



YEAR OF TRUST

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.



AT ST PATRICK'S

I have begun reading a book called "Rebuilt", the story of a Catholic Parish.

It is written by Fr Michael White a parish priest and Tom Corcoran one of his parishioners, with a foreword by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan.

The opening text in the Preface of the book is a quote;

"Today, in particular, the pressing pastoral task of the new evangelization calls for the involvement of the entire People of God and requires a new fervour, new methods and a new expression for the announcing and witnessing of the Gospel. This task demands priests who are deeply and fully immersed in the mystery of Christ and capable of embodying a new style of pastoral life, marked by profound communion with the pope, the bishops and other priests, and a fruitful cooperation with the lay faithful, always respecting and fostering the different roles, charisms and ministries present within the ecclesial community." – Blessed JOHN PAUL II.

"The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, action, and of hope. They are where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church." - NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, WASHINGTON DC 1994.

The beginning of the book described the poor state of the parish when the two men arrived there. Deficient in finances, building repair and trust of the Parishioners.

Then they describe how they tried to "fix" the parish over several years of backbreaking work, by them and some of the faithful in the congregation.

But the hard work did not pay off! The finances were still lacking, and the number coming to Mass had dropped. Older citizens were dying and not being replaced by young people! Why were older people not being replaced?



LUKE 17 : 11 – 19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner

What was wrong with their hard work, why were people more interested in attending football games or taking their kids to weekend sports?

They did a study of the people in the parish and found.

- There were a small number of regular attendees.
- A larger group who attended once every few weeks, when they could fit it in.
- And sadly the bulk of Catholics in the parish only came at Christmas, Easter, for special ceremonies or not at all.

They realized they were competing in a "retail" consumer market place — in a culture of consumerism.

At this point, faith and trust in Jesus took over. I like to see it as the Holy Spirit came to life in these two men. They were extremely disappointed in the outcome of their hard work, but their faith, their core conviction told them the Church ought to work. Jesus promised it would work.

God doesn't want his Church to fail. And he's assured us it won't. And not even the gates of hell will prevail against it. So how do we do it? How do we make our parish grow? Maybe this is the wrong question. We don't make it grow; only God does that. We need faith to "Walk on Water", ask St Peter.

Rebuilt by Fr Michael White and Tom Corcoran; **Open honest and easy to read.**

TO LEARN MORE, READ THE BOOK? GET INVOLVED? HAVE FAITH!
visit www.rebuiltparish.com



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Put all your hope and trust in God alone, He will fight for you like a mighty hero."

Last Will and Testament



Trust in Jesus Christ



POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER 2019 INTENTION

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

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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Christian Brothers' Community

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Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]
Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - 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 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 Oct 13	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm 12:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm	Mass Mass Filipino Mass Mass at Spencer followed by Parish Picnic Mass at Spencer Youth Mass followed by meeting in Jordan Room
Monday Oct 14	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass. Lectio Divina in Jordan Room. Bible Study in Jordan Room.
Tuesday Oct 15	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass.
Wednesday Oct 16	11:00am 11:30am 3:30pm	Adoration. Mass Communion Service at Presb Vge
Thursday Oct 17	8:30am 9:00am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass Musicians Meeting
Friday Oct 18	9:30am 12:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Craft Group in Jordan Room. Mass Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 to 3:00pm Korean Mass
Saturday Oct 19	8:30am 9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Adoration. Mass. Choir Practise in Church. Vigil Mass Gosford with Fr Kim Vigil Mass Somersby with Fr Kim
Sunday Oct 20	7:30am 9:00am 10:00pm 10:30pm 6:00pm	Mass Mass Morning tea in Jordan room after 9:00am Mass Baptism Mass with St Joey's and St Eddie's

KIDS CORNER

PINT SIZED PADDIES

NEXT EVENT IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

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, October 13 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.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY.

As Fr Greg advised at all Masses last weekend, during the month of October the Rosary will be prayed for 20 minutes before each of the Masses each weekend of the month and you are invited to commit to Our Lady specifically during this dedicated period. Currently the Rosary is prayed a half hour before Mass during Adoration Monday to Thursday & each 1st Friday, and after midday Mass on the other Fridays.

COMMUNION SERVICES

MONDAY OCTOBER 21 TO FRIDAY OCTOBER 25

Fr Greg has to travel to East Timor as Salvatorian Vocations Director and therefore we will need to hold Communion Services each day of that week instead of our usual Masses. We are sure you understand, and thank Deacon Paul for filling in so admirably for Fr Greg.

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MORNING TEA

WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH COMMENCING OCTOBER 20! It's an excellent opportunity for us all to get together, so please remember to be there! We take this opportunity to thank the Salvatorian Collaborators, for their hard-work committing their time and energy to this for some years now.



