



# 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.



## A MESSAGE FROM FR GREG

Dear Parishioners.

Though I am still on leave, I wanted to let you know that I received a letter from the Most Rev Dr David Ranson, Diocesan Administrator, to advise in part:

"Appointment as Parish Priest of the Parish of Gosford.

Recommended by the Regional Superior of the Society of the Divine Saviour, Rev Jerzy (George) Kolodziej SDS, I appointed you Administrator at the Parish of Gosford in the Diocese of Broken Bay, effective 22 January 2019.

Now, given that from 3 August 2019 I have served as Diocesan Administrator for one year, it is within my canonical competency during this period *sede vacante* to appoint you as Parish Priest effective 6 August 2019."

I wanted to share this good news with you, and look forward to being with you all again the weekend of August 17/18. I would like to thank Fr Matthew, whom I knew would serve you well in my absence, for his good work in the parish during my absence, and you the parishioners for your warmth to him.

God's blessings, Fr Greg.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first reading describes a drama of national crisis, prophetic involvement and political power plays. The fate of the prophet Jeremiah seems to be in the hands of a vacillating king, who is influenced first by the power establishment of Judah (v.5) and then by a lone court official from the land of Cush. The

**LUKE 12:32-48**  
See that you are prepared



word of God spoken by the prophet and the policies of the nation are in deadly conflict and Jeremiah appears to be the centre of contention. In such a situation, the one who speaks in God's name is likely to pay the price. This is exactly what happened.

The psalm is a prayer of thanksgiving for past deliverance. In view of this deliverance, the psalmist pleads for further help from God. The danger into which God reaches in order to rescue the psalmist is the pit or the swamp, both metaphors for death. The imagery is reminiscent of the ancient seasonal myths in which one of the gods descends into the abode of the dead only to rise again to new life. The metaphor gradually came to be used to speak of the descent of human beings in general. This psalm includes the hope of rising from misfortune. Having been drawn up out of danger, the psalmist is placed on a secure rock, a place of sound footing.

In this exhortation to endurance, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews skillfully employs the metaphor of a race. Just as the games were often held in a large stadium or amphitheatre that could hold the crowds that came to watch, so Christians are surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses (*mártys*). Just as athletes are spurred on by the cheers of the people in the stands, so too Christians are encouraged by those who have preceded them. Like runners, Christians should be unimpeded by unnecessary weight, the heaviest burden being sin itself. Jesus ran the race, and now he enjoys the crown which is the reward for his success. Christians now have Jesus as their model.

The picture of Jesus in this gospel passage is troubling if we think of him merely as

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## FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"My child, do not lose your calmness or inner peace. My child, give Me your heart. Let Me alone reign within you; I will be your life."



*Trust in Jesus Christ*



## POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST 2019 INTENTION

Families, Schools of Human Growth.

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

**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

### PASTORAL CARE

Fr Grzegorz [Greg] Skulski SDS  
Parish Priest

Email: greg@sds.org.au

### SALVATORIANI

Society of the Divine Saviour

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

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Secretary:

Colleen Kirk Mon - Thurs: 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Friday: 8:30am - 1:00pm

#### Bursar:

Darren Fitzgibbon

#### Sacramental Programme

#### Coordinator:

Frances Mathey

Email: franceshanna@yahoo.com Ph: 0427 773 317

#### Catechists' Coordinator:

Alain Corne

Email: saintpatscdd@acs.net.au

#### Wed:

9:00am - 1:00pm

#### Thurs:

9:30am - 1:30pm

#### Youth Ministry:

Matthew French  
Ph: 0411 792 587

#### Media Coordinator: Tom Croll

#### Thursday:

9:00am - 2:00pm

#### Email:

[tcroll@photom.com.au](mailto:tcroll@photom.com.au)

