



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.



TO TRUST IS TO RECEIVE LIFE FROM CHRIST.

It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. (Proverbs 3:8) Trust in and fearful awe of the Lord revives. The word for flesh here is only used in two other verses in the Bible. In one it means "umbilical cord," and in the other "navel." Therefore, the healing spoken of here has a connotation of birth, as if trust in the Lord is tantamount to a rebirth. The writer of Proverbs then contrasts images of birth with those of death. The trust and fear of the Lord is like a drink of water to dry bones. It echoes Ezekiel chapter 37, where the word of the Lord revives a valley of dry bones. He brings them together with his word and uses them as a prophetic metaphor of how he will pour his Spirit into his people. Regardless of the pain or hardships endured, Jesus understands them. He can use them for our good and his glory in ways we can't comprehend. He can provide healing in unexpected ways, even when hope seems lost, because truly our hope is in him.

BLESSING OF CARS THIS SUNDAY.

If you would like your car blessed, Fr Matthew will be in the carpark 10 minutes after 9:00 am Mass concludes.

Approach Fr Matthew and ask him to bless on your car.



LUKE 11:1-13
Ask, and it will be given to you.

HOW CAN WE LEAD A LIFE OF HAPPINESS?

Happiness is a state of mind.

The state of your mind is mostly a result of your self-talk, your thoughts.

Like "What will people think of me" or "He or She must disapprove or dislike me". The truth is they are probably not even thinking of you. You are not the centre of the Universe, but you are part of the Universe, and you can make a difference to yourself and those around you.

When you find your self-talk is negative, replace it with positive thoughts.

There is no better way to positive thoughts than starting with prayer.

Trust in the Lord, Jesus Christ, and he will show you the true way to happiness.

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test." – Luke 11:2-4

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FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Every beginning is difficult; at the same time, we have also experienced that where the need is greatest, there God's help is nearest."



POPE FRANCIS' JULY 2019 INTENTION

The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

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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Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]
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MONDAY 21, LECTIO DIVINA

In the Jordan Room after 9:00am Mass

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 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 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 Adoration - see above.

1st Friday of Month: Prior to Mass 11:30am

Other Fridays: After Mass 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 to 3:00pm and to 1:00pm Fridays.

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

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 July 28	7:30am 9:00am 6:00pm	Mass - Donuts for sale in foyer. Mass - Donuts for sale in foyer and followed by blessing of cars in the carpark. Mass - Donuts for sale in foyer and Youth Group meeting after 6:00pm Mass.
Monday July 29	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass. Lectio Divina after 9:00 am Mass, in the Jordan Room. Bible Study Meeting in the Jordan Room.
Tuesday July 30	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am	Adoration. Mass. Cancer Prayer Meeting in the Jordan Room.
Wednesday July 31	11:00am 11:30am 12:00pm	Adoration. Mass. OLPH Novena. Please place your intentions into the basket in the Foyer prior to Mass.
Thursday August 1	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 2:00pm	Adoration. Mass for Vocations. Colaborators meeting in Jordan Room. Grief and Loss meeting in the Jordan Room.
Friday August 2	9:30am 12:00am 12:30pm	Craft Group in Jordan Room. Mass. Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm.
Saturday August 3	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Adoration. Mass. Baptism preparation. Choir Practise in Church. Mass Mass at Somersby

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES, JULY 27

NEXT MOVIE NIGHT - 27th July.

Movie:- **The Ultimate Gift** (M)

Jason Stevens lives a life of wealth and privilege. When his grandfather 'Red Stevens', dies, Jason expects to receive a hefty inheritance. Instead, however, Jason must set out on a journey of self-discovery to earn the true gift his grandfather meant for him to have. Along the way, Jason befriends a dying girl and her mother and Jason learns what is really important in life. In the end Jason receives the true gifts his Grandfather wanted him to have and cherish for himself.



(PS Bring your tissues and a friends shoulder)

- ♥ COME AND JOIN US IN THE JORDAN ROOM LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. STARTING AT 7.00PM
- ♥ SHARE A SATURDAY NIGHT RELAXING WITH FRIENDS FROM OUR OWN COMMUNITY
- ♥ ENJOY A POT LUCK DINNER AND A MOVIE AFTER; WE ARE USUALLY FINISHED BY 10.00PM.
- ♥ WE MAKE IT EASY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS.

Pot Luck Dinner:- Simply bring something to the quantity of what you would normally prepare for yourself, to share with all, for either the Main Meal, the Desert, or towards Tea, Coffee, Hot chocolate after dinner while we watch the movie with biscuits or nibbles.

THE ULTIMATE GIFT - Not the Wealth Jason was expecting.

While at the Movie Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner.

Simply bring something of the quantity you would normally prepare for yourself, to share with all, for either the Main Meal, the Dessert, or towards tea, coffee, hot chocolate after dinner while we watch the movie with biscuits or nibbles.

We encourage students of St Josephs and St Edwards colleges to join in after 6:00 pm Mass.

