



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 23: 1 – 49

ST PATRICK'S YEAR OF TRUST

My trust is in sweet Jesus: He is my passport to heaven! I place my life in His gentle hands; He will guide me along the rainbow. My blind trust is His to guide, May my soul reflect His light. I look around and see Jesus' help; I know He is worthy of my trust. Sweet Jesus, remain by my side, Never letting my trust be shaken! May I learn to share my trust with others, So Jesus will be known to all! (www.Catholic.org)

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



PALM SUNDAY

"They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" John 12:13



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"The Divine Saviour, in His great mercy, has called us to become images of himself, as far as possible. He has called us so that, through holiness our work everywhere may be accompanied by blessings, happiness, and salvation."

Fr Francis Jordan is credited with many inspirational quotes.



POPE FRANCIS'

APRIL 2019 INTENTION

Universal – Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

PLEASE TAKE ME HOME

I am your copy of St Patrick's Bulletin.

I can sit in a place of prominence and be available for your family and guests to read during the week.

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.



ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

PASTORAL CARE

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SALVATORIANIANS

Society of the Divine Saviour

<http://www.sds.org.au>



PARISH OFFICE

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Friday (fortnightly) 8:30am – 1:00pm

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Frederick Street, East Gosford

Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]

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:

9:00am 4th Tuesday 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 13/4	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Yvonne Keevers; Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families.
	5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Anniversary Jim Hastings. + Anniversary Helen Clement.
Sun 14/4	7:30a Gosford	+ Parish Intentions
	9:00a Gosford	90th Birthday Blessings Veronica Hilton.
	6:00p Gosford	+ Anniversary Sarah Allen.
Mon 15/4	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Tony Lowe.
Tues 16/4	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Yvonne Keevers; Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families.
Wed 17/4	11:30a Gosford	+ Anniversary Ric McGuire
Thur 18/4	7:30p Gosford	Fr Greg and all Priests
Sat 20/4	7:00p Gosford	Parish Intentions
Sun 21/4	7:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance Frank Rozmanec

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, Melita Waters, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pamela Aarts, Bryan Marks.

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Van Yzendoorn, Tim Piper, Harry Remfry, Ken Caves, Jim Hastings, Helen Clement, Ric McGuire, Sarah Allen.

REMEMBRANCES:

Colin Woods, Peter & John Banach, Aniela Hotsteter, Yvonne Keevers; Keevers, Knight and Merchant Families Frank Rozmanec, Tony Lowe, Michael Kokegei.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

CANDLE CLEANING IN THE CHURCH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The wonderful Clem and Marie O'Donovan have been faithfully cleaning the Church Candles for many years and need to retire. The parish owes them a big thank you for their selfless work over the years.

We now need volunteers to take on this task of keeping the candles spic n span.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - HELP NEEDED


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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS GOOD FRIDAY

St Patrick's Youth will perform a new dramatisation of this most solemn liturgy.



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

EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday - NO MORNING MASS
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm.

Church opened for Adoration until 11:00pm

Good Friday
Stations Gosford: 10:00am
Stations Somersby: 9:00am
Passion Gosford: 3:00pm
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Easter Vigil
Blessing of Easter Baskets Gosford: 11am
Mass Gosford: 7:00pm
Mass Somersby: 7:00pm

Easter Sunday
Gosford Masses: 7:30am
9:00am
[Family Mass] 10:30am
Only Easter Sunday 5:00pm

A BIG REMINDER TO PARENTS

Confirmation applications closed on April 10! If you have not yet done so, please forward the completed applications to the Parish Office as soon as possible That is this week, if you have not already done so, why not complete the application as soon as you get home from Mass today. Scan the form with your phone and email the scanned copy to patsgos@acs.net.au.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

Sunday April 28. We will have an Hour of Mercy from 3:00-4:00pm including Adoration, Reconciliation & the Chaplet.

IN YOUR PARISH OF ST PATRICK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday April 14	7:00pm	St Patrick's Youth Group Years 7 - 12 in Jordan Room
Monday April 15	9:30am	Church Cleaning for Easter - All welcome to come and help, followed by cuppa.
Tuesday April 16	7:30pm 7:30pm	Chrism Mass at the Waitara Cathedral. Bus departing St Pats at 4:45 pm Catholics Returning Home, in the Jordan Room.
Holy Thursday April 18	7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Patrick's
Good Friday April 19	9:00am 10:00am 3:00pm 3:00pm	Stations of the Cross at Somersby. Stations of the Cross at St Patrick's Gosford. The Passion at St Patrick's Gosford. The Passion at Somersby.
Holy Saturday April 20	11:am 7:00pm 7:00pm	Blessing of the Easter Baskets at St Patrick's Easter Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Easter Vigil Mass at Somersby
Easter Sunday April 21	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 5:00pm	Easter Sunday Mass at St Patrick's. Easter Sunday Mass at St Patrick's. Easter Sunday Family Mass at St Patrick's. Easter Sunday Mass at St Patrick's.

