



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.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2019 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch."

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, in Baptism you called me by name and made me a member of your people, the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life, and to respond by living a life of holiness. For your greater glory and for the service of your people, raise up dedicated and generous leaders who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.

Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me that I may serve your people following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I offer this prayer. Amen.

ST PATRICK'S YEAR OF TRUST, PALSM 31:1-7

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

JOHN 10:27-30



I know my sheep and I give them Eternal life. 2

Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols; as for me, I trust in the Lord.

I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul.



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Be strong and constant in spirit, like a rock set in the sea which, although it is surrounded by storms and lashing waves, remains immovable and unconquered!"
JT 4/10/1899



POPE FRANCIS' MAY 2019 INTENTION

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

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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ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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PARISH OFFICE

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Mon - Thurs: 8:30am - 4:30pm

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Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]

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 Mass 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 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,
Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Jordan Room.

Bible Study Monday 7:00 pm in the Jordan Room

RCIA: in Admin Centre 7:30pm Tuesdays.

Contact the Parish Office to register interest.

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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

IN YOUR PARISH OF ST PATRICK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday May 12	7:30am 10:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 7:00pm	CFW Appeal Collection at all Masses during May Confirmation Class after 9:00am Mass Morning Tea in Jordan Room after 9:00am Mass Filipino Mass. Youth Group Meeting in Jordan Room after 6:00 pm Mass
Monday May 13	9:00am	Mass dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday May 14	7:30pm	Confirmation Class at the School
Wednesday May 15	5:30pm	Confirmation Class at Somersby
Thursday May 16	3:30pm 7:30pm	Confirmation Classes in the School Confirmation Classes in the School
Friday May 17	12:30pm 12:45pm	Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm Catechists' Meeting in Jordan Room following Midday Mass
Saturday May 18	10:15am	Choir Practice in Church

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you are aware there has been visa complications preventing the arrival of our Assistant Priest at St Patrick's.

I apologise for the great inconvenience this is causing our parish, and for me personally it has been a strain knowing that I have commitments that prevent me from being here with you. I will depart this Sunday evening for two weeks during which I will attend to Salvatorian affairs, including the quarterly meeting in Perth next week in my roles as both Vice Superior and Regional Secretary, and then to East Timor as Vocational Director.

Fortunately, due to the generosity of my fellow clergy, St Patrick's will be well cared for during my time away by Fr Peter Malone, brother of Bishop Michael Malone, who will be saying the Youth Mass tonight at 6pm, Fr George Gorzkowski CMSA, the Vincentians [Frs Roni & Joby] & Fr Elesius Shin who will say all Masses on May 18 & 19.

I thank you for your tolerance and generosity to date, and pray with you, for the earliest possible arrival of Salvatorian assistance. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

May God bless you. Fr Greg

A SPECIAL MASS CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARIES; SUNDAY MAY 26, 9:00 AM

FR GEORGE KOLODZIEJ & FR TADEUSZ SEREMET were ordained as Priests 25 years ago this May! To celebrate the momentous occasion for two Priests who have spent so much time involved in our Parish. St Patrick's is having a special Mass on Sunday, May 26 at 9:00 am, followed by morning tea in the hall.

CELEBRATION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD FR GEORGE AND FR TADEUSZ

26th May 9am Mass
St Patrick's East Gosford
Morning Tea and Coffee
Please bring plate to share and help us celebrate their anniversary!

Please join with us to celebrate this wonderful occasion by attending Mass at 9:00 am con-celebrated by Fr Greg, Fr George and Fr Tadeusz.

KIDS CORNER

PINT SIZED PADDIES

NEXT EVENT FRIDAY JUNE 7.

In the School Hall 7:00 pm.

In the school hall. Enquiries to Melissa 0434 251 481

KIDS ARE AMAZING

"Dear God, please put a Mothers holiday between Easter and Christmas, because there is nothing there now."

Ginny.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP

NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Sunday, May 19 after 6:00 pm Mass in the Jordan Room. We have a new and energetic group of young people who are meeting regularly to commune in a spiritual environment to engage in fellowship and positive activities. All youth are most welcome.

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.

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.

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP



After 9:00am
Mass in the Jordan Room.