A great opportunity to meet other young Catholic guys and girls in high school.

Stay after Mass tonight!

YOUTH BAND

The Youth Band is 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 Parish Office.

GENERAL NEWS

HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

Has written to gratefully acknowledge the donation by the parishioners of St Patrick's, which this year totaled \$4,320.55. Thank you and well done.

FR GREG WILL BE AWAY ON LEAVE IN POLAND UNTIL MID AUGUST

WELCOME FR MATTHEW!

Father Greg arranged for his good friend, Fr Matthew Buczma, to be our pastoral leader while he is away on leave and we would like to say a big welcome to Fr Matthew who has flown from Poland to be with us!

We know Gosford Parish is always a welcoming parish and know that Fr Matthew will be embraced in its warmth.

Fr Greg has reported he attended the 25th Aniversary celebrations for Fr George Kolodziej, being ordained as a Priest, in Fr Georges home town Parish.



KIDS CORNER PINT SIZED PADDIES

NEXT EVENT NEXT FRIDAY JULY 26.

In the School Hall 7:00 pm on 2nd and 4th Friday of each Month.

Parents of Primary School Children contact **Melissa Monaghan** and book your youngsters in for a few hours of fun in a spiritual environment.

Enquiries to Melissa 0434 251 481

ST PATRICK'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Tonight, July 21 after 6:00 pm Mass in the Jordan Room. Pizza, food, games, memes and more. Exploring the Catholic faith through talks, small groups, prayer and bible study, all as part of a stable community of young people. Good Music. Quality Banter.

RECONCILIATION EDUCATION AND CLASSES.

Thank you to all the parents and children who attended the education evening. The night was attended by almost all candidates, which shows a real commitment on their part.

We welcome all candidates for reconciliation who will be presented at each of the Masses this weekend. Class for candidates will commence this coming week.

A PRACTICAL WAY FOR YOU TO HELP STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR PARISH

Still available at all pews today are two cards – one which nominates your desire to financially support your parish, and the other nominates your desire to offer your time and talents in a ministry.

Please take the time to consider if you could assist in either or both ways – your support is needed and we are grateful for whatever you give or do – and a box is available at the foyer to take your completed cards.

CHORISTERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Our choir which now sings at the Vigil Masses twice monthly and the 9am Masses at least twice monthly, is in desperate need of new members – but especially male members as they are currently down to only a few men in the group. Don't be shy, it's a great supportive group and you'll have a joyous time singing for the Lord! If you are interested, please call Avril on 0414 092 883.

SENIOR MINISTRY OUTING ON BRISBANE WATER

Is Fully Booked!

Thank you to all who have booked for this wonderful outing.

WEDNESDAY JULY 31, DEPARTING AT 9 am [arrive at 8.45am] join the Seniors' Group for an

ALL DAY CRUISE across the Brisbane Waters and up the Hawkesbury River, returning at about 4 pm.

A plea! If you have booked on the cruise and you know you can't make it, please advise Barbara on 0422 909 558 or 4322 0250. There is now a waiting list of people who would like to join the cruise but can't because there are no vacancies.

CANDLE MINISTRY

We would like to thank Kathy Parkhouse for her commitment to this ministry over many years, but sadly she has to withdraw and will be missed! Clem and Marie, ever conscientious, have pulled themselves out of retirement until we find a replacement for Kathy. Is there anyone who would be willing to devote some time to this ministry?

If so, please contact the office on 4325 1042.

OUR ALTAR SOCIETY IS IN NEED OF YOUR SUPPORT.

Your commitment to the Altar Society would only be about two hours once a month and no particular artistic ability is required. To know more, please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS

We welcome the following to our church as they will be Baptised in the next few weeks and as such are presented to us at Masses this weekend.

Somersby: 27/7 – Josephine Mavis Galea

Gosford: 28/7 – Maceo Morrison, Braxton Cummings, Noah Hambre, Chelsea & Jackson Kyle, Damon Wright-Hunt, Luna Ramirez, Frankie Smith.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR

August 8: Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross, Virgin (Mary MacKillop).

August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The high status of both of these commemorations means that the Gloria and the Creed are included in the Mass.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Fr Greg would like us to join with him in wishing Tom Croll a happy 70th birthday.



The difference between 'I'm sorry' and 'please forgive me'

Saying 'sorry' is different to asking for 'forgiveness'. When we say sorry to someone, it is an 'I-centred' statement expressing sympathy, but not necessarily inferring that we take any responsibility. As such, it requires nothing from the person to whom we say it. It is always good to say 'sorry' but it is nowhere near as hard to do, or as effective, as asking for forgiveness.

Asking for forgiveness is an act of vulnerability.

Not only does it put us in a position of accepting responsibility for hurting the other, it is a request to be invited back into unity with the person we have hurt. Full reconciliation can only occur in a relationship when we say sorry and ask for forgiveness. This is the basis of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but applies equally to any intimate relationship.

