

# St Patrick's Parish Gosford

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## PASTORAL CARE

Fr Grzegorz [Greg] Skulski SDS  
[Parish Administrator]



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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 Preparation:

Bob Smith, Tilly Timp, Peter McLean, Greg McBride

#### Bursar: Ros Van Lierop

Caretakers: Ron Begg, Tom Brown & John Malicki  
Gardeners: Trevor & Joyce Byrne & Victor Camilleri



6th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year C  
February 17 2019

St Patrick's  
Year of Trust  
2019

## Looking At His Disciples

He said

*Blessed Are You Who  
Are Poor for Yours is  
The Kingdom of God*

When we hear the phrase 'Blessed are you' it can sound rather patronising. It can seem that Jesus glosses over all sorts of tough human realities with, 'Well done, keep it up, be happy and we'll fix it all up in heaven'. But reading the beatitudes in this light is a direct contradiction of what Jesus says in today's Gospel, and certainly how he lived it out. The Hebrew concept of a blessing isn't about Divine pats on bowed human heads; it is about where the presence of God is to be found. In Hebrew Scriptures, a blessing is the discovery that God is present and active in one's experience, right here and right now. So the beatitudes are saying that we do not need to go past our own daily struggles to find the presence of God. Jesus tells us that when we see the poor, the compassionate, the mournful, those who campaign for a just society and suffer because of it, the gentle, the innocent, the peacemakers and the martyrs; we are encountering, in a special way, the presence of God. *Fr Richard Leonard SJ : liturgyhelp.com.au*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 1 Sam 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23;  
1st: 1 Cor 15:45-49; Gospel: Lk 6:27-38.

**Feast Days This Week:**  
Fri Feb 22 : The Chair of St Peter

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

**Catechists' Coordinator**  
Alain Corne  
Wednesday 9am-1pm  
Thurs 9.30am-1.30pm  
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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  
Br Peter Hester cfc  
[Community Leader]  
Br Denis Cusack cfc  
Br Vince Duggan cfc  
Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

**SENIORS' MINISTRY**  
Leader  
Barbara McCarthy  
4322 0250



## 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

## GROUP MEETINGS

## BIBLE STUDY GROUPS -

Lectio Divina: Mondays @ 9.30am twice mthly. See Bulletin.  
Wednesdays @ 10-11.15am @ Jordan Room.

**RCIA** - Tuesdays @ 7.30pm, Admin Centre Contact Ian on 4363 1039.

**menALIVE** - Next: 5/3, 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

## CHURCH OPENED DAILY 8.30AM-4.30PM.

## STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

Rosary 20 mins before or after the Mass

<b>Monday</b>	9.00am
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00am
<b>Wednesday</b>	11.30am
<b>Thursday</b>	9.00am
<b>Friday</b>	12noon
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00am

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

## CANCELLED UFN

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

## WEEKEND MASSES

**Gosford**  
**Vigil Mass** 5.00pm  
**Sunday** 7.30am, 9am & 6.00pm  
**Somersby [30 Lutana Road]**  
**Vigil Mass** 6.30pm  
**Spencer [Wiseman's Ferry Rd]**  
1st Sat. Mthly [TBC] 4.00pm

**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	8.30am-9am
Wednesday	11am-11.30am
Thursday	8.30am-9am
Friday	12.30pm-3.30pm
Saturday	8.00am

## RECONCILIATION ~ 1ST RITE

**Gosford:**  
Mon-Thurs: During Adoration Times  
1st Friday Only: 11.30am prior to Mass  
Friday 12.30-1pm During Adoration  
Saturday 8.30am & 4.30pm  
Sunday 7.00 am & 5.30pm  
**Somersby - Saturday** 7.30pm

## 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.
<b>St Andrews</b> [Presb], E/Gosford	3.30pm As Advertised	3.30pm, Wednesday twice monthly.
<b>Orana, Pt Clare</b>	2pm, 4th Tues Mthly	2pm, 2nd Tues Mthly
<b>Evergreen Life Care,</b> 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  
2019: Mar 3, 24 & 31; April 7 & 28. May 5 & 19. June 2, 16 & 30. July 7 & 21. Aug 4 & 18; Sept 8, 15 & 29.