MEETING OF ALL GOSFORD LITURGICAL READERS

Sunday October 27 following the 9am Mass. Fr Greg invites all liturgical readers to meet with him after the 9am Mass on the last Sunday of the month. Hopefully many will be present as it's a good opportunity for a catch up and exchange of thoughts.

PARISH PICNIC

SOMERSBY PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE:

As we will be having Mass at midday this Sunday October 13 to commence our picnic event, the 6.30pm Mass Saturday October 12 is CANCELLED.

BUS DEPARTS GOSFORD AT 11AM to arrive in time for the Rosary at 11.30am prior to the Mass. Please note the change from 11.30am.

60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Happy Diamond Anniversary John & Elizabeth Powell

Married October 10, 1959 at St Margaret Mary's Church, Manchester, England. John & Elizabeth will receive a Nuptial Blessing at our Vigil Mass this weekend and they take with them our prayers for a continuing happy life together.



THANK YOU MARK BENNETT

BRICKLAYER PAR EXCELLENCE!

Mark has been generous with his time and talents at St Patrick's helping us out on a couple projects and so we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge this generosity to his parish. Mark also supports us by advertising in our parish Bulletin and we too would like to support him by encouraging anyone who requires the service of a bricklayer, to please contact him on 0410 057 197.



A LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF BROKEN BAY

Tuesday 8 October 2019

My dear brothers and sisters,

To our great joy, our waiting is over! The Holy Father, Pope Francis has appointed us a new Shepherd to guide us into the future. How extraordinary, too, that this would occur on 7 October - the patronal feastday of our Cathedral, Our Lady of the Rosary.

With open arms and hearts, we welcome Bishop Anthony Randazzo to our diocesan family! I am confident that you will receive him enthusiastically and warmly. We are enormously blessed by his appointment. Bishop Anthony is young and energetic. In fact, on the day of his appointment he turned just 53. Yet, he brings remarkable experience of leadership already from his pastoral experience in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, his studies in Canon Law, his service in Rome at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, his time as a Seminary Rector in Queensland, and more recently his term as an Auxiliary Bishop in Sydney during which he has enjoyed significant involvement in youth, education and clergy. I have known him personally for many years and have enjoyed his very personable, engaging and humorous personality on many occasions, most recently during the Ad Limina pilgrimage in Rome. On behalf of our Diocese, I express our profound gratitude to Pope Francis for gifting us with a leader of such calibre and stature. We can be confident in the future that opens before us.

For my part, I will serve our new Bishop to the very best of my ability. As Bishop Anthony assumes the complex task of leadership, he knows he has my complete support and friendship and I look forward to working with him in continued service to our Diocese.

At the end of my term as Administrator of our Diocese, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to you. To serve in this role for you over the last 15 months has been, unmistakably, the greatest privilege of my life. I want to thank you for the trust and the confidence that you have placed in me, for your affection, and for the many, many ways you have encouraged me. On your behalf, I thank especially our clergy and our Diocesan staff, all of whom have been indefatigable in their support which has enabled me to provide our wonderful new Bishop with good account of our Diocese. I also want to record my deepest appreciation to my beloved Parish Family of Holy Name Wahroonga who have been so patient with my absence over this time. I thank, especially, Fr Anselam Lakra HGN and our Parish Secretary, Jackie Thornton for their generous commitment to the Parish over this time which has been a gift to the whole Diocese.

It has been a remarkable time as, together, we have faced the various challenges that have presented, seeking always the opportunities given us by the Spirit of God. I have learnt so much over these months and what I have learnt has only made me love the people and priests of our Diocese so much more. I am privileged to be a member of our local Church of Broken Bay. And with this love, I commit myself to you in new ways, now through my dedication to our new Bishop.

With my immense gratitude and affection, and with renewed hope in Christ Jesus,

Very Rev Dr David Ranson Diocesan Administrator

SALVATORIAN MISSION & SEMINARY COLLECTION

On behalf of the Salvatorian Order Fr Greg would like to thank you for your generous donations to this



special annual collection, the total of which has been forwarded to the Order's administration in Perth for distribution. This money relieves the burden on many who struggle in their daily lives, and supports the future of the Order via its seminary in the Philippines. At the same time, the Salvatorians wish to acknowledge the donations via a jar at Café Espresso in East Gosford to Alsa Buhay, its mission in the Philippines, totalling \$110, which will be forwarded with the annual collection.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Envelopes now available at all pews should you wish to have your loved ones included in our Masses during November and named in our Book of Remembrance which will be on display in the church. Please remember to write any names in BLOCK LETTERS to enable easy translation.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16

The office will be closed from 11am this Wednesday October 16 as the Parish Secretary is required to attend a workshop at the Chancery office, Pennant Hills. We apologise for any inconvenience.

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION ON ALL SAINTS DAY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1.