All proceeds to Charities

A BIG THANK YOU

Scott Fraser has lead sacramental programmes for 15 years and is now stepping away from these roles. St Patrick's community owes him a huge thank you.

THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

LAST CHANCE TO HELP YOUR PARISH AND OBTAIN A TAX DEDUCTION IN THE 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR!

ST PATRICK'S IS \$16,000 SHORT OF THE \$33,017 ANNUAL CWF QUOTA PAYABLE TO THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY.

"How marvellous it would be, if at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others" - Pope Francis

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY IN SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH.

As the Charitable Works Fund final appeal in the 2018/19 financial year commences on this weekend, could you please come prepared, during May, to give in your usual generous way, as we have to meet our quota shortfall. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

Supporting the CWF puts your gift to work in your local faith community.

We are so grateful to our community who demonstrate their love for their neighbours by generously supporting the Charitable Works Fund.

The CWF works every day by providing the funds to ensure that there are trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners in the hospitals in our Diocese.

The CWF works every day by providing the funds to create the resources and train catechists (Catholic Special Religious Education Teachers) at public schools in our Diocese.

The CWF works every day by providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

The CWF works every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Forms are being prepared in the office for the election of new Parish Council Members. The forms will be distributed at Mass on the 1st Sunday of June and will be collected again on the 2nd Sunday of June. Please put some thought into who you believe will make a good member of our Parish Council and vote accordingly.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

At the end of May Fr Greg will appoint new members of the Parish Finance Committee who will support him and the Parish in the finances of the Parish.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' MEETING

On Sunday June 16 @ 4.30pm at St Patrick's or Somersby on June 8, after 6:30pm Mass. Fr Greg calls all Eucharistic Ministers to a meeting with him to prepare for the commissioning of all in this ministry on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday June 23 at all Masses. Each minister should be aware that attendance at the meeting St Patrick's or Somersby is very relevant to the commissioning, and that Eucharistic Ministers who aren't commissioned on that day will be unable to serve in the ministry until they are. Could anyone who considers either of these dates a problem for them please contact the Parish Office.

TODAY IS MOTHERS DAY

Today is one of the most beautiful days of the year. Let us consider for a moment the thoughts of two great men about the role their mothers played in their lives.

George Washington once said, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her."

Abraham Lincoln spoke similar words when he said, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother."

Unfortunately, many people in our society would not agree with these great men who had great mothers. Today, many think that their lives have no meaning unless they are employed in the workplace; thus only in this way they regard themselves useful for society. They consider the role of a stay home mum to be a waste of time.

However, although the circumstances of some women oblige them to work, today many more married women are finding that staying home and raising their children is the right way to go.

Motherhood is a very high calling. What relationship can ever replace the love of a mother and a grandmother? It is essential for women to realize that the love, guidance and influence they provide to their children are distinct and invaluable.

There is no doubt that motherhood is a very high calling. But, to whom can mothers look as the real model of motherhood? Today's modern culture offers many role models through television, movies and women's magazines. However, often these role models are either all together wrong or they offer a very limited and unrealistic view of true motherhood.

All mothers who wish to be true to their high calling need only look to the woman who became the greatest mother of all. Born into humble surroundings, she was called by God to be the mother of the Son of God. She affirmed her obedience to the call of God and lived out her vocation throughout her entire life. Mary, the mother of Jesus, our Blessed Mother, is the true model of motherhood.

One aspect of Mary's life that has particular meaning and inspiration for many mothers today is the profound suffering that she endured during the passion of Our Lord. Stabat Mater. Mary stood at the foot of the cross.

Divorce, separation, single mums, widows, mothers forced to work out of necessity, grandmothers raising grandchildren, prodigal children and prodigal grandchildren, are realities that cause deep, daily suffering for many women. Added to all of these sufferings, is the pain endured by many married women who would like to be mothers.

All mothers and grandmothers need to find in Mary, our Blessed Mother, the faith, hope, love and fortitude to stand firm at the foot of the cross. All suffering has power when we unite our suffering to the cross of Jesus. Take your suffering, united to the suffering of Jesus, and offer that suffering for your children and grandchildren.

To be a true mother today is certainly very challenging indeed. However, our yearly celebration of Mother's Day should motivate all mothers to understand the importance of their call by God to motherhood.

