



# 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.



## ST PATRICK'S YEAR OF TRUST

In life, we constantly face trials and tribulations that test our ability to trust God. Sometimes the storms become so overwhelming that they weaken our faith in the Lord.

Having faith in God means having faith in His plan, timing, and reasons, even though they may not always be clear to us. It's important that we surrender and pour every ounce of our trust into God's hands. He is faithful and he will provide for us always.

Romans 15:5

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had."

John 13:33-35

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment:

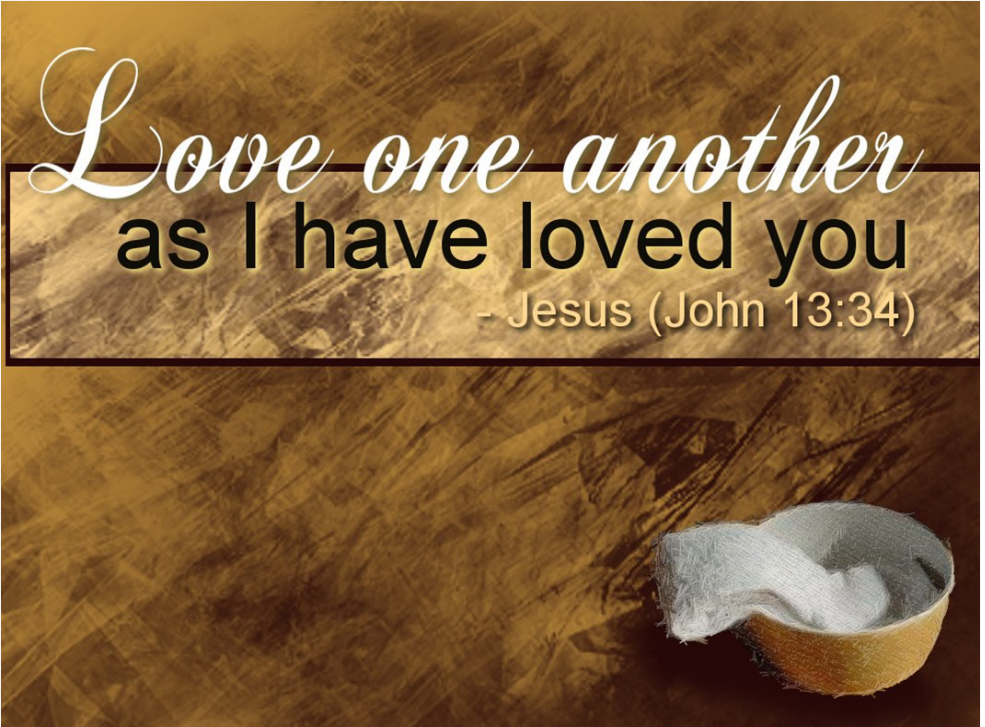
love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

## ACYF 2019 PRAYER

Takes on the theme of love, care and trust in God and each other and in all of creation.

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, you come to us in the stillness and silence of



this Great South Land.

Give us the courage to open our hearts and ears, to listen to your voice as we seek to foster the growth of your Church in Australia.

Grant us the desire to know Jesus and say our 'Yes' to his invitation to spread the joy of the Gospel.

We ask for the gift of hope as you guide us in our search for purpose and meaning in our lives.

We pray together as young people that we may love and care for all of creation.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, our brother and our companion, who lives with You and the Father forever and ever. Amen.

## YOU WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE.

### FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"I pray for you in grace and enlightenment and holy steadfastness in doing good"

MM Letters 12/07/1904



## 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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### Christian Brothers' Community

Frederick Street, East Gosford  
Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]  
Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

### CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP:

Meet on the third Monday of the month.

Why not come and join us this Monday, May 20 and see what Jesus says about THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH.

## CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

### STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

**Gosford:**

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

### WEEKEND MASSES

**Gosford:**

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

### ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

Before the Blessed Sacrament

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

### RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

**Gosford:**

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

Mondays at 9:30am twice monthly,  
Wednesday 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.

**menALIVE:**

7:30pm commencing with Mass  
1st Tuesday of Month  
9:00am 4th Tuesday Monthly  
in Jordan Room

**Cancer Prayers:**

**Grief & Loss, Prayer & Support:**

1st Thursday Monthly 2pm in Jordan Room  
**Craft Group - Friday each week of School Term**  
9:30am – 12:00pm

## SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

After 9:00am Mass in the Jordan Room.

