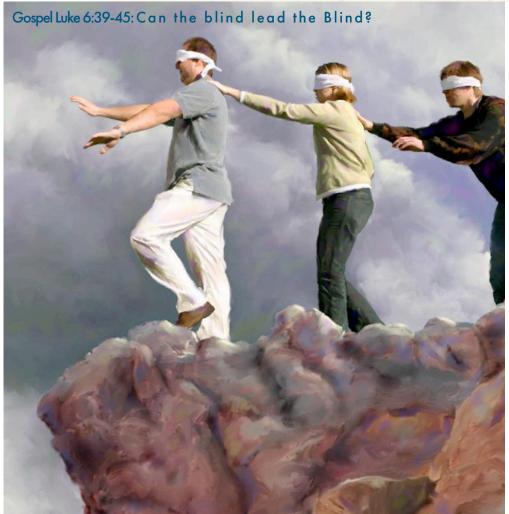


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ST PATRICK'S YEAR OF TRUST

"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Lk 1:38).

The verse comes from Luke's Gospel account of the birth of Jesus being foretold, when the angel Gabriel came to Mary announcing that would conceive and bear a son that she would call 'Jesus'. Despite the initial confusion ("How can this be, since I have no husband?"). Maru gave her firm assent and trust to God by saying 'Mau it be done to me according to your word.



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

You should be men of faith and, therefore, also have great confidence. Hope springs from faith. If you wish to do great things for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, then you need great, powerful faith and boundless confidence.



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POPE FRANCIS MARCH 2019 INTENTIONS

Evangelisation:

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities. That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

A warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors who are celebrating the Eucharist with us this weekend at St Patrick's parish.

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CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM - 4:30PM.

STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

Rosary 20 minutes before or after the Mass

Monday: 9:00am
Tuesday: 9:00am
Wednesday: 11:30am
Thursday: 9:00am
Friday: 12 noon
Saturday: 9:00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Gosford:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 7:30am 9:00am

6:00pm

Children's Liturgy: During Mass 9:00am

each Sunday of School Term

Somersby, 30 Lutana Road:

Saturday Vigil: 6:30pm

Spencer, Wiseman's Ferry Rd:

1st Sunday Monthly: 4:00pm

OTHER MASSES

Filipino Mass:

2nd Sunday Monthly: 12 noon Korean Mass [Enq: Peter 0409-508-123]

Monthly 6:00pm

ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

Before the Blessed Sacrament

Monday: 8:30am-9:00am
Tuesday: 8:30am-9:00am
Wednesday: 11:00am-11:30am
Thursday: 8:30am-9:00am
Friday: 12:30am-3:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am

RECONCILIATION - 1ST RITE

Gosford:

Mon-Thurs: During Adoration Times
1st Friday of Month: 11:30am prior to Mass
Other Fridays during Adoration:12:30-1:00

Saturday: 8:30am & 4:30pm Sunday: 7:00am & 5:30pm

Somersby, 30 Lutana Road:

Saturday after Vigil: 7:30pm

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

After weekday Masses and 3:00pm Friday

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Last Wednesday of each Month at 12 noon

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Recently Deceased:

Frank Rozmanec, Dorothea Campbell, Valda McLaughlin.

Anniversaries:

James Hyland, Antonia Luci, Grace & Lorenza Bajada, John Stansfield, George Goudie, Margaret O'Donovan.

Remembrances:

Lloyd Woods, Holy Souls, Especially Deceased members of Foss family

Please Pray for the seriously ill members of our community:

Arlene Peters, Kath Ryan, John Burg, Peter & Lena O'Donovan, Tina Learwood, Allan Francis, Brian Loo, Bev Meehan, Michael Graham, Glenn Mills, Frank Mcguinness, Angela Cunningham, Simon Low, Christopher Graham, Frances Cannon.

Condolences:

To Gina Rozmanec and family on the loss of husband Frank whose Requiem took place at St Patrick's on 26th February.

Also to the family of parishioner Maeve Davies who passed away on February 16.

Pleas pray for these families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

ADORATION AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Located on Chapel Lane at the Admin Centre.

