



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.



WELCOME TO DEACON PAUL

Deacon Paul Tran has been assigned to the Parish Of Gosford to help Fr Greg, hopefully, at least until our Assistant Priest arrives.

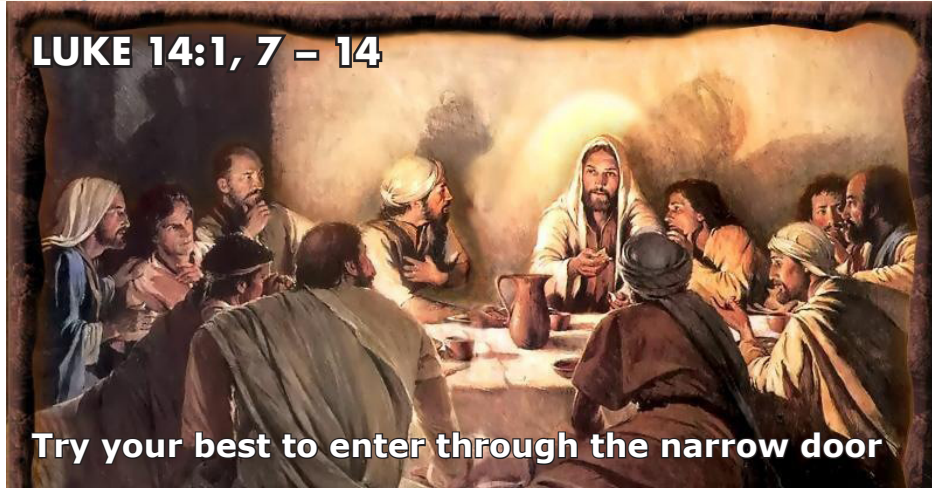
Deacon Paul Tran is from Bao Loc province



which belongs to the Southern part of Vietnam. This province has become famous for its coffee and has the largest coffee plantation in all Vietnam.

At an early age, Paul was eager to become a parish priest so that he could provide spiritual food for parishioners and support the development of parish activities.

LUKE 14:1, 7 – 14



He says, "In Vietnam only incardinated priests can be a parish priest. However, in the Salvatorian Order, it has a universal charism which allows him to be a Parish Priest. In addition to work in hospitals or schools which provides more opportunity and diversity."

Paul is now a member of the Salvatorians. He has undergone his seminary formation in Manila, Philippines.

He joined the Salvatorians on May 29, 2008, and began his initial formation by learning English.

On May 01, 2014 he made his first profession at the Mother of the Savior House, Manila, Philippines.

After four years of learning and studying Theology, he made his perpetual vows on June 16, 2019. On June 19, 2019, he was ordained to the Order of Deacons by Rev. Honesto F. Ontioco, D.D., Bishop of Cubao, at Diocesan Shrine of Jesus the Divine Word, Metro Manila, Philippines.

Deacon Paul's journey of faith has brought him to Gosford. We of St Patrick's are blessed and very thankful he has chosen this path toward Priesthood.

St Patrick's on Facebook

Go to our Facebook page and "Like" St Patrick's, to get the very latest on news and events.



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"As a lasting inheritance foster trust in Divine Providence.

It will always care for you like a loving mother."

From Fr Jordan's Last Will and testament.



POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER 2019 INTENTION

Universal – Politicians, Scientists and Economists:

"That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans."

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

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Parish Priest

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Paul Tan

Deacon:

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

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Wed: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Thurs: 9:30am - 1:30pm

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VOLUNTEER ROLES

Office Admin:

Denise Jay
Judith Myers
Maria Andrzejewska

9:00am - 3:30pm

Friday:

AV Presentation:

Peter McLean
Greg McBride
Ron Begg
John Malicki

Caretakers:

Gardeners:

Trevor Byrne
Joyce Byrne
Victor Camilleri
Barbara McCarthy
Ph: 4322 0250

Seniors' Ministry:

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, SEPTEMBER 2- DVD MOVIE

In the Jordan Room after 9:00 am Mass.
Why not come into the Jordan Room after Mass this
Monday and watch.