All proceeds to Charities





## IN YOUR PARISH OF ST PATRICK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday May 19	7:30am 10:00am 10:00am 7:00pm	CWF Appeal Collection at all Masses during May Confirmation Class after 9:00am Mass Morning Tea in Jordan Room after 9:00am Mass Youth Group Meeting after 6:00 pm Mass
Monday May 20	9:00am 9:30am	Communion Service Christian Unity Prayer Group in the Jordan room
Tuesday May 21	7:00pm 7:30pm	RCIA Introduction Meeting in Jordan Room Confirmation Class at the School
Wednesday May 22	10:00am 5:30pm	Bible Study Group in Jordan Room Confirmation Class at Somersby
Thursday May 23	3:30pm 7:30pm	Confirmation Classes in the School Confirmation Classes in the School
Friday May 24	9:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	SPS OLHC Liturgy in the Church Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm Pint Sized Paddies in the Hall
Saturday May 25	10:15am	Choir Practice in Church

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES



**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!





### 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.

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.

Please bring a "Plate" and to help others decide what to bring on their plate, could you please fill in the form in the Foyer of the Church, giving your name, contact details and the proposed content of your "Plate".

There is a card for each Fr George and Fr Tadeusz in the foyer of the church, please add your signature to both of those cards to show your appreciation for them.

### KIDS CORNER PINT SIZED PADDIES

#### NEXT EVENT FRIDAY JUNE 14.

In the School Hall 7:00 pm on 2nd and 4th Friday of each Month. Enquiries to Melissa 0434 251 481

### KIDS ARE AMAZING

"The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it."

### ST PATRICK'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP

### NEXT YOUTH GROUP MEETING

This 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 Margaret will be in the Parish on Saturday May 11 and is available for spiritual healing appointments. To book some time with Sr Margaret please phone 9810 2499 to make an appointment.

### COMMUNION SERVICES ONLY ON MONDAY, MAY 20 & WEDNESDAY, MAY 22.

Please be advised that there will be communion services only on Monday, May 20 & Wednesday, May 22.

### A BIG THANK YOU

Our wonderful parishioner Caterina Erbeni has gone above and beyond, to help St Patrick's. She had donated the eggs for our Sunday Breckkies. Such a magnificent act of love and kindness!

THANK YOU to Gabe Marquart, a parishioner who has rescued us on several occasions with his Iron Works, Woy Woy team, for repairing our candle box locks which had been a problem for some weeks now. We are deeply indebted.

OUR CARETAKER TOM BROWN would like to retire from his voluntary role, and we thank him for many years of dedicated commitment to the parish. Unfortunately that means we could do with someone else who would care to pop in three times a week for a few hours [preferably in the morning] to ensure that our supplies are up to date in the church, that the bins are out, and to attend to any other light duties that come up from time to time. Tom would be happy to show the person the ropes, and we hope that there is somebody out there who'd like to assist. Please contact the Parish Office if that is you!

We thank John Moriarty with the assistance of BJK Sandblasting and Welding, for the work on the bus replacing rusted metal around the windscreen trim. This would have been very expensive work had we taken it to

a repairer, and we are very grateful for the time and care devoted to this. John is our honorary 'keeper of the bus' and is an invaluable resource.

THANK YOU ALSO to John and Ros Van Lierop for the restitution of the poor box in the foyer, back to its pre-vandalised state. On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, we say a big thank you.

### **CANDLE STAND CLEANING BRIGADE!**

We are very happy to use the term brigade now that Anna Neale & Lynn Ellis have stepped forward to allow Clem & Marie O'Donovan to withdraw from their staunch dedication to the job. We thank Mabel Kan, who is the latest to offer her services for a weekday clean, which is excellent as we had only been able to find people for the weekend. If there was anybody else who could assist once a week, could you please contact the Parish Office.

### **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.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' AND SENIOR SERVERS MEETING**

On Sunday, June 16 @ 4.30pm at St Patrick's, Fr Greg calls all Eucharistic Ministers and Senior Servers 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.