### VOLUNTEER ROLES

#### Office Admin:

Denise Jay  
Judith Myers  
Maria Andrzejewska  
9:00am - 3:30pm

#### Friday:

#### AV Presentation:

Bob Smith  
Peter McLean  
Greg McBride

#### Caretakers:

Ron Begg  
John Malicki

#### Gardeners:

Trevor Byrne  
Joyce Byrne  
Victor Camilleri

#### Seniors' Ministry:

Barbara McCarthy  
Ph: 4322 0250

### School Principals

St Patrick's Primary: Mrs Cheryl Walsh 4325 1159

St Joseph's College: Mr Tony McCudden 4324 4022

St Edwards College: Mr Mark Bonnici 4321 6400

St Peter's College: Mr Tim Hilderbrandt 43512344

### Christian Brothers' Community

Frederick Street, East Gosford

Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]

Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

### MONDAY, AUGUST 12 - LECTIO DIVINA

In the Jordan Room after 9:00 am Mass.  
Why not come into the Jordan Room after Mass  
this Monday and experience the spirituality of  
Lectio Divina?

Meaningful prayer is a way to open the door in  
your heart and soul for the Lord to enter and  
dwell within you.

## 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: 2nd 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 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

9:30am - 12:00pm

Movie Night 4th Sat Night Monthly after 5:00pm Mass.

### 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

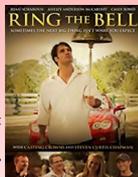
Sunday August 11	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Mass <b>First CWF Appeal for 2019/2020 year at all Masses</b> Mass Morning tea for all in the Jordan Room after 9:00am Mass. Filipino Mass Mass followed by Youth Group meeting after 6:00pm Mass.
Monday August 12	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass. Lecio Divina, in the Jordan Room. Bible Study Meeting in the Jordan Room.
Tuesday August 13	8:30am 9:00am 2:00pm 3:30pm	Adoration. Mass. Mass at Orana Mass at ELC CS.
Wednesday August 14	11:00am 11:30am 3:30pm	Adoration. Mass. Mass at Presb Village CS.
Thursday August 15	8:30am 9:00am 12:00pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	Adoration. Mass THE ASSUMPTION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY with St Patrick's School Mass at Gosford THE ASSUMPTION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mass at Somersby THE ASSUMPTION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Mass at Gosford THE ASSUMPTION of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Friday August 16	9:30am 12:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Craft Group in Jordan Room. Mass. Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Korean Mass
Saturday August 17	8:30am 9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Adoration. Mass. Choir Practise in Church. Mass Mass at Somersby

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

### NEXT MOVIE NIGHT - 31st Aug.

Movie:- **RING the BELL** (G)

*Ring The Bell* shares the story of a slick, big city sports agent Rob Decker who seems to have it all. But on his latest mission to sign a high school baseball superstar, Rob becomes stranded in a small town where the simplicity of life-and the faith of the people-stand in stark contrast to his own fast-paced, win-at-all-costs mindset. Torn between these two worlds, will Rob have the courage to let faith transform his life? This heartwarming story of redemption is sure to entertain!"



- ♥ 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.

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### KIDS CORNER

#### PINT SIZED PADDIES

#### NEXT EVENT IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

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, August 11 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.

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### SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES, AUG 31.

**RING THE BELL**  
**Win at all cost was not the answer Rob though it was.**

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

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!**

### CAN YOU HELP

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### SENIORS MINISTRY

#### HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

We need a lady to join our team who visit seniors once a month at Orana Retirement village. You will be matched with another lady and together to visit old folk at Orana.

#### MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

7:00pm in the Jordan Room, all are welcome.

#### SPIRITUAL HEALING APPOINTMENTS

Sr Margaret Scully rsc

Sr Margaret will be in the Parish on **Saturday August 24** and is available for spiritual healing appointments. To book some time with Sr Scully please phone 9810 2499 to make an appointment.

## **BUSH DANCE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.**

A meal, fellowship and generally a great time to be had. All while fundraising. Ticket sales from the foyer and from this coming Monday in the Parish Office this weekend, see the advertisement on Page 5.