The Way of Mercy

The Way of Mercy is four simple steps to heal a relationship based on the principles of restorative justice. When we say or do things that we shouldn't, hurt someone or break the trust of another, it's important to take ownership of our actions (or inactions), apologise for it and rebuild the relationship.



Making an Apology

- Step 1...** Sorrow: I am sorry for...
(State what you did, said or failed to do)
- Step 2...** Empathy: It was wrong because ...
(Say how it harmed the other person)
- Step 3...** Promise: In the future I will ...
(Make a commitment to do it differently)
- Step 4...** Mercy: Please forgive me.
(It takes humility to ask for forgiveness!)



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MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP
7:00pm in the Jordan Room, all are welcome.

CatholicCare

Diocese of Broken Bay

HELP A CHILD FEEL SAFE, HAPPY & SECURE.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me Matthew 25:35.

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to fathom and who, without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family. We believe all children deserve a safe home, and by providing one we can help them build their self-esteem and develop the skills they need to succeed in life. CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is looking for everyday families who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. This just might be you. If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now.

CatholicCare Foster Care

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OUR SECURITY NEEDS TO BE MAINTAINED

To bolster our security measures we installed a sensor light at the foyer which in itself is a deterrent to anyone but also allows us to capture film of anyone entering the foyer at night in full colour which aids identification, but for this to be effective we need the light switch to remain in the 'senor on' position, which unfortunately, very frequently it isn't. Please do not touch the light switch in the foyer. It is set at the automatic sensor on position and DOES NOT NEED TO BE TOUCHED. Please help us maintain our security by adhering to this request. Thank you.

Today, Polish Donuts are back!
If you bought some last time, you know how delicious they are!
If you missed out last time now is your chance to enjoy these delights.

FUNDRAISER

POLISH DONUTS

\$4.50 E.A

JULY 27 & 28

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 27/7	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Maria Czarnecki, Antoni & Jozef Sawicki
	5:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance Magdalena McNamara
	6:30p Somersby	+ Remembrance Deceased members of "FOS"
Sun 28/7	7:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance Rose Stringer & Frederick Dwyer
	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Leo Fry
	6:00p Gosford	Parish Intentions
Mon 29/7	9:00a Gosford	+ 3 Anniversary Norman Curran
Tues 30/7	9:00a Gosford	+ Recently Dec'd Bob Skewes
Wed 31/7	11:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance Helen Clements
Thu 1/8	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Keevers, Knight & Marchant Families
	12:40p Joeys	Personal Intentions of Matt Cradock
Fri 2/8	12:00n Gosford	+ Remembrance James Ewington
Sat 3/8	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance Prudence Potestas
	5:00p Gosford	+ 1st Aniversary Yvonne Keevers
	6:30p Somersby	+ Remembrance Carl, Louise & Anthony O'Malley-Jones
Sun 4/8	7:30a Gosford	+ Anniversary Josie Mair
	9:00a Gosford	Parish Intentions
	4:00p Spencer	Personal Intentions of Andrew & Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Kellie Nevin, Bob Smith, Charlie Sammut, Rachael Lees, 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, Melita Waters, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh, Scott McKinnon.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Andrew Murphy, Bob Skewes, Nelson Fernandes, Douglas Fitte, Val Lasoski, Fr Peter Toohey, Douglas Fitte.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sylvia Downes, Yvonne Keevers, Norman Curran, Josie Mair, George Frediani, Mark Bevillicua, Mila Farthing, Rose Stringer, Frederick Dwyer, Rodney Spence, Raffaele Spano, Thelma Tate, Connie-Mae Vaughan.

REMEMBRANCES:

Deceased members of 'FOSS', Rose Stringer, Frederick Dwyer, Leo Fry, Helen Clement, Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families, James Ewington, Prudence Potestas, Carl, Anthony & Louise O'Malley Jones. Daryl Collins, Maria Czarnecki, Antoni & Jozef Sawicki, Magdalen McNamara, Robert Brundrett, Michael Kokegei.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,

God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING

GEN 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 137:1-3. 6-8. R. V.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love

which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING

COL 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ROM 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LK 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come;

give us each day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the

middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the LORD

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PS 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits. Readings

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door.

Your Roster – August 4, 18th Sunday Ordinary Time Year [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby -6:30
DATE	03.08.19	04.08.19	04.08.19	04.08.19	03.08.19
Audio/Visual	Johann Fernandes	Glad Williams	Arthur Holland	Joe Tropiano	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Johnson Fernandes Sam Giddings	Peter O'Neill Alan Pont	Katrina Pratt Alan Dillon	Ange Stitt Sean Pearson	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Maisie Tenev Terry Cooke	Sheila Evans Gerard Price	Wendy Stringer Emily Torres Machuca	Milen Shiju Anne Mackson	Joanne Comensoli Sarah Xuereb
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But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st – Eccl 1:2, 2:21–23

2nd – Col 3:1–5, 9–11

Gospel – Luke 12:13–21

TUESDAY AUGUST 6

Transfiguration of The Lord.

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