THE DROP BOX

DON'T THROW THEM AWAY. BRING THEM HERE.
THE STORY OF A TRUE CHRISTIAN HERO.

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 Night 7:00pm 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



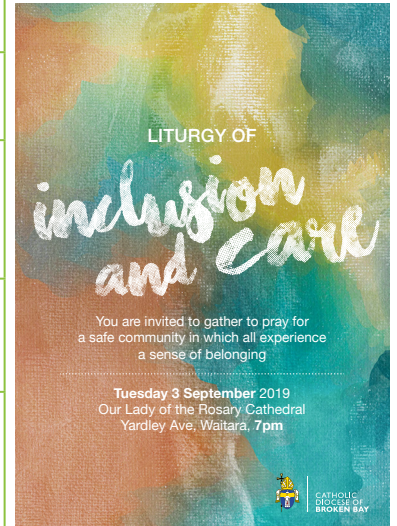
IN YOUR PARISH OF ST PATRICK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday Sept 1	7:30am 9:00am 6:00pm	Mass Breakfast in Jordan Room after Mass. Mass Breakfast in Jordan Room after Mass. Mass followed by Youth Group meeting after 6:00pm Mass.
Monday Sept 2	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass. DVD Movie "THE DROP BOX" - a true Christian Hero. Bible Study Meeting in the Jordan Room.
Tuesday Sept 3	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 2:00pm 3:30pm	Adoration. Communion Service. Cancer Prayer Meeting in the Jordan Room Mass at Orana Mass at ELC CS.
Wednesday Sept 4	11:00am 11:30am 12:30pm	Bible Study Group in the Jordan Room Adoration. Communion Service followed by OLPH Novina
Thursday Sept 5	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 2:00pm 7:00pm	Adoration. Communion Service Salvatorian Colaborators Meeting in Jordan Room Grief and Loss Meeting in Jordan Room The Father Factor - Talk by Robert Falzon in Parish Hall
Friday Sept 6	9:30am 12:00am 12:30pm	Craft Group in Jordan Room. Mass with Anointing – followed by Lunch afterwards in Jordan Room. Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm.
Saturday Sept 7	8:30am 9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Adoration. Mass. Choir Practise in Church. Mass Mass at Somersby

PLEASE NOTE:

Fr Greg has Salvatorian commitments this coming week so Deacon Paul will hold Communion Services on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

MORNING TEA
NEXT SUNDAY AFTER
9:00AM MASS, ALL
WELCOME



PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

KIDS CORNER

PINT SIZED PADDIES

NEXT EVENT IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

In the School Hall 7:00 pm on 2nd and 4th Friday of each Month. **On Friday September 20, there will be a Movie night – Cost \$5:00.**

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 25 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.

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.

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.

FATHER DAY MESSAGE

Father's Day is a celebration honouring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society. In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of September, which is the first Sunday of spring in Australia. At school, children often handcraft a present for their father. From https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father%27s_Day.

Fathers like Mothers are an integral part of raising children; they lead by example, allowing children to grow and develop physically, mentally and spiritually. They guide and support, they earn respect rather than demand it. Above all, they love their families above themselves.

So, today, we celebrate our Fathers and give them small gifts as a way of thanking them for their contribution to family life. Above all, we pray for them, asking our Lord to guide and protect them.

Fr Greg will be asking Father's to come forward for a blessing before the final blessing at each of the Masses.

1ST RECONCILIATION - THANK YOU

To all involved, Francis Mathey and her helpers, the visiting Priests, Parents, Children, plus Scott Beatie and Chris Paget for their beautiful harmonies. Reconciliation is a wonderful sacrament that heals the human spirit following our failings.

1ST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME

Our 1st Eucharist programme applications were handed to all children before the 1st Reconciliation service, but there are further applications available for anyone whose child hasn't yet received this sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office.