Monday to Thursday

8:30am - 3:30pm

Friday

9:00am - 3:30pm

GROUP MEETING

Bible Study Lectio Divina:

Mondays at 9:30am twice monthly,

See Bulletin.

Wednesday at 10:00am at the Jordan Room.

RCIA: Tuesdays at 7:30pm day at Admin Ctr.

Contact lan on 4363 1039

menALIVE: 7:30pm commencing with Mass

1st Tuesday of Month

Cancer Prayers: Last Thursday Monthly, 2pm

at Jordan Room

Grief & Loss, Prayer & Support:

1st Thursday Monthly, 2pm at Jordan Room

CONGRATULATIONS TO KELLY PAGET

Kelly has been appointed the Senior Advisor to our Diocesan Administrator Rev Dr David Ranson. We wish Kelly every success in her new role.



Above is the design for the new parish logo and the symbolism is explained as follows:

The three heart shaped leaves of the clover, associated with Ireland and St Patrick, are representative of Holy Trinity and our three Parish Communities: St Patrick's East Gosford, St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer.

The cross is representative of our faith.

The water is representative of our Central Coast location.

We trust you will all agree that the new logo is relevant, distinctive and modern,

aptly describing our parish.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

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

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Br		Denis		Cusack	cfc	
Br		Rod		Shoebridae	cfc	

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Paget and Beaver families on the baptism of their children Oscar Francis Joseph Paget and Emily Jane Beaver.

A NOTICE FROM FR GREG

Fr Greg has asked if anybody would like to make changes or move items in the Church or Jordan Room, could they please talk to him before doing so.

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LENTEN PASSPORT PROGRAM 2019

The Lenten Children's program is designed to give formation about this season to families in Gosford Parish.

All children and their families are invited to come to Mass on Sundays during the Lenten season at the parish churches. During this time. there will be a special program including children Liturgy and children's homilies to learn more about Lent and its observances.

After each attended Mass on these six Sundays. children can collect a special sticker and place them on their Lenten passport on the corresponding spot Anyone who brings their Lenten passport to church on Palm Sunday with a minimum of 4 stickers in it (including Palm Sunday) will receive a prize (a brand-new toy!) very kindly donated by the public school in Pymble.

This program is designed to help us better understand the true meaning of Lent All children up to Year 6 at school are invited to participate.

Get a Passport from the Church foyer this Sunday and then: GET A STICKER FOR YOUR PASSPORT EACH WEEK IN LENT.

CONFIRMATION

Please Note the change of Date.

Fr Greg's advises the date of the Confirmation has been changed to June 2 at 9am Mass and 11.30am.

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL OPEN DAY FOR 2020 ENROLMENTS

28th March - School Tours from 9am and Information Session from 9:30am

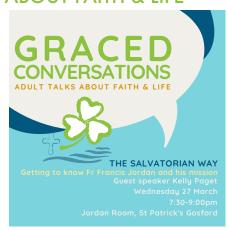
1st April – School Tours from 6:30 pm and Information Session from 7pm

THIS SUNDAY 4 NEW PEOPLE WILL BE COMMISSIONED AS FUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Fr Greg will commission four new Eucharistic Ministers at the Youth Mass this Sunday evening. Please pray for these four. Heartly congratulations to all four.

Kaitlyn Crawford, Anne Lovett, Frances Mathey & Nicole Murphy.

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAITH & LIFE



ST PETER'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY

St Peters's are taking enrolments for 2020 and are having an Open Day on March 11 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. Contact the Enrolments Register Ph: 4352 9816.

ST LEO'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY

St Leo's are also taking enrolments for 2020. Enter with passion — graduate with greatness at St Leos of Wahroonga. Thier open day is on March12between 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

LENT AND EASTER ARE FAST APPROACHING

With lent comes a time for quiet reflection and reconciliation. This weekend you will find copies of the Lenten brochure "The Light is On" and a booklet DBB Lectio Divina will be in the foyer. Project Compassion boxes are also in a basket in the foyer. Please take a box home and place it in a prominent place, so you remember to put your loose change into it each night.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY

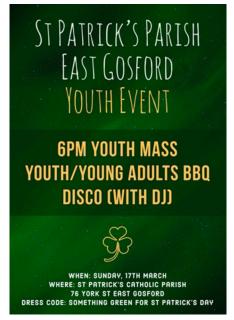
St Joseph's are taking enrolments for 2020 and are giving you the opportunity to learn about the college and how they can Help your young ladies.