## **MASS FOR THE BEREAVED:**

### **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28, 2019.**

Continuing our practice of offering Mass for our beloved family and friends who have passed in the last 12 months, we invite you to submit any names [and photos] of those you would like included to the Parish Office by Friday August 23, preparatory to the 11.30am Mass on August 28. This is a wonderful opportunity to join together to remember our loved ones, and to join together for a light lunch at the Jordan Room after the Mass.

## **DO WE HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE LISAROW DISTRICT IN OUR CONGREGATION?**

We have been advised that there's an elderly [but still self-care] resident at The Orchards, Lisarow who would like to attend Mass at St Patrick's and we ask if we have someone from that area who may be willing to bring her. If you could assist, please let the office know.

## **PLEASE SUPPORT THE CWF**

This month we shared Patricia's story and the role of the CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioner. When we asked Sonia, Patricia's daughter, what her mum would think of this, Sonia said that she would be "over the moon".

"Peter (the Pastoral Care Practitioner) brought Mum so much peace at the end. Her faith was so important to her."

We are so grateful for your kindness and generosity in helping Catholic faith-based services support those in our local community.

Thank you.

The CWF provides funds to:

- CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral
- Care Practitioner Program
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)
- St Lucy's School
- St Edmund's College
- Ephpheta Centre

## **URGING YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

We thank the five parishioners who nominated to give their financial support via the planned giving programme. We want to encourage more people to pledge their support in this way, and the cards which you may complete to effect this are available at all pews. It could be that you wish only to donate to the 100% tax-deductible CWF Fund which helps the parish meet its quota, and we would be grateful for this. Please complete the card and place it in the box available at the foyer today.

## **CALLING ON CHARISMA!**

We ask Charisma to please contact the office on 4325 1042 to provide further details missing from her planned giving pledge card. Thank you.

## **THANK YOU.**

We have had a parishioner who has offered to help the Candle Ministry, and the Altar Society, and though they would like not to receive any kudos, we would like to publicly say 'thank you'!



## **BROKEN BAY BIBLE CONFERENCE 2019**

### **REGISTRATIONS OPEN**

- The Holy Spirit through the Pages of Scripture
- Friday – Saturday 11-12 October 2019
- From the very first pages of Scripture, through to the life of Jesus, the Early Church, and into our own times, the Holy Spirit is active, boldly empowering and gifting God's people.
- Journey with us as we discover who the Holy Spirit is and how the Spirit guides, enlivens and encourages our lives and the Church today.
- This 2-day conference will be presented by Dr Debra Snoddy, Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Catholic Institute of Sydney and Rev Assoc Prof Ormond Rush, Lecturer in Theology at Australian Catholic University.
- Venue: Caroline Chisholm Centre, Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills
- Costs: Full Conference Registration \$88; Single Day Registration \$44
- Enquiries: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/bible](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/bible) Tania Rimac  
[faith.formatio@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:faith.formatio@bbcatholic.org.au) or 02 8379 1629  
Online Registration: [www.trybooking.com/BCKBE](http://www.trybooking.com/BCKBE)

## **ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

Thursday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times.



The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

For this reason we use different words to describe each event. One is the Ascension of Christ and the other, the Assumption of Mary.

### **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

Although some scholars insist there is no historical data to prove the historical fact of the Assumption, apart from faith there is also strong and reasoned data to support the event.

- Firstly at no time in history has Christendom venerated a grave or tomb of the Blessed Virgin.
- Until the 5th century of Christianity there was not even a legend concerning her place of burial.
- There is absolutely no relic of Our Lady's body in existence; nor has any person or city ever claimed possession of such a relic. From the earliest times of the Church, the faithful venerated the remains of the Saints. Relics of the Apostles and of thousands of martyrs are preserved in shrines and caskets. The sacred remains of Mary could not have been lost or neglected.
- In the first sixteen centuries of Christianity no reputable theologian or school of theology ever questioned the dogma of the Assumption.

