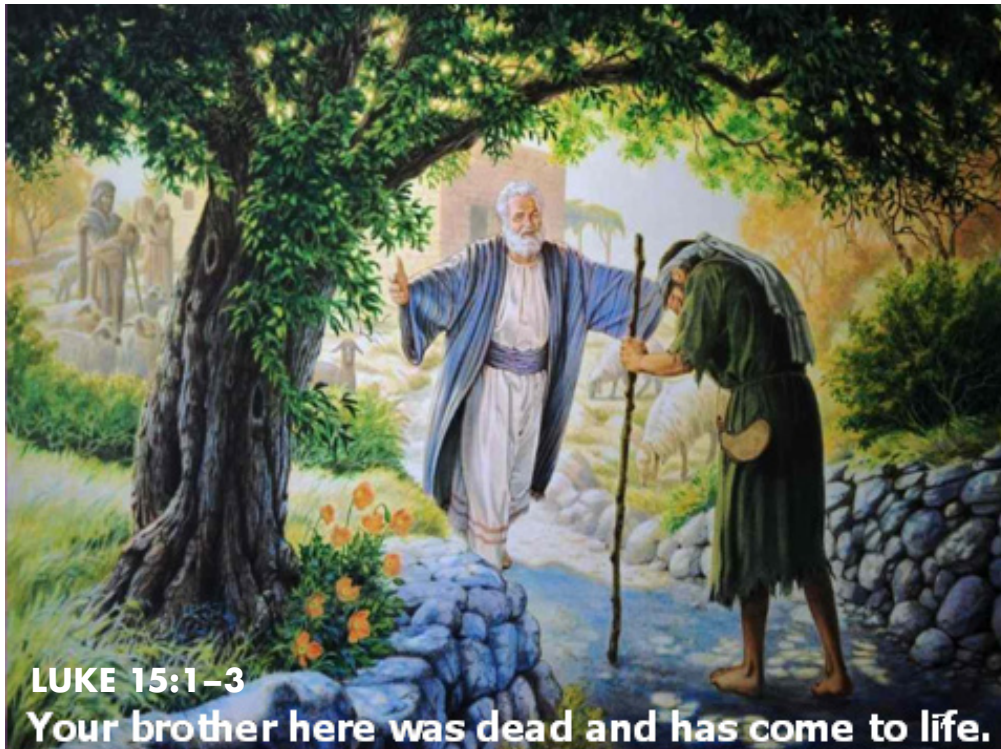




St Patrick's Parish Gosford

The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosford,
St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer
Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.



LUKE 15:1-3
Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

ST PATRICK'S OWN WORDS FROM HIS CONFESSION

"That is why I cannot be silent – nor would it be good to do so – about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity. This is how we can repay such blessings, when our lives change and we come to know God, to praise and bear witness to his great wonders before every nation under heaven."



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Put forth every effort and be very zealous to promote the knowledge of truth. "To enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Fr Francis Jordan is credited with many inspirational quotes.



POPE FRANCIS' MARCH 2019 INTENTION

Christian Communities

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

ST PATRICK'S YEAR OF TRUST

"Ask pardon from God... for the faults" (St Ignatious).

As the review of your day reveals times you may have turned away from God's love, let your heart be filled with sorrow and even more of the desire to restore your relationship with God. Like the father of the lost son, God's never-ending love reaches out to welcome us when we return back to God. No Matter how you might have turned away, God wants to forgive you. Never let sorrow control you or lead you to doubt the strength of God's love for you, for neither death nor life ... will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

Amen

- Ask God to forgive you.
- Trust that god does forgive you, and accept his mercy.



A culture of Safeguarding values COMMITMENT... "Speak out and judge fairly, defend the right of the needy" – see Proverbs 31:9

FACEBOOK PAGE



St Patrick's
Parish Gosford

Log into Facebook and like our "St Patrick's Parish Gosford" page to ensure you are notified of the latest news and events.

