room. Come, prepare the way. All most welcome.			
Tuesday 18/12	After 9am Mass	CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS installed in the church.			
Wednesday 19/12	10am 7.30pm	CHRISTIAN UNITY GROUP meets at the Jordan Room. Come & hear what Jesus said to Vassula one Christmas Eve about the state of his world. 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION.			
Thursday 20/12	After 9am Mass	CHRISTMAS CHURCH & GROUNDS CLEAN UP			
Saturday 22/12	After Vigil Mass	PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE HALL			

THE SALVATORIAN ORDER ANNOUNCES ITS CLERGY MOVES, AND WE'RE LOSING Both FR SEBASTIAN and Fr Tadeusz!

We're sad to advise that Fr Tadeusz and Fr Sebastian will be leaving us near the end of January. Fr Sebastian is moving to the Formation House in Melbourne. Fr Tadeusz will be moving to Sydney.

There will be a farewell Mass on the 20th January for both Priests with morning tea following at the Jordan Room!

Over the next week or two as more details emerge about their new duties we will publish the details in coming bulletins. We wish both Fr Tadeusz and Fr Sebastian well in their new roles as priests.

In the meantime we will value our remaining time with them, and they will take with them our fondest regards and prayers.

BAPTISM PRESENTATION THIS WEEKEND

We welcome at the 9am Mass this weekend the families of the following children who are presenting their children to their new faith community in preparation for their upcoming baptisms:

Welcome: Seamus Brennan, Tawrence Dodd, Toby & Pippa Ferry, Stephen McCain, Madeline McAuliffe, Lachlan Russon & Loise Wilson,

DON'T FORGET THAT OUR CHOIR WILL BE 'CAROLLING' AT ERINA FAIR TODAY AT THE ATRIUM, **TODAY, SUNDAY DECEMBER 16** @ 11AM!

CHRISTMAS ROSTER NEEDS ALL MINISTRIES: FINAL CALL!

Calling all ministers: We have placed a sheet at the sacristy on which you may nominate your preferred Masses, and we look forward to and thank you in anticipation of your usual level of support.

Please bear in the mind that we need to finalise the roster no later than **THIS** weekend of December 15/16 in readiness for the Bulletin of December 23.

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

Chris yourself of an opportunity to receive reconciliation before Christmas, at St Pat's, or one of the parishes listed below:

Woy Woy Parish Tuesday Dec 18, 7pm

Kincumber Parish Thursday Dec 20, 7pm Wyoming Parish Friday Dec 21, 7.30pm

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!

Saturday Dec 22: CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT @ St Pat's Hall after the Vigil

A big thank you to our musicians and choristers for providing this great

Mass

opportunity for an evening together! Bring your dinner if you'd like!

'THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS' THANK YOU!

The choir wishes to thank all involved in the preparation and presentation of the musical 'The Glory of Christmas' last weekend! It was a great success, and your support was much appreciated.

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.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

As you are aware, Vinnies has been holding its Christmas Appeal for a couple of weeks now, and envelopes are still available at the foyer for those who would like to donate-it's never too late! All gifts under the Giving Tree will be taken this Monday for distribution to the needy.

CANDLELIT MASSES @ ST PAT'S DURING ADVENT: WEEK 3 A YOUTH MINISTRY INITIATIVE **OPEN TO EVERYONE**

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

KIDS" MATTER

AND SO ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR ENDS!

We welcome St Patrick's School at our 9am Mass this Tuesday December 18 for their end-of-year Mass!

We wish all staff, students & teachers a happy and very safe holiday!

We look forward to seeing the children again at the Children's Christmas Mass at the Edmund Rice Centre at 5.30pm!

ENCOUNTER CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRIES: WHAT'S ON

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

The combined youth ministry group is in recess until 2019 as they prepare for World Youth Day 2019 Panama!

We wish all youth pilgrims a safe and spiritually rewarding journey!

To enquire about Encounters' 2019 youth activities, please contact Matt on 0411 792 587

PINT SIZED PADDIES For Kids Yr 5 to Yr 8



Next: Fri Jan 18 ICE SKATING, 7.45-9.30pm 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	@ Gosford 5.30pm CI		At St Edward's College, Russell Drysdale Street, East Gosford		
And she brought forth his firsthion um.	7.30pm 8.00pm	Carols Youth Mass	At St Pat's, followed by Port & Christmas Cake so please join us!		
and wrapped him in suiddling clothes: and laid him in a manger, 2,223	10.00pm 10.30pm	Carols Christmas Mass	At St Pat's, and also followed by Port & Christmas Cake		
Christmas Eve @ Somensby	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.		

MOVIES WITH MEANING:

Saturday December 29 after the Vigil Mass, at the Jordan Room

This movie is one for the all the family— Miracles do come true; we only have to have faith in God and believe.

Deep in the heart of the English countryside lies the enchanting village of Gladbury. Legend has it that every 25 years an angel visits the village candle maker and touches a single candle. Whoever lights this candle receives a miracle on Christmas Eve. A young Replacement

Minister arrives in Gladbury with a new formula for miracles, by good deeds and acts of kindness. God has a way of changing all of us in-

cluding the clergy. Please join us and bring a plate for a shared meal! Perhaps we may even welcome in the new year, a little early!



