



# 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.



## YEAR OF TRUST

### AT ST PATRICK'S

Maybe the month of November, the last month of our year of trust, is the time we should all reflect on the mysterious and elusive word "Trust". Perhaps this prayer, written by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque will help us.

Jesus, I believe in Your personal love for one so sinful and worthless as I am

(Repeat after each of the following: Heart of Jesus, I put my trust in You.)

I believe that Your love for me is from all eternity and that it is as tender as a mother's love.

I believe that You have lovingly and wisely planned everything that shall ever happen to me.

I will never seek pleasure forbidden by You and will never lose heart in my efforts to be good.

I will accept the crosses of life as I accept its joys, with a grateful heart, and I will always pray, "Your holy will be done in all things."

I will not be worried or anxious about anything, for I know You will take care of me.

However weak or sinful I may be, I will never doubt Your mercy.

In all my temptations...

In all my weakness...

In all my sorrows...

In every discouragement...

In all my undertakings...

In life and in death...

Heart of love, I put all my trust in you; for I fear all things from my own weakness, but I



The publican returned to his home justified, the Pharisee did not

### BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO'S

LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS - NOVEMBER 4 2019

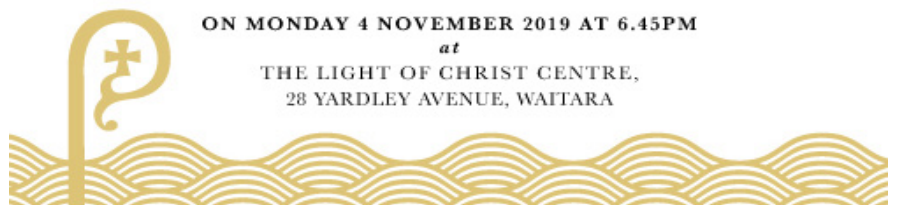
LITURGICAL RECEPTION AND SOLEMN MASS OF INSTALLATION

of *The Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo DDJCL*

AS THE FOURTH BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

ON MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.45PM

at  
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST CENTRE,  
28 YARDLEY AVENUE, WAITARA



Bishop Anthony Randazzo's Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass - 4 November 2019. Bishop Anthony will be installed as the fourth Bishop of Broken Bay on Monday 4 November 2019 at 6.45pm at The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara at a special Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass. **The Parish Bus will depart Gosford at 5.15pm. Supper follows and we may not depart Waitara until 9.30pm. Booking sheet available in the foyer of the church. RSVP's need to be registered by Monday October 28 so pop your name there Today.**



### FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Carry on your spiritual dialogue with the Savior. Sit, at his feet, humble and docile, and attend to His words."

SD I/65



### 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.



## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

### PASTORAL CARE

**Fr Grzegorz [Greg] Skulski SDS**

Parish Priest

Email: greg@sds.org.au

**Paul Tran**

Deacon:

### SALVATORIANS

### 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

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#### Catechists' Coordinator:

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Wed:

9:00am – 1:00pm

Thurs:

9:30am – 1:30pm

#### Youth Ministry:

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tcroll@photom.com.au

### VOLUNTEER ROLES

#### Office Admin:

Denise Jay

Judith Myers

Maria Andrzejewska

9:00am – 3:30pm

Friday:

#### AV Presentation:

Peter McLean

Greg McBride

#### Caretakers:

Ron Begg

John Malicki

#### Gardeners:

Trevor Byrne

Joyce Byrne

Victor Camilleri

Barbara McCarthy

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#### Seniors' Ministry:

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Hillary Pope

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### 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, OCTOBER 28 - 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