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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 Br Denis Cusack cfc
 Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

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

WEEKEND MASSES

Gosford:
 Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
 Sunday: 7:30am Children's Liturgy: During
 9:00am 9:00am Mass Each Sunday of
 6:00pm 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 Monthly: [Enq: Peter 0409-508-123] 6:00pm

ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

Before the Blessed Sacrament

Mon: 8:30am-9:00am Thur: 8:30am-9:00am
 Tues: 8:30am-9:00am Fri: 12:30pm-3:00pm
 Wed: 11:00am-11:30am Sat: 8:00am

RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Gosford:
Mon-Thur: during Adoration
 1st Friday of Month Prior to Mass 11:30am
 Other Fridays 12:30pm
Saturday: 8:30am and 4:30pm.
Sunday: 7:00am and 5:30pm

St Francis of Assisi 30 Lutana Road, Somersby:

Saturday after Vigil: 7:30pm

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

After weekday Masses and 3:00pm Friday

ROSARIES

Weekday
 Monday, Tuesday Thursday 8:05am
 Wednesday 10:35am
 Friday 11:35am

Saturdays Monthly 8.05am: 1st – For Priests & Religious.
 8.05am 3rd Saturday – For Mothers & Abortion.
 8.05am 4th Saturday – For Persecuted
 Christians and their Persecutors.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Last Wednesday of each Month at 12 noon

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 MEETINGS

Bible Study Lectio Divina:
 Mondays at 9:30am twice monthly,
 Wednesday at 10:00am in the Jordan Room.

RCIA: in Admin Centre 7:30pm Tuesdays.

Contact the Parish Office to register interest.

menALIVE: 7:30pm commencing with Mass
 1st Tuesday of Month

Cancer Prayers: 2:00pm Last Thursday Monthly
 in Jordan Room

Grief & Loss, Prayer & Support:
 1st Thursday Monthly 2pm in Jordan Room

Craft Group - Friday each week of School Term
 9:30am – 12:00pm

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass Time & Place	Intention
Sat 30/3	5:00p Gosford	Parish Intentions
	6:30p Somersby	+ Anniversary Tim Piper
Sun 31/3	7:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance Frank Rozmanec
	9:00a Gosford	Birthday Blessing Veronica Hilton
Fri 5/4	12:00n Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance Lloyd Woods.

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, John Riley, Margaret Gunnison, Sonia Cummings, Anna-Marie Rowan, Denise Smith.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dorothea Campbell, Valda McLaughlin, Laurence Pope, Adriana Cooke.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Daphne Hardie, Margaret O'Donovan, John Van Yzendoorn, Tim Piper.

REMEMBRANCES:

Lloyd Woods, June Farr, Deceased members of Friquet Family, Ronald Freeman, Patrick Holohan, Michael Kokegei, Frank Rozmanec.



PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Each Friday from March 8 to April 12 2019

St Patrick's East Gosford

11.30am each Friday during Lent

St Francis of Assisi Somersby

6pm each Wednesday during Lent followed by Mass at 6.30pm



THE LIGHT IS ON

FRIDAY APRIL 5, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

St Patrick's will be open with Adoration, for quiet time and prayer.

www.thelightisonforyou.org.au

COMMUNION SERVICE TUES TO THURS

This week Fr Greg will be away on other Duties so, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week there will be a communion service only.

We want to thank Paul Kim AP, Fr Ryszard Sadowski SDS & F Timothy Raj MSFS for their assistance on Sunday night, Monday, and Friday, while Fr Greg is attending to other duties.

EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday - NO MORNING MASS

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm.
Church opened for Adoration until 11pm

Good Friday

Stations Gosford: 10:00 am
Stations Somersby: 9:00 am
Passion Gosford: 3:00 pm
Passion Somersby: 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil

Blessing of Easter Baskets Gosford: 11am
Mass Gosford: 7:00 pm
Mass Somersby: 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Gosford Masses: 7:30am 9:00am, 10:30am [Family Mass] and 5:00pm - yes 5:00 pm

WORKING BEE

CALLING FOR HELPERS!