CATECHIST CORNER

Congratulations to Hazel and John Walsh who received an Appreciation Award from East Gosford Primary School on Wednesday afternoon. The Award was in recognition for their contribution to Special Religious Education at the school over many years. Chat to them about their experiences of SRE. If inspired you may contact Alain (0414 273 654) or the Parish Office.

Join us for Breakfast after Mass



**St Patrick's Parish
Fundraising
Breakfasts are
coming back!**

Join us in the Jordan
room on the first
Sunday of the month
after the 7:30am and
9am Masses

Bacon/sausage and
egg sandwich \$5
Coffee \$4 Tea \$3
Hot Choc \$4



SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES, SEPT 28.

MOVIE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN.

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.

AFRICAN WOMEN FOR WOMEN



Students and staff of St Edward's College are completing their annual immersion to Nairobi, Kenya. After consultation with Sister Leonida (the leader Women for Women organisation in Kenya), we are collecting new ladies and girls underwear to take with us on this year's immersion, and we will be

providing these to women and young girls living in the Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya. There is a desperate need for these items as many women and girls living in this impoverished area have only one or sometimes no clean underwear. People wishing to donate are able to leave items with the front office staff at the College by Friday 20 September. Your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated.

SAFEGUARDING MONTH

IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY BEGINS THIS WEEKEND AND CONTINUES THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

To find out how you can get involved refer to the



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
OF BROKEN BAY
**Safeguarding
Awareness
Month!**

SEPTEMBER 2019

A SAFE COMMUNITY IS ONE IN WHICH
ALL EXPERIENCE A SENSE OF
BELONGING

AN INITIATIVE OF
THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING
IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT:
bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/safeguarding
or CALL: 02 8379 1605



CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF
BROKEN BAY

following link; <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/safeguarding/education-and-awareness> or speak with your Parish Priest.

This year the Diocese of Broken Bay is celebrating the theme: A safe community is one in which all experience a sense of belonging

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



CATHOLIC LIFE & FAITH FORMATION
MAKING AND FORMING
Disciples

Genuine
Encounter in the
Digital World

Presented by
Dr Anthony Maher

Date:
Saturday 28 September 2019

Time:
1.30pm - 4.30pm

Venue:
Caroline Chisholm Centre,
Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd,
Pennant Hills
(vehicular access via City view Rd)

RSVP:
By Monday
23 September 2019 to
faith.formation@bbcatholic.org.au
or Pina Bernard 8379 1627

“Boldly become
citizens of the
digital world”

This formation event marks Social Justice Sunday and will allow participants to begin to engage with the 2019 - 2020 Social Justice Statement "Making it Real: Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World". The Statement discusses the advances and the challenges posed by the digital world. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world' and to play an active role in shaping it to ensure it is a place of genuine human encounter.



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**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 the Parish Office.

Please buy your ticket early to allow the organising team to organise catering.

MENALIVE SPECIAL MEETING

Guest Speaker

On the Thursday, 5th of September, Robert Falzon of MenAlive will be presenting on the importance of fathers in society and the family.

This will be a great event for all to attend, to receive his wisdom and to learn about this important topic. See the advertisement on Page 7.

FRIDAY HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Firstly may we thank Karan Moroney who's been a member of the Friday team for a number of years but now has to step back from the role. Sadly this leaves us with a space to fill, and we invite you to consider whether you would be willing to become involved. Yes, there are a few little hoops to jump, but once through them, you would only have to visit weekly, fortnightly or monthly – your choice. To know more, please contact Theresa via the Office on 4325 1042.

THE AV TEAM NEEDS NEW PRESENTERS.

Did you know, running the Mass presentations is quite easy! If you know the order of the Mass, you can work the AV Mass presentations; however, full training is given.

Please contact the Parish Office 4325-1042.