St Pat's Primary kids to dress up as their chosen Confirmation saint or if not yet confirmed, as either Jesus or Mary for the school's **MASS AT 9AM ON ALL SAINTS DAY, FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1**, and join in the fun on the playground afterwards.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING & HEALING

AT ST PATRICK'S FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8

This special Mass will be held at St Pat's at 7pm on Friday November 8, celebrated and directed by the Vincentians of the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby.



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB (SIP CENTRAL COAST)

Second Tuesday 12th November, 2019,

7.30pm - 9.00pm

The Grange Hotel Function Room

Cnr: Renwick St & Pacific Hwy, WYOMING

Bistro opens at 5-30pm.

Inquiries: 4365 9197 or 0498 588 261

Theme 2019: "Reflections on my Spiritual Journey"

TWO SPEAKERS:

Two Buddhist Monks:

Gen Kelsan Dawa: The resident teacher of Khedrubj Kadampa Buddhist Centre, Gen Dawa explains how to integrate ancient Buddhist wisdom into busy, modern life.

Ross Markey: Raised as a Christian in the Church of England, Ross became more interested in Buddhism and is training to become a "Bodhisattva", a friend of all living beings.

MINI FETE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17 AFTER THE

9AM MASS!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – More details to come.....



Parish Safeguarding Presentation

by the Office for Safeguarding (Chancery)

BRISBANE WATER AND TUGGERAH LAKES DEANERY'S

(The Parishes of: Kincumber, Woy Woy, Gosford, Terrigal, Wyoming and The Entrance, Toukley-Lake Munmorah, Warnervale, Wyong)

- **Saturday 19 October 2019, 10.00am to 12 noon**
@ Our Lady of the Rosary, 241 The Entrance Road, The Entrance
- **Wednesday 23 October 2019, 11.00am to 1.00pm**
@ Our Lady of the Rosary, 241 The Entrance Road, The Entrance

All Parish Staff, Volunteers and those interested in learning more about Safeguarding are invited to attend.

The Diocese seeks to ensure children and vulnerable people are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred in our Gospel, international and local laws and within our Church policy and practice.

Topics covered in the presentation include:

- ◆ Introduction to Safeguarding
- ◆ What we learnt from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
 - ◆ Our Commitment to Safeguarding
- ◆ Introduction to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards
 - ◆ Best Practice for Safeguarding in the Parish

These two sessions will have the same content; therefore, you will only need to attend once.

Please register via email safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au or contact Anita on 02 8379 1605



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND AUGUST APPEAL

Don't forget the CWF envelope are still available at the foyer. Thank you.

NEXT MOVIE NIGHT - 26th Oct.

Movie: **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE (PG)**

The heart behind the hit song *I Can Only Imagine* takes viewers behind the curtain, into the personal life of singer/songwriter Bart Millard. A story of tragedy and triumph; a living epistle of grace and healing.

I Can Only Imagine the film, like the song, is about all the moments in life, big or small, leading into the greatest moment of all: meeting the Redeemer face to face. It's about people, who we are, the lives we lead and the legacy we leave behind. It clearly displays the folly of one's choices, the impact of a father's rage, the fickle nature of faith that refuses to forgive. It's a story of radical transformation and radiant joy. We might even break into song ourselves....



- ♥ 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.

St Patrick's Parish Gosford Today

Join us for the feast of St Francis of Assisi

PICNIC DAY

& Outdoor Games organised by the Youth Group

Sunday October 13
12 PM Mass
followed by picnic at
St Francis of Assisi
Lutana Rd, Somersby
Weather Permitting

Jumping Castle

For Purchase:

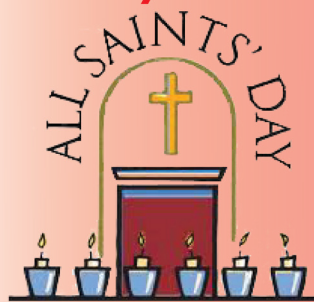
- Sausage Sizzle
- Drinks
- Popcorn
- Ice blocks
- Face Painting

Bring your Own:

- Food
- Blanket
- Chair
- Bat & Ball etc

BRING YOUR FAMILY, BRING YOUR FRIENDS ... AND BRING YOUR PETS!
for blessing of the animals

Mass 9:00 am
Friday Nov 1



Inviting St Pat's Primary kids to dress up as their chosen Confirmation saint or if not yet confirmed, as either Jesus or Mary for the school's Mass at 9am on All Saints Day, Friday November 1, and join in the fun on the playground afterwards



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PS 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

2 KGS 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 97:1-4. R. SEE V.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING

2 TM 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the

eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 THES 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LK 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

The connection between the First Reading, from 2 Kings 5:14-17 and the Gospel, Luke 17:11-19, set for today is fairly clear. Both depict a person who has been cured from skin complaint returning to acknowledge and give thanks to God. [The disease in each case is traditionally referred to as leprosy. However, it is now recognised that the terms used in the original languages could refer to a variety of ailments of the skin. A sensitive preaching of today's readings will avoid speaking about 'lepers'.]