The recent heavy rains have highlighted drainage issues generally around the Jordan Room, so we are holding a working bee on Saturday, April 6 from 11 am and are seeking your assistance. The work ranges from clearing blocked gutters to digging and concreting a small channel to take away the water, so we'd ask you to bring your mattock and shovel or spade if you feel you could help with that. This work is long overdue, and hopefully, the measures put into place will keep us safe from flooding in the future. If you can come along, please contact the Parish Office simply so that we may be able to plan how much we may be able to achieve.

IN YOUR PARISH OF ST PATRICK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday March 31	7:30am	2nd Scrutiny
Tuesday April 2	9:00am 7:30pm	Communion Service Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), in the Admin Centre. menALIVE meeting in The Jordan Room.
Wednesday April 3	11:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Communion Service Stations of the Cross at St Francis of Assisi, Somersby. Mass at St Francis of Assisi, Somersby.
Thursday April 4	9:00am 9:30am 2:00pm	Communion Service with prayers for Vocations Salvatorian Collaborators Meeting in Jordan Room Grief and Loss Meeting in the Jordan Room
Friday April 5	9:30am 11:30am	Craft Group meeting in Jordan Room Stations of the Cross, prior to the midday Healing Mass at St Patrick's Gosford.

KIDS CORNER

PINT SIZED PADDIES

THIS FRIDAY!

On next, Friday April 5 at 7:00pm
In the school hall. Enquiries to Melissa 0434 251 481

LENTEN PASSPORT PROGRAM 2019

Don't forget to get your sticker for your passport each week in Lent.

FROM YEAR 4 KIDS AT ST PAT'S

God is my sunshine after a beautiful day.
God is the brightest star at night.
God appears like the rainbow after a rainy day.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND OVER

THIS SUNDAY AFTER 6:00 PM MASS

Meeting in the Jordan Room this Sunday at 7:00pm. All youth are welcome to join the growing vibrant group who meet every 2nd week for Spirituality and social activities.

YOUTH BAND

The Youth Band are welcoming new members, so if you are musically inclined why not join the band. If you are interested make contact with one of the existing band members or Fr Greg.

THE NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING

After 6:00 pm Mass Palm Sunday April 14.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 10AM AT ST PATRICK'S

Calling all high-school students and young adults - join the team to help present Stations of the Cross to the Parish on Good Friday. We will need readers, musicians and 'actors' and will rehearse the liturgy at least twice prior to Good Friday.

If you are interested in being part of this powerful and meaningful liturgy please contact Kelly Paget, kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP



After 9:00am Mass in the Jordan Room.

All proceeds to Charities

GENERAL NEWS

SPIRITUAL HEALING APPOINTMENTS

SR MARGARET SCULLY RSC

Sr Scully will be in the Parish on April 6 and is available for spiritual healing appointments. To book some time with Sr Scully please phone 9810 2499 to make an appointment.

CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS

ON SALE NOW!



Why not make your Easter gift more meaningful? Milk and white chocolate, only \$8 each. Your purchase supports the work of the Michaelite Mission Priests in PNG and your parish. Available from the Parish Office now.

ADVERTISING FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

FOR THE EASTER CEREMONIES:

Please place your name on the sheet available at the sacristy today indicating the services at which you would like to assist.

MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS' BUS TRIP TO THE HUNTER VALLEY.

MONDAY, APRIL 29, DEPARTING AT 9.30AM.

Come along for a great day out where we'll visit the Marthaville Arts & Crafts at Cessnock & the Monarch in the Hunter, the home of all royal memorabilia, in Nulkaba.

\$35 per person, all inclusive - morning tea, lunch, travel and any applicable entry fees.

Call Barb on 4322 0250 to book.

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MASS MORNING TEA - APRIL 7.

Sponsored by the Salvatorian Collaborators' Team.

Come along and help Fr Greg celebrate his birthday.

This will be a special time for Fr Greg and another opportunity for you to get to know our new Priest.

EASTER CHURCH CLEANING, 9:30 AM MONDAY APRIL 15.