I am very grateful for the hard work and dedication of the women in any parish that I have been assigned to. No matter where I have ever been as a seminarian or as a priest, I have always seen the promise of Jesus fulfilled: "And everyone who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, children or land for the sake of my name

will be repaid a hundred times over, and also inherit eternal life" (Matthew 19: 29).

Concretely, not only have many dedicated women assisted me in my ministry as a priest, but I have also received many spiritual mothers and many spiritual sisters, many of whom have become life-long friends.

My prayer today is that the Holy Spirit will renew the hearts of all mothers so that they can live out their calling to motherhood with a deeper and more generous love within the daily circumstances of their lives.

Happy Mother's Day! To all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and any women who embody motherly attributes, thank you for who you are and all you do for us. You make the world a joyful, loving place.

God bless you, Fr Greg Skulski SDS



in adoration of the Lord.

Fr Greg will be offering all Masses this weekend to Our Lady of Fatima.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

MONDAY MAY 13

In the spring and summer of 1916, nine-year-old Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto were herding sheep at the Cova da Iria near their home village of Aljustrel in the parish of Fátima, Portugal. They later said they were visited three times by an apparition of an angel. They said the angel, who identified himself as the "Angel of Peace" and "Guardian Angel of Portugal", taught them prayers, to make sacrifices, and to spend time

THE SALVATORIANS ARE GOING TO THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL!

YOUTH 15+
SALVATORIAN YOUTH PRE-FESTIVAL 6-7 DECEMBER
ACVF: 8-10 DECEMBER
@ CURRAMBINE AND PERTH CBD, WA

The Salvatorians want you to come to ACVF with us! We will gather together a few days earlier for a Pre-Festival preparation for: sightseeing, workshops, praise and worship and fellowship, before joining with the rest of Australia for ACVF at the Perth Convention Centre.

Email salvatorianyouthau@gmail.com with the subject ACVF to stay updated and register as more become available.

THE SALVATORIANS INVITE ALL YOUTH TO A NIGHT OF

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

SUNDAY 26TH MAY
SACRED HEART, PYMBLE
STARTING WITH MASS AT 6PM

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18-19TH MAY
AFTER ALL MASSES

MASS TIMES
SATURDAY 5PM.
SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9AM AND 6PM AT ST PATS.
SATURDAY 6:30PM AT SOMERSBY

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 11/5	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families
	5:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance Liberatori Risi
	6:30p Somersby	Parish Intentions
Sun 12/5	7:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance Laura McGuire & Nancy Kirk
	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Colleen Cartner & Thelma Herring
	6:00p Gosford	+ Anniversary Anthony Feernandes
Mon 13/5	9:00a Gosford	+ 2nd Anniversary Lloyd Woods
Tue 14/5	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Friquet Family
Wed 15/5	11:30a Gosford	For the Intentions of Danuta Jakubowska
Thu 16/5	9:00a Gosford	+ Anniversary Lionel Owe + Remembrance Phyllis Owens
Fri 17/5	12:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance Magdalen McNamara
Sat 18/5	9:00a Gosford	+ Anniversary Alan Smith
	5:00p Gosford	+ Anniversary Kenneth "Mick" Murra
Sun 19/5	7:30a Gosford	For the Intentions of Danuta Jakubowska
	9:00a Gosford	+ Anniversary Olga Quinn & Phyllis Martin

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Brian Graham, 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, Scott McKinnon.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Edna Lay, Marea Watkins, Janelle Hickey.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Llyod Woods, Lionel Owe, Alan Smith, Kenneth "Mick" Murra, Olga Quinn & Phyllis Martin, Jim & Mary Ryan, John Van Yzendoorn, Tim Piper, Harry Remfry, Ken Caves, Jim Hastings.

REMEMBRANCES:

Magdalen McNamara, Phyllis Owens, Friquet Family, Colleen Cartner, Thelma Herring, Laura McGuire, Nancy Kirk, Liberatori Risi, Jack & Doris Bourke, Ronald Freeman, Friquet Family, Bob, Josie & Dian Burgin. Flornce Ranya, Michael Kokegei.