### **MEETING OF SOMERSBY PARISHIONERS & EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, SATURDAY JUNE 1 @ 7.30PM**

Fr Greg is keen to meet with Somersby parishioners, especially Eucharistic Ministers and Senior Servers, at a meeting which was initially set for June 8 but has now been moved to June 1 @ 7.30pm, after Mass. We look forward to seeing as many there as possible.

### **HEARING AID FOUND IN THE CHURCH**

On Thursday, May 16 one Hearing aid was found in the Church, if it is yours, contact the Parish Office to collect it.

### **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY**

Polish Donuts are for sale at all Masses this weekend and can be purchased from all exits after each Mass.

Proceeds will go to St Patrick's youth ministry and particularly to help fund St Patrick's to youth attend The Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth this coming December.

**THE SALVATORIANS INVITE ALL YOUTH TO A NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

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

**PRAYER SUPPER  
FAITH TESTIMONY  
MUSIC JOY**

**AN INITIATIVE OF SALVATORIANS AUSTRALIA**

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The Australian Catholic Youth Festival exists to: Provide a high quality formative and experiential opportunity for young Catholics to encounter Jesus Christ, in the context of the Catholic Church in Australia;

Listen to and discuss the issues and challenges in the lives of young Catholics in Australia;

Evangelise young people and empower them to be evangelists;

Provide young people with local examples and connections of vocations, social action, liturgy and prayer, Catholic music and catechesis.



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POLISH DONUTS

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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 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Anniversary Alan Smith + Anniversary Kenneth "Mick" Murray + Remembrance Hubert Janczewski, Peter & John Banagh
Sun 12/5	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	For the Intentions of Danuta Jakubowska + Anniversaries Olga Quinn & Phyllis McHatton Parish Intentions
Tue 14/5	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families
Thu 16/5	9:00a Gosford	+ Recently Deceased Steven Kim
Fri 17/5	12:00p Gosford	+ Recently Deceased Steven Kim
Sat 18/5	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Recently Deceased Steven Kim + Recently Deceased Steven Kim Parish Intentions
Sun 19/5	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	+ Recently Deceased Steven Kim Anniversary of Ordination Frs George & Tadeusz + Recently Deceased Sid Dowsett

**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:**

Sid Dowsett, Deacon Jim Caulfield, Steven Kim, Edna Lay.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Kerry Rowe, Llyod Woods, Lionel Owe, Alan Smith, Kenneth "Mick" Murray, Olga Quinn & Phyllis McHatton, Jim & Mary Ryan, John Van Yzendoorn, Tim Piper, Harry Remfry

**REMEMBRANCES:**

Alan Smith, 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.

**CONDOLENCES:**

Condolences to Serena Park on the loss of her husband Steven Kim, who passed last Sunday and whose Requiem was celebrated by Fr Paul Kim last Thursday, May 16 at 1pm.

It is with sadness that we received the news from the Curia on Thursday of the passing of Deacon Jim Caulfield, formerly of Warnervale Parish. Deacon Jim has been a friend to the parish and the clergy's commitment to hospital ministry for many years prior to becoming ill. The Most Rev David Ranson writes:

I ask that you join me in keeping Deacon Jim in your prayers, along with Gayle and their family during this sad time. We give heartfelt thanks to God for Deacon Jim's gift of ministry and his gracious and generous spirit. May eternal rest be granted him O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon him.

## FIRST READING

### ACTS 14:21-27

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 144:8-13. R. CF. V.1

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

## SECOND READING

### RV 21:1-5

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

**He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### JN 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### JN 13:31-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

**I give you a new commandment: love one another.**

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment:

love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

## COMMENTARY

What love means

The small section of John 13 that we hear today lies at the heart of the Johannine Gospel message 'Love as I have loved'. To be a Christian is to live and to love, with Jesus as the measure of what life and love look like. The Gospel mentions Judas and if we are to understand what Jesus means by love we need to remember that up until this stage in the Gospel Judas has been present. He is one of Jesus' own who gather for his final meal. Judas has had his feet washed by Jesus and received from Jesus'

hand the morsel of bread. Jesus willingly gives of himself even to one who will betray him.