In addition there was also the solid and deep-rooted conviction among the first Christians that something extraordinary happened

to Our Lady at the moment of her departure from this life. This found expression in writings, sermons, devotional practices, and prayers to Mary "assumed into heaven", and was followed by churches, religious orders, cities and nations across the world dedicating or consecrating to her under the title of Assumption. <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/the-assumption-of-our-lady-15-august/>

# 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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St. Patrick's Parish, Gosford

# Bush Dance



WITH DANCING  
LED BY A BUSH BAND!

**JOIN US ON**

**SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER**

**FOR A GOOD OLE'**

**BUSH DANCE**

**6PM ST PATRICK'S HALL**

**ADULTS \$35**

**CHILDREN 6-16YRS \$10**

**<5YRS FREE**

**DINNER INCLUDED**

**BYO DRINKS**

**SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM PARISH OFFICE AND AFTER SOME MASSES**

**[SEE BULLETIN]**



*Please note: tickets will NOT be available on the night due to catering requirements*

## YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

### MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 10/8	9:00a Gosford	+ Anniversary RON HINCKSMAN Personal Intentions of ANDREW & FAMILY
	5:00p Gosford	
	6:30p Somersby	+Anniversary MARY JANE BUHAGIAR
Sun 11/8	7:30a Gosford	Recently Deceased DIONISIO GLER Parish Intentions Personal Intentions of ANDREW & FAMILY
	9:00a Gosford	
	4:00p Spencer	
	6:00p Gosford	
Mon 12/8	9:00a Gosford	Recently Deceased STEVEN KIM
Tues 13/8	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance RONALD FREEMAN
Wed 14/8	11:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES
Thu 15/8	9:00a Gosford	+Rem: LEO FRY +Ann: THERESE & MICHAEL MURTAGH
	12:00p Gosford	
	7:30p Gosford	Parish Intentions
Fri 16/8	12:00n Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance OSCAR STEFFAN
Sat 17/8	6:30p Somersby	+Anniversary KRISTIE CAMILLERI SCIBBLIA
Sun 18/8	7:30a Gosford	Parish Intentions + Anniversary CARL O'MALLEY JONES
	9:00a Gosford	

### 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:

Dionisio Gler, Steven Kim, Lisa Hennessy, Andrew Murphy, Bob Skewes.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Ron Hincksman, Mary Jane Buhagiari, Rizzo Family, Therése & Micaél Murtagh, Kristie Camilleri Scibblia, Sylvia Downes, Yvonne Keevers, Norman Curran, Josie Mair, George Frediani.

### REMEMBRANCES:

Oscar Steffan, Friquet Family, Ronald Freeman, Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families, Leo Fry, Deceased members of 'FOSS', Rose Stringer, Michael Kokegei.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### CF. PS 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

## FIRST READING

### WIS 18:6-9

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

**Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.**

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

**The word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. V.12

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

## SECOND READING

### HEB 11:1-2, 8-19

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

**We will look for the city designed and built by God.**

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

**The Word of the Lord**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### MT 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### LK 12:32-48

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

**See that you are prepared.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Your Roster – August 18, 20th Sunday Ordinary Time Year [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby -6:30
DATE	17.08.19	18.08.19	18.08.19	18.08.19	17.08.19
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Cheryl Parry	Bernie Pannell	Greg McBride	Joe Tropiano	Melissa Monaghan
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### PS 147:12,14

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### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14

St Maxinillian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr.

### THURSDAY AUGUST 15

The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### SUNDAY, AUGUST, 18

### 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

1st – Jer 38:4-6. 8-10  
2nd – Heb 12:1-4  
Gospel – Lk 12:49-53

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a gentle messiah who came to spread peace throughout the world. Here he insists that his coming is comparable to a dramatic prophetic visitation. He has come to cast fire on the earth, to be baptised, and to cause division at the very heart of human society. It is not that Jesus is eager for these disturbing events in themselves to unfold. Rather, he himself burns with zeal for the accomplishment of his earthly mission, which, in calling for radical change, will inevitably include such consequences. While Jesus himself may have been a man of peace, the message that he proclaimed was clearly divisive. He made demands on people that challenged them to the very heart of their being.

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