What a pity, however, that the First Reading does not give us the full account of the cure of Naaman the Syrian, since it is surely one of the most attractive stories emerging

from the Old Testament – one which Jesus himself alludes to in his inaugural preaching at Nazareth according to Luke 4:27. It would be good to read the entire narrative in 2 Kings 5:1-17. Naaman is a great and powerful general. He wants to be cured and has his own ideas as to how the cure should come about. He is enraged when the prophet Elisha doesn't even bother to come out of his house to meet him but simply sends out a message telling him to bathe seven times in the river Jordan. How sensible and touching the advice of the general's servants: 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' (v. 13). When Naaman swallows his pride and follows the instruction of the prophet, his flesh is restored 'like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean' (v. 14).

This is where the part of the episode set out in the Lectionary comes in. Naaman returns to the prophet's house, stands before him and makes his confession of faith in Israel's God. Not only has he been cured of his physical ailment. He has undergone a profound conversion. He has abandoned his preconceived ideas about the cure. He has put aside his national pride and submitted to the dictates of the Israelite prophet. Above all, this had led him to a knowledge of Israel's God as the only God of the whole earth.

Only one more thing does Naaman have to learn. No gifts in return – either to God or God's prophet – are required or accepted. Israel's God distributes favours with absolute freedom and generosity. The one thing necessary is grateful acknowledgement.

It is on this point, of course, that the Naaman story is at one with the healing episode told in the Gospel. On Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, ten persons afflicted with a skin complaint cry out to Jesus for mercy, keeping their distance as the Law obliged them to do. All ten are made clean when they follow Jesus' instructions to go and show themselves to the priest (see Lev. 13:49).

For nine of them that is where the matter ends. But the tenth, who happens to be a Samaritan, returns loudly praising God. When he prostrates himself before Jesus and thanks him, Jesus remarks on the absence of the other nine. None of them had returned to give praise to God except this 'stranger'! Once again in this Gospel, as earlier in the famous parable (Luke 10:29-37) the audience is confronted with a 'good Samaritan'. The appropriate behaviour of the foreigner, the one on the margins, has shown up the shortcomings of those more centrally placed in the Jewish society of the time.

It is only this one who receives from Jesus the assurance: 'Stand up and go on your way; your faith has brought you salvation.' We have here a precious indication of the meaning of 'salvation' in Luke's Gospel. The other nine, of course, experienced healing in a physical sense. But they did not really experience 'salvation' in the full sense. Beyond physical healing or rescue, salvation for Luke above all means coming to know God in a new way as a God who saves, and being transformed by that

Your Roster – October 20, 29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	19.10.19	20.10.19	20.10.19	20.10.19	19.10.19
Audio/Visual	Cheryl Parry	Glad Williams	Arthur Holland	Thomas Werner	Melissa Monaghan
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MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 12/10	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford	Recently Deceased STEVEN KIM 1st Anniversary JOHN MUIR
Sun 13/10	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 12:00n Somersby 6:00p Gosford	HOLY SOULS PARISH INTENTIONS Recently Deceased CHARLIE CLEMENT + Recently Deceased JUAN ESPINOZA
Mon 14/10	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES
Tue 15/10	9:00a Gosford	+ 2ND Anniversary ANNELIESE HIEP
Wed 16/10	11:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance LEO FRY
Thu 17/10	9:00a Gosford	Recently Deceased MELITTA WATERS
Fri 18/10	12:00n Gosford	"UNBORN BABIES"
Sat 19/10	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Remembrance SHELLEY ANDREW + 2nd Anniversary GRACE McNEANY
Sun 20/10	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	Recently Deceased TONY NEEDS PARISH INTENTIONS Recently Deceased NELSON FERNANDES

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joseph McBride.

CONDOLENCES:

Greg and Robyn McBride on the loss of Greg's brother.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dick Cartwright.

REMEMBRANCES:

Sid Dowsett, Michael Kokegei.



Matthew 5:4
Blessed are those who
mourn, for they will
be comforted.

knowledge. The Samaritan who returns to give thanks really comes to the 'knowledge of salvation' hymned in Zechariah's Benedictus canticle (1:77).

As so often, Luke's gospel compels its hearers to confront the human tendency to categorise and place labels on people. Here one who is doubly marginal – by reason of his illness, by reason of his ethnic background – shows himself more disposed to really

know Israel's God and so experience salvation. The episode is not just about the healing of an afflicted person. For all else involved, including ourselves, it is a summons to conversion.

In the Second Reading, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Paul bases his encouragement of Timothy to bear hardships on what appears to be an early hymn to Christ.



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