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 31/8	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Remembrance LEO FRY + Remembrances MARGUERITE & ALEXANDER MORRISON WILLIAM ADAMS & ROSS RODGERS + Remembrance MUSCAT FAMILY & CARMELO VELLA
Sun 1/9	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance LLOYD WOODS' Parish Intentions + Anniversary HEINZ MEUNTER
Mon 2/9	9:00a Gosford	+ Anniversary PATRICK SMITH
Tues 3/9	9:00a Gosford	Communion Service
Wed 4/9	11:30a Gosford	Communion Service
Thu 5/9	9:00a Gosford	Communion Service
Fri 6/9	12:00n Gosford	Gravely III PATRICK WARD
Sat 7/9	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Remembrance KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES + Remembrances JOSEPH VAZ Recently Deceased FRANK & CARMEN SAID
Sun 8/9	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance LLOYD WOODS Parish Intentions

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Kellie Nevin, 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, Margaret Gunnlson, Sonia Cummings, Anna-Marie Rowan, Melita Waters, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh, Scott McKinnon.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bob Smith, Allan O'Neill, Carmen Attard, Carmen & Frank Said, Ron Lovell, Andrew Murphy, Pedrito Daza, Dionisio Gler.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick Smith, Heinz Muentner, Pat Kettle, Mary Jane Buhagia, Pat Kettle, Mary Jane Buhagiari, Carl O'Malley Jones, Maria Porpiglia, Mavis Hyland, David Kettle.

REMEMBRANCES:

Leo Fry, Marguerite & Alexander Morrison, William Adams, Ross Rodgers, Lloyd Woods, Carmelo Vella, Muscat Family, Ric McGuire, Rene Hannequin, Franz Hakvoort, Bernadette Friquet, Maria Dabski, Ronald Freeman, Ian McGuinness, Keevers, Knight & Merchant families, Michael Kokegei.

CONDOLENCES:

Recently Deceased: Robert [Bob] Smith [whose funeral took place here last Thursday], Allan O'Neill & Carmen Attard. Condolences to Denise & family, to Margaret O'Neill, their sons and families, and to Carmen's daughter Frances & her family.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING

SIR 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 67:4-7. 10-11. R. V.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

SECOND READING

HEB 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great

voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LK 14:1. 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PS 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

COMMENTARY BY MARY COLOE PBVM

Watch where you sit

HEB 12:18-19, 22-24; LUKE 14:1, 7-14

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us of Israel standing before the holy mountain of

God at Sinai, where there was cloud and darkness, lightning and trumpet blasts, and the people stood in awe. At Sinai, through Moses, the Israelites received the great covenant that guided the people for hundreds of years. The author says that Christians are no longer standing at Mount Sinai but have been brought to Mount Zion, which was one of the hills of Jerusalem. Even the Jerusalem considered is not the first century city of Herod, but the Heavenly city of God. Within the festal symbolism, lies the simple teaching of Jesus that for believers the kingdom of God is already real – we are already standing among the cloud of witnesses. The church in the West has lost some of this deep, liturgical spirituality which was retained in the Eastern churches. Every liturgical celebration is a participation with the heavenly liturgy of the saints in their praise of God.

Throughout this letter Jesus' role as the mediator of a new covenant has been emphasised. Through chapters 7, 8, 9 and 10, Jesus was likened to the High Priest as the one offering the sacrifice on behalf of the people. Every Sunday in our Liturgy we join with Jesus as he continues his Priestly role. We say, 'Through Him, with Him, and in Him ...' Through, with and in Jesus, we come before God, with the saints, to celebrate our new identity as children of God. This last reading from Hebrews may provide an opportunity to reflect on the actions and spirit of our Eucharist. (A book I recommend on Liturgical spirituality is Paul Janowiak, Standing Together in the Community of God: Liturgical Spirituality and the Presence of Christ, Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2011).

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the setting of a meal to tell the guests a parable. He uses the simple example of going to a wedding and taking a seat up with the important guests, only to be publicly embarrassed by having to be asked to move to a table with the 'also rans'. Wouldn't it be better to sit with the ordinary folk and then perhaps to have the honourable experience of being invited up to a seat of importance? In a culture where honour and shame are such important values, Jesus' hearers would concur with his teaching.