**Cancer Prayers:** 9:00am 4th Tuesday Monthly  
in Jordan Room

#### 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

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| Sunday Oct 27    | 7:30am<br>9:00am<br>10:00am<br>6:00pm<br>7:00pm      | Mass<br>Family Mass<br>Meeting for Liturgical Readers with Fr Greg<br>Youth Mass<br>Youth Group in Jordan Room  |
| Monday Oct 28    | 8:30am<br>9:00am<br>9:30am<br>7:00pm                 | Adoration.<br>Mass.<br>Lectio Divina in Jordan Room.<br>Bible Study in Jordan Room.   |
| Tuesday Oct 29   | 8:30am<br>9:00am<br>9:30am<br>5:30pm                 | Adoration.<br>Mass.<br>Cancer Prayer Meeting in Jordan Room<br>Finance Committee meeting  |
| Wednesday Oct 30 | 11:00am<br>11:30am<br>12:30<br>6:30pm                | Adoration.<br>Mass.<br>OLPH Novena<br>Very Rev Dr David Ranson Celebrating Memorial Mass for Ian McGuinness. Light supper after in Jordan Room  |
| Thursday Oct 31  | 8:30am<br>9:00am                                     | Adoration.<br>Mass.   |
| Friday Nov 1     | 9:00am<br>9:30am<br>12:00am<br><br>12:30pm<br>7:00pm | St Pats school, All Saints Mass<br>Craft Group in Jordan Room.<br>Mass. <b>Lunch after Mass in the Jordan Room all Welcome</b><br>Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 to 3:00pm<br>All Saints Day Mass |
| Saturday Nov 2   | 8:30am<br>9:00am<br>10:15am<br>5:00pm<br>6:30pm      | Adoration.<br><b>All Souls Day Mass</b><br>Choir Practise in Church.<br>Vigil Mass Gosford<br>Vigil Mass Somersby - CWF Appeal  |
| Sunday Nov 3     | 7:30am<br>9:00am<br><br>10:30pm<br>6:00pm            | Mass <b>CWF Appeal at all Masses</b><br>Mass. <b>Breakfast in Jordan Room after Mass all Welcome</b><br>Baptism<br>Youth Mass followed by Youth Group meeting in J/Room                                 |

### KIDS CORNER

#### PINT SIZED PADDIES

#### NEXT EVENT IS FRIDAY, NOV 1.

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, November 3 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.

Meeting for Readers after 9:00am Mass today

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

### A MEETING FOR ALL READERS

ALL READERS ARE INVITED TO MEET WITH FR GREG AFTER THE 9AM MASS TODAY, SUNDAY OCTOBER 27! We hope to see many there for this opportunity to catch up and refresh our understanding.

### MEMORIAL MASS AT ST PATRICK'S

REMEMBERING A LIFE WELL-LIVED

## Ian McGuinness

Memorial Mass celebrated by  
Very Rev Dr David Ranson

6:30pm  
Wednesday 30 October 2019

St Patrick's Catholic Church  
East Gosford

RSVP: [kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au)

Ad majórem Dei glóriam

Very Rev Dr David Ranson, Diocesan Administrator, will celebrate a Memorial Mass remembering the life of John James (Ian) McGuinness.

All Parishioners and friends are welcome.

There will be a light supper provided by the family, after the Mass in the Jordan Room.

RSVP: [kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:kelly.paget@bbcatholic.org.au)

Tel: 4325-1042 ♦ email: [patsgos@acs.net.au](mailto:patsgos@acs.net.au) ♦ Web: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford)

### MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS [55+]

#### MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

Contact Barbara on 4322 0520 if you would like to join in an afternoon of fun [starting at 11:30 am] in the Jordan Room.

Don't go to the club – come along to this event – and it costs only \$15 for an all-inclusive lunch.

Prizes for the funniest hat, and the best hat! Try your luck in the Sweeps!

### NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

As you are all aware, November is the month of remembrance of our departed family and friends. If you would like Mass offered for yours, envelopes are available at all pews today. Please write the names of those you would like remembered [IN BLOCK LETTERS] and pop in your donation. All the names given will be placed in a Book of Remembrance which will be available for viewing at the sanctuary.

### THE CWF BRINGS JOY!

Next week, we will be sharing Rachel and Clare's stories about their experience as students and now catechists themselves! Our catechists bring joy and spiritual fulfilment to children in their Catholic scripture classes. There are 16,500 children who receive Catholic Religious Education in NSW Public Schools in our Diocese. When you make the decision to give to the Charitable Works Fund you are helping your local community. Donations received are distributed between the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners, St Lucy's School, St Edmund's College and the Ephpheta Centre. All these charities and agencies minister to our families, friends and neighbours in the Diocese of Broken Bay. For more information on the beneficiaries please visit the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Donations to the CWF may be Tax-Deductible. For the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay, charity begins at home.