Monday 4th March 3:45pm - 5:00pm or 5:30pm - 6:00pm



ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS @ ST PAT'S!

Morning Tea for Parishioners After the 9am Mass @ the Hall! Just place your name on the list available at the foyer to let us know what you'd like to bring to contribute. There'll be two columns—sweet and savoury—but we're really hoping for more savoury than sweet!



FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8 ©

THE TEST OF A MAN IS IN HIS **CONVERSATION.**

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

PSALM

Psalm 91 (92):2-3,13-16 R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

- 1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
- 2. The just will flour is h like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
- 3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 ©

DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Gospel Luke 6:39-45 ©

CAN THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND?

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart: a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart."

REFLECTION

With the Gospel of today (Luke 6:39-45) we come to the third major section from Jesus' instruction to his disciples known as the Sermon on the Plain. Where the section set for last week dealt with action towards others. now we seem to have something that is trying to reach deeper: to the wellspring of action found in the human heart. Get the heart – the fundamental attitude - right, Jesus seems to be saying, and all else will follow.

The opening commands not to judge and not to condemn are already bound up with this. They raise the issue of just how difficult it is for people to have the kind of understanding that would really allow them to make judgments of others. The illustrations of one blind person leading another and of attempting to remove the speck in a neighbour's eye when one has a log in one's own are, again, as is so often the case with Jesus' image and illustrations, exaggerated and humorous. It is so hard to know what is in one's own heart - to recognise the 'plank' that may be there, inhibiting right vision and right judgment. Yet, even with such impediment, we are still so confident that we can see and set about rooting out the failings of others. If God, who really does see the heart, acts with such generosity, understanding and compassion, then that - not judgment and condemnation - should surely be the model for human interaction.

This should certainly be the case within the community of the kingdom. But Jesus may also mean it to apply even to outsiders who persecute and maltreat members of the community (see Paul's handling of this issue in Rom 12:17-21).

This leads into a more general reflection on the continuity that must prevail between the heart - the ultimate source of human behaviour - and the external action that flows from it. This has been well prepared for by the short First Reading from Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:4-7, with its swift series of vivid images illustrating how a person's quality can be told from their speech. Where the Old Testament reading goes from speech to heart, the instruction of Jesus, using the image of a tree and its fruits, goes in the opposite direction: from heart to words. But both make the same point: get the heart right and all else falls into place. Religion, and above all judgment made in the name of religion, must proceed from conversion of heart, and a truly humble and accurate appraisal of oneself. Otherwise, it will be simply dangerous and destructive.

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NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

Deu 26:4-10 1st: 2nd: Rom 10:8-13 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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A Letter to the People of God of the Diocese of Broken Bay Very Rev Dr David Ranson Diocesan Administrator 28 February 2019

It is difficult indeed to fathom the ramifications of the dramatic and historic events that have marked these days, resulting in the remand into custody of Cardinal George Pell, subsequent to his recent conviction. The verdict of guilt will be tested now in the Court of Appeal and will either be validated or questioned, and this will take some months. When that time comes, we will be impelled to reflect again on events, one way or another. Now, our thoughts and our prayers go always to those who have been so greatly wounded by the crime of sexual abuse, particularly from within our own community of faith.

The verdict of guilt by a court of law is one thing, shocking enough as it is. Our reactions to this outcome will be diverse and complex. However, the social reaction and the widespread commentary to the verdict is another. We cannot ignore or underestimate the community's response to the verdict that has been given, and which further adds to our distress. In different ways, the energy of this social response highlights the remarkable collapse of the credibility of the institution with which we are identified - whether by our belonging to our local Catholic parish, or by our association with our Catholic schools or agencies. It places our affiliation under extraordinary stress. It is shameful for us to have to stand before the constant analysis, the critique, and the commentary about our Church, and the declarations of its failures and inadequacies. It forces us to address the question, "Why would we wish to be identified with an institution condemned with such widespread disdain?" We cannot avoid this question. This is the crossroad to which moments such as this bring us. We must answer the inevitable question put to us by the sad circumstances of this week with humility, integrity and courage, such that a new sense of purpose might motivate and guide us into the future, not with stoic resignation, but with genuine Christian hope. In this way, this dreadful moment in the life of our Church in Australia can act to purify and clarify our discipleship.