This is not just a piece of wise social courtesy. It is called a parable, which means this small story has something to say about the values of the God's reign – the basileia. If right now you only associate with the rich and powerful, imagine your shame in the time of the basileia (the kingdom) when you are shown up to be among the 'least'. The values of God's basileia are so different to the values of this world that if you want to be on the 'top-table' in God's perspective, then you had better spend time now with the apparently worthless ones, the poor, the lame, the outsiders – the ones who can give you no prestige in the eyes of this world.

The parable concludes by raising the question what reward do you want: the reward of this world or the blessings of God? If this world is all you are concerned with then offer hospitality to those who can repay you now. Seek the patronage of the wealthy, the important, and the ones who will be able to do you favours. But if you want to enjoy the hospitality of God, associate with those closest to God's heart.

Your Roster – September 8, 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	07.09.19	08.09.19	08.09.19	08.09.19	07.09.19
Audio/Visual	Johann Fernandes	Glad Williams	Roy Kim	Joe Tropicano	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Johnson Fernandes Sean Pearson	Eunice Dal Busco Sheila Evans	Peter Julius Katrina Pratt	Angela Stitt Kevin O'Donnell	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Bridget Sharp Maisie Tenev	Gerard Price Regina Fong	Robyn McBride Neil Murphy	Cheryl Walsh Anna Llige	Judy Grenfell Peter Chin
Commentator	Bridget Sharp	Gerard Price	John Miller	Chris Golden	Mary Luci
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Anita Fernandes Rosemary Lee Maisie Tenev Jan Blanch Vic Camilleri Terry Cooke	Ron Burgess Cecilia Coughlin Margaret Eadie Regina Fong Pam McCrae	Kaitlyn Crawford Anne Lovett Liz Malik Frances Mathey	Paul Russotti Aimee Sands Tom Sands Sherree Sullivan Rosa Tropicano	Michael Monaghan + Senior Server
Altar Servers	Harry Cockerton Lorenzo Arango Alvita Fernandes Annette Fernandes		Scott Shedden Cormac Brady Philip Yoon Derik Sind	Alex Golden Gabby Golden Natasha Golden Joey Stitt	Natalia Luci Matthew Xuereb Flowers: Doris Vassallo
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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

St Gregory the Great pope, doctor

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

Spring Ember Day. - Special day of Prayer and Penance.

NEXT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, 8

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

1st – Wis 9:13–18, 28–29
2nd – Philemon 9–10, 12–17
Gospel – Lk 14:25–33

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OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

Our Lady of the Sea Parish TERRIGAL.

September 8, 2019 all are invited to join with Terrigal Parish to celebrate Our Lady's Birthday.

Sunday Mass : 10:00 am

Cutting of Cake: 11:00 am

Thanksgiving, Intercessions and Legion Prayers 11:30 - 12:00

Angelus and Rosary Procession on Grounds of the Church

12:00 - 12:30

Prayers to Our Lady & Divine Mercy Chaplet 12:30 - 1:00

Talk to Our Lady 1:00 - 1:15

Enquiries: 4367 4610

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

8 SEP 2019

Come let us celebrate

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish
TERRIGAL

SUNDAY MASS : 10.00 AM

11.00 am - CUTTING OF OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY CAKE
(in the Parish Hall)

11.30 - 12.00 noon
Thanksgiving, Intercessions and Legion Prayers

12.00 - 12.30pm
Angelus and Rosary Procession on Grounds of the Church

12.30pm - 1.00pm
Prayers to Our Lady and Divine Mercy chaplet
(Mary Help of Christians, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Goodwill, Our Lady of Medjugorje, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Schoenstatt, Our Lady of Vailankanni.)

1.00pm - 1.15pm
Talk to Our Lady

Enquiries - TERRIGAL PARISH OFFICE - 4367 4610 or
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FATHER FACTOR

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This **Thursday, 5th of September**, Robert Falzon of MenAlive will be presenting on the importance of fathers in society and the family.

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