## ALL SAINTS DAY CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1.**



**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  
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### **ALL SAINTS DAY EVENING MASS**

There'll be a Mass 7:00 pm at Gosford November 1 that is an All Saint's Day Mass.

### **LUNCH ON FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

All parishioners are welcome to have lunch in the Jordan Room. The monthly event is proving to be a very special time for all to enjoy a good meal and fellowship with fellow worshippers. Lunch follows the Mass with the blessing of the sick, November 1,

### **SPECIAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING & HEALING**

**AT ST PATRICK'S FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8**

*This special Mass will be held at St Pat's at 7:00 pm on Friday, November 8, celebrated and directed by the Vincentians of the Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby.*

*All parishioners are welcome to come and celebrate this special Mass at St Patrick's*



## CWF APPEAL

**COMMENCES NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3 –  
ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE!**

Next weekend we will commence the second of the Charitable Works Fund Appeals contributing to the good works of the Diocese of Broken Bay, and this appeal will focus on the work of Catechists in our parishes.

Envelopes are available this weekend so you may be prepared next week, but now online giving has been introduced to make giving a little easier. Just log on to <http://www.givenow.com.au/cwf> and follow the prompts.

Your giving will be allocated against our parish's levy [some \$10,000+ per appeal] and your tax receipt for this 100% deductible giving, will be issued directly from the Diocese of Broken Bay. We are aware of the many worthy charities that need your support and hope that you will include this appeal, and levy placed on the parish to enable their work, to be amongst them.

### NOVEMBER MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE:

As many are aware there are November Mass Offering envelopes at all pews on which to record the name of your loved ones whom you would like included in our weekday Masses during November. Only Masses for those whose anniversaries occur, or are recently deceased will be offered at the weekend's [or special] Masses. No names will be recorded under Remembrances in the Bulletin, but will appear in the Book of Remembrance which will be on display in the sanctuary area.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AT PT CLARE CEMETERY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2019 @ 11AM.** According to our practice established many years ago, we will hold a special Mass of Remembrance at Pt Clare Cemetery on Tuesday November 12.

All who have loved ones there may be particularly interested in attending.

### BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS THIS WEEKEND:

We welcome the Clewes family of who will be presenting Cali to her new faith family prior to her upcoming baptism.

### THANK YOU

Special thanks go to the catechists for organising the upcoming State School Masses. Taking the Gospel to public schools is an inspiring vocation and also, to arrange for Masses to be celebrated for those schools deserves a special pat on the back. Well done.

### CONGRATULATIONS ST PATRICK'S

### CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR CHILDREN

We have put together 101 jam-packed Christmas boxes for children who will be blessed by your love and care. Thank you to all that put together a gift box in such a short time or donated money. At approximately \$50 per box, this is truly a great effort.

Most of the boxes are despatched. We have been informed; the boxes are destined for the Philippines with love. If you still have a box to bring back, you can still do so, drop them off at the office before the end of the month and it will make its destination.

### GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS THANKSGIVING

Volunteer's Thanksgiving Mass & Supper this is scheduled for November 26.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT CLAIM THE DATE!

**Saturday December 14.** Pop this in your diary – directly after the 5pm Mass. More details to come soon!



## SALVATORIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

The new spirituality centre is almost finished and it looks amazing!

Salvatorian Spirituality Centre Opening Celebrations

Thursday 21 Nov 6.30pm

2 Caledonia Ave, Currambine, WA

All parishioners are warmly invited to the Opening Mass and Blessing of the new Salvatorian Spirituality Centre followed by a light supper.

This purpose-built centre will be used to run seminars and retreat programs for clergy and the public with on-site accommodation in a lovely tranquil environment.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will be presiding at the Opening Mass and we will also be celebrating the Salvatorian Foundation Day on this evening. Please RSVP to the parish office on Ph: 4325-1042 for catering purposes as soon as possible.



## ALTAR SERVERS

**FLIP OUT FOR TWO HOURS OF FUN & FOOD!**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10 AT 11:30 am.

We're inviting all altar servers to join us for some end of year fun at Flipout, 10 Hely Street West Gosford from 11:30 am.