KIDS CORNER

PINT SIZED PADDIES

NEXT EVENT FRIDAY MAY 3.

In the School Hall 7:00 pm.

In the school hall. Enquiries to Melissa 0434 251 481

LENTEN PASSPORT PROGRAM 2019

CHILDREN, TODAY IS THE DAY YOU RECEIVE YOUR REWARD!

Today is the day for the children who have been collecting stickers for their passports - with at least four stickers, you may show them to Father Greg after Mass, and he will have a gift for every one of you! We look forward to seeing your many smiling faces after Mass today.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The school term has ended and all children are on holidays. We wish them and their families an enjoyable and safe time. School resumes on April 28.

KIDS ARE AMAZING

Children... they get upset and the next moment they forget about it. They forgive and forget so easily. "Forgiveness is the answer to the child's dream of a miracle by which what is broken is made whole again, what is soiled is made clean again." ~ Dag Hammarskjold, former United Nations Secretary General.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP

FOR YEARS 7 TO 12, PALM 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.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday, May 5, the new Altar Servers will be Blessed at 9:00 am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers and congratulate them for taking on such an important role.

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 Saturday May 11 and is available for spiritual healing appointments. To book some time with Sr Scully please phone 9810 2499 to make an appointment.

ADVERTISING FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE EASTER CEREMONIES:

There are still ministries which need to be covered on Easter Sunday at 10.30am and 5pm. If you can help please contact Peter McLean, via the church office.

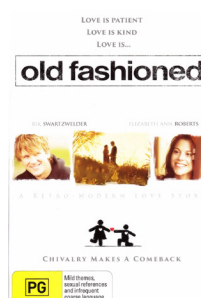
MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS' BUS TRIP TO THE HUNTER VALLEY.

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.**

APRIL MOVIE NIGHT IS SATURDAY 27 STARTING AT 7PM OLD FASHIONED

This month with dinner we will enjoy, "Old Fashioned", Clay Walsh has given up his reckless ca-raousing past life and now runs an antique shop in a small country town. Clay had become notorious for his theories on love and romance as well as his devout beliefs. When Amber Hewson a free-spirited young woman with a restless soul drives into town and rents the apartment above the antique shop. Amber finds herself strangely drawn to Clay's strong faith and noble ideas.



Saturday April 27 in the Jordan Room.

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

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

SUNDAY BREKKIES ARE BACK ON!

COMMENCING SUNDAY, MAY 5 AFTER THE 9AM MASS.

We have a very generous committee now formed to assist with fundraising and community building within the parish, and their first initiative is to bring back our cooked brekkies on the first Sunday of the month at the Jordan Room, alternating between the completion of the 7.30am & 9am Masses monthly. Please give this your support. At the same time, perhaps there may be those who'd like to help out on the 1st Sunday, and if you are so inclined, please place your name on the list in the foyer, and someone from the committee will be in touch with you.

THANK YOU!

Bill Murphy, for donating the beautiful Statue of St Mary McKillop. Following the Easter Season, the statue will take pride of place on the wall stand to the left of the Altar,

opposite the statue of St Patrick.

**THE CANCER PRAYER GROUP
HAVE A NEW MEETING TIME.**

The Cancer prayer group have a new meeting time of 9:00am every 4th Tuesday of the month.

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.

MAY 2019, CWF APEAL

The Month of May is the last chance we have to give to the Charitable Works Fund appeal. St Patrick's has a substantial commitment to meet, and we will be collecting for the CWF at all Masses during May. Please give generously!

SALVATORIAN SEMINARIES COLLECTION ON SUNDAY APRIL 28

On Sunday, April 28 we will have a special collection at all Masses to help support Salvatorian Seminaries.

Please give generously to help the Salvatorians encourage and foster new Priests in the Salvatorian order.

Salvatorians have many seminaries around the world, and they need our

help to survive and prosper. Father Greg spent last week in East Timor and has signed



up eight candidates for the Salvatorian Seminary in the Philippines. The following images were taken by Fr Greg on his visit last week.

The Church is in need of many more new Priests who can join the select group of men around the

world who help us in our spiritual journey.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION, PARENT INFORMATION EVENING -

MAY 1, 7:30 PM IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Dr David Ranson will be the main speaker at this informative session specially designed to give information about the upcoming Confirmation of your children.

All parents who have children confirmed this year are strongly advised to attend the informative session.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 5, at the end of all Masses, this year's candidates for Confirmation will be presented to the Parish Community.

Parents are encouraged to attend at least one of the Sunday Masses, to Present their children to the congregation.



CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS

ON SALE NOW AT THE PIETY STALL!

Why not make your Easter gift more meaningful?

Milk and white chocolate lambs available, only \$8 each.

Your purchase supports the work of the Michaelite Mission Priests in PNG and your parish. Buy them from the Parish Office and Piety Stall now.