## Sacramental Programme 2019

**Confirmation:** Sun June 2, 9am [Mass] & 11.30am  
**1st Reconciliation** Wed Aug 28 @ 7.00pm  
**1st Eucharist** Saturday Nov 23, 6pm @ Gos & Smsby  
Sunday Nov 24, 9am & dedicated 11am Mass & 6pm

**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-12noon 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**  
One Day Retreat Feb 24. Divine Mercy Friday March 1, 5.30-8.30. Lenten Retreat Feb 16-17. Night Vigil: Mar 16, 8pm.  
160 Hensons Rd. E: drcsydney@gmail.com M: 0468 486 782

**IN YOUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday 18/2</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>SCREENING OF THE DVD 'ST PHILIP NERI - I Prefer Heaven' PART II</b> at the Jordan Room. A Cuppa is provided.
<b>Tuesday 19/2</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>RCIA MEETING</b> at the Admin Centre
<b>Wednesday 20/2</b>	<b>10-11.15am</b>	<b>MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP</b> meets at the Jordan Room. Open to all.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A COMMUNION SERVICE THIS MONDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 18, LED BY ACOLYTE, PETER McLEAN, AS FR GREG IS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO APPOINTMENTS IN THE CITY**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO OUR VIGIL MASS TIMES**

**Gosford: NOW 5.00PM**  
**Somersby: NOW 6.30PM**  
**Effective immediately.**

We are sure parishioners understand that this allows Fr Greg to say Mass at both locations and therefore the changes were necessary.

**JUST A REMINDER FROM**

**FR GREG** to please remember to write on your Mass intention envelope it's purpose, e.g., name and Recently Deceased/ Sick/ Anniversary/Remembrance etc.



**BAPTISM PRESENTATION**

We welcome today Oscar Francis Joseph Paget who is presented to his faith family by his parents, Chris & Kelly, at the 9am Mass preparatory to his upcoming baptism at the 9am Mass on March 3!

**Welcome Oscar!**

**MOVIES WITH MEANING**

**NEXT: SATURDAY FEB 23, 7PM**  
**'GOD'S NOT DEAD 2'**

Please come to the Jordan Room after the Vigil Mass next Saturday February 23 for the screening of 'God's Not Dead 2', and a BYO pot luck dinner. Hope to see you there!

**FR RAUL GOMEZ SDS**

We are privileged this week to welcome Fr Raul Gomez SDS who will be visiting our parish from Tuesday February 19 until Monday the 25th. Fr Raul was for six years the Vice General Superior of the Salvatorian Order and is currently the Rector at an American university, and while he is here he will be our speaker at all Masses next weekend for our 'mini retreat' on Trust.

As you are aware, Fr Greg has asked us all to focus during this Year of Trust on **Trust in Jesus + Trust in the Church and its leaders + Trust in our family, friends, and those we meet** and we encourage you to come along and bring your family and friends. Please extend your usual warm welcome to Fr Raul.



**A CHANGE TO OUR RECONCILIATION TIME @ SOMERSBY**

Due to the change of time for the Vigil Mass at Somersby, parishioners please note that Reconciliation will be held after Mass from 7.30pm.

**SR MARGARET SCULLY RSC** will be in our parish again Saturday March 2 and if anyone would like an appointment to meet her for spiritual healing please contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Centre at Rozelle on 9810 2499.

**TWO LADIES REQUIRED TO VISIT THE SICK & ELDERLY AT EVERGREEN LIFE CENTRE, WEST GOSFORD**

Our Seniors' Ministry which does a brilliant job on many levels, is looking for a couple of ladies who'd like to spend some time visiting at the Evergreen aged care facility at West Gosford. The time frame would suit yourselves but regulation paperwork would need to be completed. Enquiries to Barb on 4322 0250 or Eunice on 0438 272 141.

**MEMORIAL WALL MAINTENANCE**

We understand the need for families to remember their loved ones with flowers or trinkets but advise that these will be removed when they are past their used by date. Please only place the flowers in glass jars which are disposable, or if you choose a vase, this will be held by our caretaker awaiting your enquiry.