If you have grip socks already, please bring them!

RSVP by Friday, November 1:

email: [patsgos@acs.net.au](mailto:patsgos@acs.net.au) or Ph: 4325 1042

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## MINI FETE NOVEMBER 16 & 17

**AFTER EACH MASS, MARK YOUR CALENDAR -**



Cakes, puddings, books, crafts, plants, CD's, white elephant stall etc. Proceeds to Lay Salvatorian Projects.

A great chance to clean out some stuff from the attic or show off your cooking skills.



Donation of hard Goods to the Parish Office by Nov. 10.

If you are able to man a stall on the day please contact Cecilia Coughlin.

## 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



Happy birthday Matthew French our intrepid Youth Worker.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### CF. PS 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

## FIRST READING

### SIR 35:12-14, 16-18

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

**The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.**

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. V.7

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad.

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.

Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

## SECOND READING

### 2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18

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

**All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for

his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Word of the Lord**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### 2 COR 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### LK 18:9-14

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

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### CF. PS 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY BY BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

The readings today – at least the First Reading, from Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 35:12-14, 16-19) and the Gospel (Luke 18:9-14) – flow on from those of last week at least in the sense that they too are concerned with prayer. Now, however, the issue is not so much persistence in prayer as the kind of person whose prayer is most likely to receive a favourable hearing from God.

The First Reading makes clear that in the matter of granting favours the Lord is not like the powerful in this world. They are inclined to give a favourable hearing to people of influence and prestige, people who 'present well'. The Lord, on the contrary, is no 'respecter of personages' but most inclined to listen to those in most distress – the orphan, the widow, in particular.

Attractively, the text speaks of the Lord as ready to listen to the widow 'as she pours

out her story'. Nothing, surely, is more important when people are distressed as to listen to their story. In some situations that is all we can do, but it is already a very great deal. The text, then, shows us what prayer is fundamentally all about: baring a sincere heart to the Lord, who – lifelong – listens to our story and waits till we have told it to the end.

The parable in the Gospel is targeted against 'some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else.' Whereas, as the First Reading has just reminded us, 'The humble person's prayer pierces the clouds', such people are not going to get a good hearing from God. The characters in the parable illustrate these two radically different ways of coming before the Lord in prayer.

In a strongly religious society the issue as to who is virtuous and who is not will always be prominent. In the milieu of Jesus, the Gospels particularly associate such concern with the Pharisees. In preaching, however, we must be careful not to reinforce the view that the kind of judgmental behaviour represented by the Pharisee in this parable was typical of Pharisees in general, let alone of Judaism as a religion. It flourishes in all religions, Christianity included.

Whereas in prayer the focus should be, above all, upon God, the concentration of the Pharisee as told in this parable is upon himself. Worse still, it is also upon the failings of his fellow human beings. Before beginning to enumerate all his virtues – things quite admirable in themselves from a religious point of view – this person sets himself apart from the sinful mass of humankind ('thieves, rogues, adulterers'). How convenient for him that a representative of such is right here at hand in the person of the tax-collector!

The Pharisee illustrates the attitude of those who can only bolster their own self-image by putting down others. For such people life is a competition in virtue. God's role is that of assessing the results and issuing the prizes. Prayer is an opportunity to keep God informed about how successfully one is doing and also about the shortcomings of others. As so often in Jesus' parables, it is all a bit of a caricature. But nonetheless, if we are honest, we can ask ourselves how often we catch ourselves out doing much the same?

The tax collector, by contrast, stands down the back simply pleading that God be merciful to him, a sinner. In what sense sinner? Because of personal moral failure, for which he now repents? We should not immediately jump to this conclusion. Could it simply be that he finds himself trapped in an occupation that makes him a sinner in his own eyes and those of his world – an occupation which perhaps, with a family to support and no other job possibilities, he cannot simply abandon? All this the parable leaves open. In any case, as Jesus points out, God's view reverses both verdicts. The one who came to God's house in his own eyes a sinner went home with God's favour ('justified'); the one so sure of his virtue went home without it.