FIRST READING

IS 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

PS 125. R. V.3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. V.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING

PHIL 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the

condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PHIL 2:8 – 9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

LK 23:1-49

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.'

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - EASTER 2019

	HOLY THURSDAY LORD'S SUPPER 7.30	GOOD FRIDAY LORD'S PASSION 3.00	EASTER VIGIL 7.00	EASTER SUNDAY 7.30	EASTER SUNDAY 9.00	EASTER SUNDAY 10.30	EASTER SUNDAY 5.00
Audio/Visual	Anna Jung	Glad Williams	Greg McBride	Glad Williams	Arthur Holland		
M.C.	John McCrae	Kevin O'Donnell	Peter McLean				
Acolytes	Sheila Evans Peter Young Peter O'Neill	Peter O'Neill Eunice Dal Busco Katrina Pratt	Peter Young Katrina Pratt Anna Jung	Kevin O'Donnell John Ryan	Peter McLean Peter Cho	Peter McLean	
Lectors	Eunice Dal Busco Keith Quinn	Keith Quinn Josie McGuinness Passion Neil Murphy Johanna Hetherington	Josie McGuinness (Gen 11:2-2) Neil Murphy (Ex 14:15-15:1) Tilly Timp (Isaiah 55:1-11) Jan Blanch (Romans 6:3-11)	Regina Fong Chris Golden	Keith Quinn Carol Bailey	Frances Mathey	Anne Mackson Nora Koleszar
Commentator	Josie McGuinness	Barbara McCarthy	Terry Cooke	Eunice Dal Busco	John Miller		Barbara McCarthy
Special Ministers	Tom Croll Pam McCrae Gerard Price Lucy Price		Tom Croll Eunice Dal Busco Cecilia Coughlin Patricia Anderson	Pam McCrae John McCrae Joy McHugh Lucy Price Gerard Price	Tom Croll Molly Holland Wendy Stringer Keith Quinn Stephanie Trevenen Liz Malik	Paul Russotti Aimee Sands Tom Sands Katie Moss Frances Mathey	Sherree Sullivan Nora Koleszar
Servers			Vito De Toffol			Luke Russotti Cameron Moss	

FOOT WASHING

Mark	Barbara
Bennett Elle	McCarthy Josie
Simpson	McGuinness
Keith Quinn	Nora Koleszar
Kevin	Gerard Price
O'Donnell Pam	Wendy
McCrae Joy	Stringer Ian
McHugh	McGuinness

SOMERSBY ROSTER SATURDAY, APRIL 20, EASTER VIGIL 7:00 PM

Commentator	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Special Ministers	Altar Servers	Flowers
Peter Chin	M. Monaghan	A. Chin	P. & A. Chin	N. Luci J. Xuereb	D. Vassallo

COUNTERS	ALTAR LINEN	ALTAR SOCIETY	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	PARISH BUS
April 15 Fiona Eaton Marie Cradock	Josie McGuinness Collect April 15 Return April 19	April 18 Maree Nolan Margaret Pratt Carmel Hinkley Anna Neale	Easter Sunday - None HOSPITAL VISITATION Christina Miller Barbara McCarthy	Driver: Brian Jay Helper:
April 22 Joyce Byrne Neryl Tyrrell				

Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

COMMENTARY

The Christological reflection on the nature and mission of Christ can be divided into two parts. In the first (vv.6-8), Jesus is the subject of the action; in the second (vv.9-11), God is. The first part describes Jesus' humiliation, the second recounts his exaltation by God. Christ did not cling to the dignity that was rightfully his, but emptied himself and took on the human condition. The exaltation of Christ is as glorious as his humiliation was debasing. It is important to note that while Christ was the subject of his self-emptying, his superexaltation is attributed directly to God. The extent to which Christ is to be revered because of this is total. This passion narrative is really a series of discrete individual stories: the institution of the Lord's Supper (22:14-20); Jesus' farewell instruction (vv.21-38); the events on the Mount of Olives and Peter's denial (39-65); Jesus' trial, flogging and sentencing (22:66-23:25); the way of the cross and crucifixion (23:26-43); Jesus' death and burial (24:44-56). The narrative of the institution of the Lord's Supper is a classic farewell scene. The events that took place on the Mount of Olives are the prelude to Jesus' rejection and the agony. The one who is judge over heaven and earth is then dragged from one judgment seat to another. The last lap of the road to redemption then lies before him. His agony may have been prolonged, but in death he simply breathed his last. Because the Sabbath was about to begin, he was hurriedly taken down from the cross and immediately buried. The execution is reported quite matter-of-factly. The culminating event of the redemption of the world has been accomplished with dispatch. © Dianne Bergant CSA



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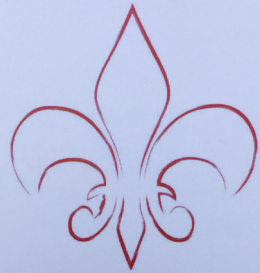
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