Please come along and help out - a luscious morning tea follows!

LENTEN 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

GOSFORD

St Patrick's Parish will host the Lenten 2nd rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday April 10 at 7:00pm. Gosford will host Priests from around the Diocese to enable parishioners to participate in the 2nd rite of Reconciliation which is a very moving service and an opportunity to receive reconciliation.

TERRIGAL

Terrigal Parish will host the Lenten 2nd rite of Reconciliation on Thursday April 4 at 6:00pm

CHRISM MASS TUESDAY APRIL 16

The annual Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral, 23 Yardley Avenue Waitara.

Our Parish Bus will depart St Patrick's at 4:45 pm so you may avail yourself of a light supper of soup and a bread roll which will be available outside the Cathedral from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Tea and coffee will also be available after Mass in the Nulty Room.

A booking sheet is available at the foyer today on which to place your name against one of the remaining 16 seats available.

WALL & FLOOR TILER NEEDED

Do we happen to have a wall and floor tiler among our parishioners, or perhaps you know of one, as we are in need for a relatively small job in the parish.

If so, could you, or they, please contact the Parish Office on 4325 1042 as soon as possible because, as usual in life, there's a bit of a deadline!

BEAUTY, TRUTH, GOODNESS: THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLICISM

Why does Hell have to be eternal? Why did God create Angels? Where does evil come from? Can Catholics believe in evolution? These are some of the questions answered in "Beauty, Truth, Goodness: The Fundamentals of Catholicism," an outstanding explanation of the basic elements of the Catholic Faith, so we can know and love the fullness of truth as revealed by God and taught by the Church.

Fr. Robert Altier provides insights on the fundamental building blocks of Catholicism to help Catholics know, love, and live the fullness of our faith. Know and understand your faith in order to love it, live it, teach it and defend it. Father Robert presents and explains the truth of the Catholic Faith in all its beauty. These lessons have resulted in bringing hundreds of converts into the Catholic Church and have also brought Catholics to a much deeper understanding of the Faith.

Wednesdays 10:30am-11:30am or 7-8pm Muldoon Room Our Lady of the Rosary Parish 243 The Entrance Road The Entrance. Refreshments provided.

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT DAY - NOTRE DAME BROADWAY

On Saturday, April 13 from 9am to 4:00pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch and afternoon tea, and inspiring talks from three speakers. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential:

Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au or (02) 8204 4189 or Trybooking.com/475522

DISCERNMENT EVENINGS

Next Wednesday night we are starting up the Samuel Group Discernment Evenings once again. These will be on every second month, on Wednesday evenings, at the Priory Wahroonga.

Every Christian has a vocation, a special invitation from God to become holy and whole,

to walk a unique, earthly path that leads ultimately to heaven. Samuel Group participants are encouraged to bring their unique questions, desires, strengths and weaknesses to God, and to learn to respond to His loving voice.

This discernment event is for young adults, who meet together once a month in order to pray, ask questions and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God.

We invite you to set aside a few hours on Wednesday evening March 27 in order to learn more about God and yourself and investigate your vocation, a special call from God, to leave a mark in this world.

Date: March 27, May 29, July 24, September 18, and November 20

Time: 5:30 - 7:30

Where: Holy Name Parish, 5 Billyard Ave Wahroonga-The Priory

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

SIP CENTRAL COAST

Tuesday 2nd April, 2019, 7.30pm - 9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

Inquiries: 4328 2596 or 0498 588 261

Theme 2019: "Reflections on my Spiritual Journey"

TWO SPEAKERS:

Rachel Willis: Rachel started as CEO at Coast Shelter in July 2018. She is driven by a passion to make a difference in the community she grew up in.

Hilary Wong: Born and raised in the UK Hilary moved to Australia in 2018 with her Australian husband and young son and became the Rector of Wyoming Anglican Church.

FIRST READING

JOS 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 33:2-7. R. V.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad.