We have a Parish full of wonderful people.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR **DONATIONS TOWARDS OUR SECURITY CAMERAS**

Donations have been trickling in and we thank you for the assistance they bring in helping to offset this \$8000, but very necessary, expense.

Yes, still more is needed to cover the cost

Thank you Kevin O'Donnell for driving the bus to Somersby on December 13!

THANK YOU THE CHOIR The superb performance given last Sunday raised \$ 1,575 as well as entertaining a nearly full church well done

THANK YOU Cecelia Coughlin, Mary & Tom Brown Cory **Dunn.** The Mini Fete they organised raised \$ 2,300 for the Salvatorian Missions.

THANK YOU Somersby Parishioners. They had a bucket collection and raised \$625 for under-privileged children in the in the Philippines

THANK YOU Café Express. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST BULLETIN SPONSOR! Mark Bennett— Bricklayer.

Hopefully he may be able to be of service to you at some point! Check out his advertisement on the back page.

Thank you for your donations and offers of help with the St **Patrick's Christmas** Lunch.

Lunch is available for those who celebrate alone, come and join us instead.

Keep "Christ," and the "Mass" in "Christmas!" A Reflection by John Michael Talbot

This year lets really enter into the "Christ Mass" fully! Sing the beautiful Christmas hymns and songs! Cantors and choirs: Pray as you sing. People want skill, but not a mere performance! Pray from your heart as you say the responses! They are ancient and rich. Let them reach into your heart and soul, and wake them up! The angels and saints are

celebrating with you at Mass. See them rejoicing all around you. Heaven and earth are meeting in this scared space and time in a way beyond all space and time!

Eternity is breaking through in this Mass right now! Allow yourself to weep for

repentance, joy, and awe this Christ Mass! Most importantly, see Jesus coming personally for you in every Eucharist. If we see Him there

then every Mass becomes a Miracle of miracles. Sacramentally His birth in a manger is really there! His life, teaching and miracles are really there! His death on a cross and resurrection is really there! He comes personally for each of us in every Mass, and especially in the Christ Mass! As you go forward to receive Him, give your life to Jesus personally as a response to He Who gives His life for us

personally out of love. It is the greatest ongoing public altar call that can be given, and it happens daily at every Mass. It especially happens at the Christ Mass!

So let's keep Christ and the Mass in Christmas this year! Let's give our life

completely to Him, for He gives His life personally for each one of us in this Christ Mass. He comes for you and me personally this Christmas!

Anniversaries: Neville O'Donovan, Paul Kim, Kuang Kan Park, Alan Nolan, Nellie Redden, Arthur Redden

Remembrances: Lloyd Woods, Michael Kokegei, Lorenza Bajada.

In your love and concern, please pray for the seriously ill members of our community: Arlene Peters, Valerie Doran 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.

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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-forprofit, 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, 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8 Jan. For further information and to register see www.epiphanypilgrimage.org or for general information and current news see https:// www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/.

YOUR ROSTER ~ DECEMBER 23, 2018 ~ 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C									
	Acolytes	Lectors	Commentator	Eucharis	stic Ministers	Altar Serv	ers	Audio	St Francis of Assisi Somersby
VIGIL	S Giddings J Alvarez	J Blanch T Cooke	Bridget Sharp	E Third, R Lee, D Ball, J Blanch, V Camilleri.		Taz Parry, Harry Cockerton, Sam Cormack		Cheryl Parry	Commentator & Intercessions
7 20414	S Evans	R Begg	Eunice	G Price, R Bui					Peter Chin
7.30AM	P O'Neill	R Fong	Dal Busco	C Coughlin, M P McCrae	i caule,			Fawkner	1st Reader Sarah Xuereb
9.00am	J Burg P Julius	C Bailey T Croll	John Miller	R McBride, K W Stringer, S	Moss, E Rudd, Trevenen	Olivia & Cameron Juan Jose & Ana S Rodriguez, Thoma	Sofia	Greg McBride	2nd Reader Joanne Comensoli
6.00PM	K O'Donnell P Forbes	R Nevin T O'Brien	Cheryl Walsh	P Russotti, S Sullivan, R Tropiano, P Anderson, L Beglin		Samantha Angulo, Sienna MacDonald,		Joe Tropiano	Eucharistic Ministers Peter Chin Alyce Chin
Dec 17 Gro Eunice Dal B Marie Cradoo Dec 24 Gro	usco, Fiona Eaton, ck	ALTAR LINE LAUNDERING Josie McGuinness Collect: Dec 2 Return: Dec 2	G SG Des Ma Paul 24 Judy	ALTAR OCIETY Hincksman Inne Parson Wennerbom Shanahan	CHILDREN'S LITURGY On School Holidays	PARISH BUS TO 9AM MASS Driver: Aaron Huckle Helper: Ellen McNally	HOS VISIT	PITAL FATION Dal Busco ne Rowe	Altar Servers Mia Xuereb Antoinette Xuereb Flowers Roseanne Dominello



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