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME COMMENCES TUES MARCH 19**

If you know someone who has been away from the Church, perhaps has been asking you questions about the Church today, or someone you know who is wanting to feel at home in their Church again, please let them know our Catholics Returning Home programme will be starting soon. Flyers are available at the foyer today to take and perhaps leave in some pertinent places, this may be the answer to someone's prayers.

**DOES ANYONE HAVE A SET OF SHELVES OR A SHELVED CUPBOARD TO SPARE??**

We are looking to tidy up some storage spaces and thought we'd put it out there first in case someone is looking to dispose of one. Please contact the Parish Office.

**KIDS' MATTER**



**WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY MASS TODAY!**

We sincerely thank our St Patrick's Primary Yr 6 & Kindy parents and kids for their input, as well as the Children's Band!

**PINT SIZED PADDIES**  
For Kids Yr 5 to Yr 8



**Next: Fri Feb 22**  
**7pm at the hall.**  
Enq: Mel on 0434 251 481

**AFTERMATH [18-35]**

**JOIN US FOR DINNER!**  
**We meet on the last Sunday of the month for dinner @ The Elanora after the 6pm Mass.**  
**So see you on**  
**Sunday February 24!**  
Enq: saltrop@gmail.com

**OUR NEW WEBSITE GOES LIVE TOMORROW: MONDAY FEBRUARY 18**

Log on to: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford) to check it out!  
Our current website will remain up until the end of the month.  
Again, we thank Tom Croll for his assistance with the transition.

**ST PATRICK'S MEMORIAL WALL : COLUMBARIUM**

Many are not aware that this parish has the facility with its Memorial Wall to be the resting place for loved ones, or yourself if you are planning into the distant future, right here within the embrace of the parish.  
We recently extended the facility and niches are now available at \$750 each, plus the cost of the plaque at the time of placement. Payment may be made at monthly intervals if preferred. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the Parish Office.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE @ ST PATRICK'S**

This year St Patrick's has been chosen to host the women's World Day of Prayer, an annual event shared by our local Churches, on Friday March 1 at 10am, followed by morning tea. If you would like to be involved in helping please call Robyn Nevin on 0403 052 229. For catering purposes could you please note your name on the attendance sheet [definitely] available at the foyer.

**LENT 2019 COMMENCES ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 6**  
**Lenten Programmes on Offer!**

If you would like to join a home Lenten group using the Diocese of Wollongong's **Trust** programme please place your name on the list available at the foyer to meet on a Monday evening, 7.30pm commencing March 4 at the McCrae's home, East Gosford.  
Alternatively, we will be distributing the Diocese of Broken Bay's Lectio Divina booklets providing you with prayers, readings and reflections for each week of Lent, on the weekend of March 2/3. If you would like to run this in a group format, a leader's DVD would be provided.

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU @ St Patrick's each Friday night during Lent**  
**Experience God's light and peace in your life this Lent.**

Available at the foyer today is a prayer card distributed by the Diocese promoting this annual initiative where you are invited to come to the church each Friday night during Lent for Stations of the Cross from 6.30pm and Adoration & Reconciliation between 7 and 8pm. Please take a card home as a reminder.

**THANK YOU FROM VINNIES!**

The St Vincent de Paul Society thanks all who contributed to its Christmas Appeal which raised \$14,479.20 for the underprivileged.

**THANK YOU FROM ST PATRICK'S**

We sincerely thank Des Hincksman for her generosity in financially supporting the renovation work undertaken so beautifully by Kris Pekowski on the mural. You may remember that vandals had destroyed the face of Jesus, and as well work was overdue on parts which were damaged during its move from the Columban property at North Turramurra. Thanks Des!  
We also thank Victor Camilleri for ably assisting Fr Greg with settling into his new abode!  
And to John Malicki we say thank you as he has been undertaking the repair of the pew with the missing end - a definite safety issue!