This is Jesus' definition of love – a giving of self even when that will not be reciprocated, even when that love will be rejected and betrayed. This is not a romantic fuzzy feeling, but the tough faithful love asked of disciples. It's the love seen in families where parents give themselves to the care of their children even when it seems their care is not appreciated. It's the love seen when adult children give themselves to the care of an aged parent who can no longer remember them. It's love in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad.

The short passage we read today is from John 13 and follows on from the account of Jesus' washing the disciples' feet. In the synoptic Gospels on the eve of his death Jesus used bread and wine to symbolise the meaning of his death as his body given for his disciples. The Foot-washing has a similar function in John.

When Jesus lays aside and then takes up his garments, these words recall what was said about the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and then can take it up again.

'I lay down my life for the sheep. . . . For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again.' (10:15, 17-18)

Jesus says to the disciples, 'You do not understand what I am doing now, but you will understand later.' (13:7) It is only after the Cross that disciples will grasp the deeper symbolism of this action. Both the action of foot-washing and the image of the Good Shepherd are John's symbols of the Cross – of Jesus laying down his life as the expression of God's love for the world. This is the model, or standard of love that disciples are challenged to live by. 'Love as I have loved.'

The sign of discipleship is love as Jesus loved. This means that discipleship can never be measured by one hour in church each week. Discipleship is best measured in the family home, in our places of work, on the bus, in the street.

The passage from Revelations proclaims the ultimate victory of God over evil. It is an image, not a description or timetable of what will happen in the end – that is still within God's mystery. In this vision, the author sees Jerusalem, the holy city, and hears the announcement that



Your Roster – May 26, 6th SUNDAY of Easter Year [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby -6:30
DATE	25.05.19	26.05.19	26.05.19	26.05.19	25.05.19
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Cheryl Parry	Bernie Pannell	Greg McBride	Joe Tropiano	Melissa Monaghan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Peter Young Sam Giddings	Hilary Pope Jacob Curcio	Peter Julius Alan Dillon	Sean Pearson Peter Forbes	<b>Altar Society:</b> Vicki Muscat
<b>Lectors</b>	Diana Ball Jan Blanch	Regina Fong Chris Golden	Wendy Stringer Ian McGuinness	Jessica Russell Rob Surdich	Michael Monaghan Alyce Chin
<b>Commentator</b>	Jan Blanch	Gerard Price	Chris Paget	Barbara McCarthy	Peter Chin
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist</b>	Rosemary Lee Tilly Timp Nicole Murphy Diana Ball Jan Blanch	Ian McGuinness Joy McHugh Anna Neale Lucy Price Neryl Tyrrell	Emily Rudd Wendy Stringer Stephanie Trevenen Mary Brown Kaitlyn Crawford	Laraine Rowe Jessica Russell Aimee Sands Tom Sands Sherree Sullivan	Peter Chin Alyce Chin
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Taz Parry	Sebastian Eager Laura Eager	Hannah Farris Logan Farris Cohen Sutton Indigo Sutton Yuna Iwasaki	Alex Golden Gabby Golden Natasha Golden	Natalia Luci Jessica Xuereb <b>Flowers:</b> Vicki Muscat
<b>COUNTERS</b> May 27 Wendy Stringer Lyn Beglin June 3 Fiona Eaton Ron Begg	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b> Josie McGuinness Collect May 20 Return May 24	<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> Des Hinksman Mary Brown Pauline Parsons Judy Wennerborn Jan Shanahan	<b>CHILDRENS' LITURGY</b> Sunday May 26 Family Mass	<b>PARISH BUS</b> <b>Driver:</b> Aaron Huckle <b>Helper:</b> Ellen McNally	<b>HOSPITAL VISITATION</b> Eunice Dal Busco Laraine Rowe

God now lives here among people. What is missing from this vision is the Temple. There is no building, no dwelling place of God, for ultimately God's dwelling is not in a building but within all humanity. The entire earth is now a living Temple of God's presence.

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## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

### SUNDAY, MAY 26

1ST - ACTS 15:1-2,22-29

2ND - APOC 21:10-14,  
22-23

GOSPEL - JOHN 14:23-29

### MONDAY MAY 27:

St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

### SATURDAY JUNE 1:

St Justin, martyr

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

An evening in conversation with various guest speakers who promote Christian ideals in their daily lives.

All are welcome to join us in the Jordan Room and enjoy a light supper and share the grace of this months guest Peter Brown.

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

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