In this inevitable personal struggle, I am reminded of the words of the famous Scripture scholar, Walter Burghardt, who put it this way once in a homily he gave at a baptism. He said to the woman, being baptised,

"Sonia Maria, before we welcome you through symbol and ritual into this paradoxical people, this community of contradictions, let me make an uncommonly honest confession. In the course of more than half a century, I have seen more Catholic corruption than most Catholics read of. I have tasted it. I have been reasonably corrupt myself. And yet, I take joy in this Church, this living, sinning people of God; I love it with a crucifying passion. Why? In spite of all the

Very Rev Dr David Ranson

Diocesan Administrator



Catholic hate, I experience here a community of love. For all the institutional idiocy, I find here a tradition of reason. For all the individual repression, I breathe here an air of freedom. In an age so inhuman, I touch here tears of compassion. In a world so grim and humourless, I share here rich joy and earthly laughter. In the midst of death, I hear an incomparable stress on life here. For all this apparent absence of God, I sense here the presence of Christ. I pray, Sonia Maria, that your life within this community, your experience of a strange God and a still stranger people, will rival mine".

For many, the paradox presents as a contradiction too difficult to reconcile. But there will be those of us who can enter the paradox and discover a new possibility there.

In all that is transpiring, we are challenged not to lose sight of what is actually happening around us locally. Can we see that love into which we are invited by Christ exercised in our local communities? Does my parish family demonstrate this for me? Do I see this love exercised in my school community, in my agency? I can find the resource to continue to belong to this parish, or to this school, or to this agency if I see there the mystery of Christ's sacrificial love being lived out in a way that calls me forth to the sense of what is really true, what is really beautiful, what is really good. I know that this truth, beauty and goodness is evidenced in abundance by the remarkable witness, generosity and faith of those who are present with us in our parishes and in our schools and in our agencies.

Through all this, we hold in our hearts all who are so deeply affected, in so many ways, by the crime of abuse in all its different manifestations and dimensions. The ripples of this wound at the heart of our life together stretch out in incalculable ways. Each time we are confronted with its reality is an opportunity for us to reaffirm our diocesan commitment to ensure the safety of our children and vulnerable adults. It is a commitment underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ in whom we hold the fundamental sanctity of every human person. It is our moral, legal, and spiritual obligation to safeguard all within our community. Only in this way can we genuinely foster communities of safety and care for our people and be the Church that we so desperately want and need to be. May the Lord of the future lead us there.

In these days let us care for one another, and especially all those who have been hurt by the crime of abuse. Be mindful of those resources available for our personal support, including those of CatholicCare. Please do not hesitate to call Melinda Rixon, Office for Safeguarding (Chancery) on 8379 1605 or by email safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au. Other supports include 1800 Respect – Call 1800 737 732 or visit www.1800respect.org.au or Lifeline on 131114 or www.lifeline.org.au

With my sincere good wishes during this difficult time,

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Audio/Visual	Cheryl Parry	Bernie Pannell	Emily Torres Machuca	Thomas Werner	Monaghan Family
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		Rowan Talbot	Scott Sheddon	Natasha Golden	
			Seth Armstrong	Luke Russotti	
COUNTERS March 11 Group 4 Garry Smith Margie Gunnulson, Diana Addis, Lynn Beglin March 18 Group 3 Eunice Dal Busco, Fiona Eaton, Marie Cradock	ALTAR LINEN Elaine Bell Collect March 11 Return March 15	ALTAR SOCIETY Fran Thompson, Barbara Mills, Roslyn McMahon, Audrey Morris	CHILDREN'S LITURGY John Van Leirop, Danielle Camelleri HOSPITAL VISITATION Nora Koleszar, Michael Lynch	PARISH BUS Driver: John Donnelly Helper: Brenda Donnelly	Flowers: Carmel Xuereb





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