**AN UPDATE FROM FR GREG**

Work is continuing on installing the new security cameras around our complex in the hope that these will be a deterrent against the vandalism that we endured on so many occasions last year. This should be completed this coming week. The cost of this is over \$8000 and I thank those who generously contributed towards it—but we are a long way short of covering the entire cost. This week we received the bad news that the air con in the bus has died and it's a \$3000+ repair. Unfortunately as we bring our elderly to Mass in it each Sunday, and use it frequently for parish events, it's a repair that needs to be undertaken sooner rather than later. If anyone could see their way clear to contributing towards either, I, and the parish, would be very grateful.

**HOW CAN I SUPPORT GOD'S WORK AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH**

- BY **PLANNED GIVING**: WEEKLY ENVELOPES
- OR: **MONTHLY CREDIT CARD** [See below]
- BY **SPECIAL BEQUEST**: please contact Father

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# Your Prayers Please

**Recently Deceased:** Sid Dowsett, Norman Ryan, Colin Woods.  
**Anniversaries:** Joe Sanfilippo, Concetta De Martino, Anythony O'Malley Jones, Gilberto Dal Busco, Michael Angelo & Mary Jane Buhagiar, Ricardo Altuna.  
**Remembrances:** Celestino Abina, Grace McNeany, Eileen Sheeran, Mimi Sheeran, Lloyd Woods, Michael Kokegei.

**In your love and concern, please pray for the seriously ill members of our community:** John Burg, Peter & Lena O'Donovan, Tina Learwood, Allan Francis, Brian Loo, Bev Meehan, Michael Graham, Glenn Mills, Frank McGuinness, Mrs Polak, Angela Cunningham, Simon Low, Christopher Graham.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** The good news is that Fr Sebastian's mother is now convalescing at home and is moving ahead with recovery. Fr Sebastian will return to Australia shortly and we wish him well in his new position in Melbourne.

**20 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO RUSSIA, ITALY & MALTA with Fr Nicholas Rynne—Spiritual Director.**  
 Departing Thursday September 12  
 Returning October 1 : \$7,880 [double] \$9,380 [single]  
 Itinerary on our notice board today.  
 All enquiries to Francis Williams [08 9459 3873], who will be on the Central Coast on March 6 to provide further information.

## YOUR ROSTER ~ FEBRUARY 24, 2019 ~ 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

	Acolytes	Lectors	Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Audio	St Francis of Assisi Somersby						
<b>VIGIL</b>	J Alvarez P Young	J Blanch T Cooke	Bridget Sharp	T Cooke, E Third, T Timp, D Ball, J Blanch.	Connor Wood Taz Parry	Robert Biviano	<b>Commentator &amp; Intercessors</b> Peter Chin						
<b>7.30AM</b>	H Pope J Curcio	C Golden A Lovett	Ron Burgess	C Coughlin, E Dal Busco, M Eadie, S Evans, I McGuinness	Sebastian & Laura Eager, Rowan Talbot	Mark Fawkner	<b>1st Reader</b> Alyce Chin						
<b>9.00am</b>	J Sutton P Cho	J Miller N Murphy	Liz Malik	W Stringer, S Trevenen, M Brown, T Croll, M Holland, S Frazer.	Cameron Moss, Thomas Phillips, Cohen Sutton.	Arthur Holland	<b>2nd Reader</b> Sarah Xuereb						
<b>6.00PM</b>	A Stitt P Nicholls	C Walsh C Dunn	Barbara McCarthy	L Beglin, C Dunn, N Koleszar, A & R Llige.	Alex, Gabby & Natasha Golden, Joey Stitt	Thomas Werner	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Peter Chin Alyce Chin						
<b>COUNTERS</b> Feb 25 Group 1 Eunice Dal Busco Neryl Tyrrell, Joyce Byrne Mar 4 Group 2 Ken Murray, Ron Begg		<b>ALTAR LINEN LAUNDERING</b> Clem & Marie O'D Collect: Feb 25 Return: Mar 1		<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> Des Hinckman Mary Brown Pauline Parsons Judy Wennerbom Jan Shanahan		<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b> Family Mass		<b>PARISH BUS TO 9AM MASS</b> Driver: Aaron Huckle Helper: Ellen McNally		<b>HOSPITAL VISITATION</b> Christina Miller Barbara McCarthy		<b>Altar Servers</b> Antoinette Xuereb Mia Xuereb	
										<b>Flowers</b> Rita Galea			



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