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

2 COR 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world

to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LK 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

LK 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in

his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

COMMENTARY

The passage from Joshua provides modest sketches of two significant transitions through which Israel passed. The first was social. The people were transported into a land where they could worship their own God freely and openly. The reproach of Egypt had been removed. The second transition was their passage from total dependence for their nourishment on bread from heaven (manna) to a dependence on the bread from the earth. This was a new period in their history. The promise of a land flowing with milk and honey has been fulfilled. This account probably grew out of a liturgical celebration of Passover/Unleavened Bread, a celebration that included some form of historical recital.

The psalm is less a prayer than an instruction. Its teaching is the conventional understanding of retribution: the righteous will be blessed and the wicked punished. The psalmist thanks God for having been delivered from distress and invites others to join in praising God. The attitude of the psalmist develops into a pedagogical

Your Roster – April 7, 5rd SUNDAY of LENT [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	06.04.19	07.04.19	07.04.19	07.04.19	07.04.19
Audio/Visual	Johan Fernandes	Glad Williams	Roy Kim	Thomas Werner	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Johnson Fernandes Sam Giddings	Alan Pont Gerard Price	Peter McLean Jay Sutton	Peter Forbes Sean Pearson	
Lectors	Jan Blanch Terry Cooke	Ron Begg Eunice Dal Busco	Susanna Machuca Liz Malik	Jessica Russell Rob Surdich	Joanne Comensoli Marisa Xuereb
Commentator	Bridget Sharp	Eunice Dal Busco	Frances Mathey	Kevin O'Donnell	Cheryl Barany
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Altar Servers	Connor Wood Taz Parry Alvita Fernandes Annette Fernandes	Sebastian Eager Laura Eager Rowan Talbot	Thomas Phillips Cohen Sutton Seth Armstrong	Alex Golden Gabby Golden Natasha Golden Luke Russotti	Ebony McIntosh
COUNTERS April 1 - Group 2 Ken Murray Ron Beg April 8 - Group 4 Gary Smith, Margie Gunnulson, Diana Addis, Lyn Beglin	ALTAR LINEN Elaine Bell Collect April 10 Return April 14	ALTAR SOCIETY Eunice Dal Busco Kerryl McGrath Mabel Kan Jo Pugh	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Anna Jung, Milen Shiju, Viola Kim HOSPITAL VISITATION Neryl Tyrrell Sheila Evans	PARISH BUS Driver: John Moriarty Helper: Ros Moriarty	Flowers: Vicki Muscat

technique. By confessing the goodness of God, the psalmist is teaching others to act in the same way. Without going into detail, the psalmist confesses having been in distress, having turned to the Lord and been rescued. This is the reason for gratitude, and why the psalmist glorifies God and bids others to do the same.

Paul shows God reconciling sinners to God's own self through the death of the innocent Christ. His primary focus is the contrast between this age – the age of sin and alienation from God, and the age to come – the age of fulfilment and union with God. Those transformed in Christ are already living in the new age. To describe their transformation, Paul speaks of a new creation (cf. Isa. 65:17, 66:22; Jer 31:31; Ezek 36:26); of former things giving way to new things (cf. Isa 43:18-19). Reconciliation is the heart of this message, a reconciliation that puts an end to any enmity with God. The new things of which Paul speaks are the reconciling action of God and the message of reconciliation that Paul is to preach.

Two groups are singled out in the gospel, tax-collectors and sinners. Tax-collectors were hated because they worked for the despised Roman occupiers and exacted their wages from their compatriots. People whose occupations prevented them from regular observance of the Law were considered sinners. These were the people who came to hear Jesus. The Pharisees and scribes, who dealt with the Law, criticised Jesus for the company he kept. The parable has a double focus. While it is clearly about the mercy God shows repentant sinners (the younger brother), it also contrasts God's openness with the closed-mindedness of those who consider themselves faithful (the older

brother). The picture of the father shatters the traditional patriarchal image and offers us a radically different picture of fatherhood, a picture that was totally incomprehensible to both sons.

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NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

1st: Isaiah 43:16-21

2nd: Phil 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—

for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

— Pope Francis



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