INTENTIONS:

Danuta Jakubowska

FIRST READING

ACTS 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 99:1-3. 5. R. V.3

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING

RV 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JN 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

COMMENTARY

The passages from the Gospels where Jesus likens us to being sheep leave me a bit cold. I think I must lose something in the translation from first century Palestine to today. Most of the sheep I have ever watched may well be cute, in a woolly sort of way, but they are anxious creatures often running in packs in every direction, are notoriously stupid and difficult to manage or direct. On second thoughts maybe the analogy is not so bad after all! We, the people of God, can certainly be an anxious lot, a bit slow on the uptake and difficult to lead. It also true, however, that sheep are incredibly useful and adaptable animals. Think about all the places they have been taken throughout the world. They thrive. With all due respect to the vegans, vegetarians and animal liberationists here today, think about the multiple ways they have served humanity.

The point of the shepherd analogy in the Gospels, of course, is about the importance of intimacy. A sheep in those days is similar to the central role some domestic cats and dogs have in our homes. They are members of the family. Shepherds in Jesus' day belonged to nomadic tribes that moved with their small flock throughout Israel. Every sheep mattered. Every sheep had a name. In an agrarian society every sheep was a vital economic unit. To lose one caused trouble not only to the individual, but also to the tribe. To lose a flock was financial ruin for a generation. As a result when Jesus invokes the image of the shepherd he draws attention to the intimate knowledge and care the shepherd has of them.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow

Your Roster – May 19, 5rd SUNDAY of Easter Year [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby -6:30
DATE	11.05.19	12.05.19	12.05.19	12.05.19	11.05.19
Audio/Visual	Robert Biviano	Mark Fawkner	Emily Torres Machuca	Thomas Werner	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Peter Young Gerard Nicholls	Gerard Price John Ryan	Katrina Pratt Alan Dillon	Kevin O'Donnell Anna Jung	
Lectors	Nicole Murphy Jan Blanch	Ian McGuinness Ron Begg	Emily Rudd Milen Shiju	Tom O'Brien Sean Pearson	Nai Herford Sarah Xuereb
Commentator	Terry Cooke	Josie McGuinness	John Miller	Corrie Dunn	Mary Luci
Extraordinary	Diana Ball	Neryl Tyrrell	Anne Lovett	Corrie Dunn	Nina Lentini
Ministers of The Eucharist	Jan Blanch Vic Camilleri Terry Cooke Elaine Third	Ron Burgess Cecilia Coughlin Margaret Eadie Pam McCrae	Katie Moss Judith Myers Isobel O'Neill Keith Quinn	Sherree Sullivan Anna Llige Rick Llige Anne Mackson	Jane Azzopardi
Altar Servers	Harry Cockerton Lorenzo Arango		Roy Kim Heath Ford Lincoln Gottardo Derik Sind	Vito De Toffol Remi De Toffol Lorenzo Arango	Antoinette Xuereb Dylan Xuereb Flowers: Nai Herford
COUNTERS May 20 Margaret Hunter David Slingsby May 27 Wendy Stringer Lyn Beglin	ALTAR LINEN Elaine Bell Collect May 13 Return May 17	ALTAR SOCIETY Marie Nolan Margaret Pratt Carmel Hinkley Anna Neale	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday May 19 Cheryl frazer Lucy Frazer	PARISH BUS Driver: John Mor Helper: Brenda Donnelly	HOSPITAL VISITATION John McCrae Cecilia Coughlin

the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.

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READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

1ST – ACTS 14:21–27
2ND – APOC 21:1–5
GOSPEL – JOHN 13:31–35

MONDAY MAY 13:
Our Lady of Fatima

SATURDAY MAY 18:
St John 1st, pope and martyr

CATECHIST MEETING

A meeting of all Catechists will follow 12:00noon Mass on Friday 17 May.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

An evening in conversation with various guest speakers who promote Christian ideals in their daily lives. All are welcome to join in with this months guest Peter Brown.

Peter is the Coordinator Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, CatholicCare.

**GRACED
CONVERSATIONS**
 ADULT TALKS ABOUT FAITH & LIFE

BEING THE FACE OF THE CHURCH
walking with people at their most vulnerable
 Guest speaker Peter Brown
 Coordinator Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, CatholicCare

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