This double divine verdict recorded in the parable could offer comfort to many people today who find themselves or their loved ones (for example, their children) caught in situations judged objectively 'sinful' on more traditional thinking whether in the



| Your Roster – Novemberber 3, 31th Sunday Ordinary Time Year [C]   |  |  |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| MASS  | VIGIL 5:00   | 7:30am   | 9:00am  | 6:00pm   | Somersby - 6:30  |
| DATE  | 2.11.19  | 3.11.19  | 3.11.19   | 3.11.19  | 2.11.19  |
| <b>Audio/Visual</b>   | Johann Fernandes   | Glad Williams  | Roy Kim   | Required   | Melissa Monaghan   |
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| <b>COUNTERS</b><br>October 28<br>Lyn Beglin<br>Neryl Tyrrell<br>November 4<br>Dianna Addis<br>Fiona Eaton | <b>ALTAR LINEN</b><br>P/up Nov 4.<br>Hazel Walsh<br>Ret'n Nov 8.           | <b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b><br>Sat, Nov 2<br>Eunice Dal Busco<br>Kerryl McGrath<br>Mabel Kan<br>Jo Pugh | <b>CHILDRENS LITURGY</b><br>Sunday Nov 3<br>Bianco Gooley<br>Suzanne Simpkins | <b>PARISH BUS</b><br>October Nov 3<br>Driver:<br>John Moriarty<br>Helper<br>Ros Moriarty | <b>HOSPITAL VISITATION</b><br>Nov 3<br>John McCrae<br>Cecilia Coughlin |

## YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

### MASS INTENTIONS

| Date      | Mass   | Intention  |
|-----------|--|--|
| Sat 26/10 | 9:00a Gosford<br>5:00p Gosford<br>6:30p Somersby | + Remembrance KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES<br>+ Remembrance FRIQUET FAMILY<br>+ Remembrance MR & MRS NICOLAS TOMA |
| Sun 27/10 | 7:30a Gosford<br>9:00a Gosford<br>6:00p Gosford  | PARISH INTENTIONS<br>+ Remembrance LEO FRY<br>Thanksgiving Mass TESS & PETER   |
| Mon 28/10 | 9:00a Gosford                                    | Remembrance RONALD FREEMAN   |
| Tue 29/10 | 9:00a Gosford<br>1:00p Somersby                  | + Remembrance YVETTE BENAZET<br>Recently Deceased MELITA WATERS  |
| Wed 30/10 | 11:30a Gosford                                   | Recently Deceased STEVEN KIM   |
| Thu 31/10 | 9:00a Gosford                                    | + Remembrance KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES  |
| Fri 1/11  | 12:00n Gosford<br>7:00p Gosford                  | NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES<br>For the Personal Intentions of the PANNELL FAMILY   |
| Sat 2/11  | 9:00a Gosford<br>5:00p Gosford<br>6:30p Somersby | NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES<br>Recently Deceased MELITA WATERS<br>Recently Deceased CHARLIE CLEMENT                            |
| Sun 3/11  | 7:30a Gosford<br>9:00a Gosford<br>6:00p Gosford  | PARISH INTENTIONS<br>Recently Deceased DAVID BELL<br>Anniversary FRANZ HAKVOORT  |

area of sexuality, or marital involvement or professional occupation. In a complex world, loyalties often run in several directions. The application of general moral rules and norms to individual lives requires sympathy and pastoral understanding of the pressures and burdens most people have to bear. The parable suggests that God's view, at any rate, does not run simply along conventional lines. The divine impulse is always towards acceptance, mercy and liberation.

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Marie O'Donovan, Margaret Kings, Megan McGowan, 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 Gunnison, Sonia Cummings, Anna-Marie Rowan, Melita Waters, Judy Wennerborn, Helen Bligh, Scott McKinnon.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

William (David) Bell, Steven Kim, Charlie Clement, Patrick O'Hare, Theresa Fowler, Melita Waters.

### CONDOLENCES:

Sincere condolences to Gary & Elaine Bell on the loss of Gary's beloved brother, David.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Grace McNeany, Rhonda Pritchard, John Muir, Anneliese Hiep, Bob Martin.

### REMEMBRANCES:

Franz Hakvoort, Leo Fry, Nelson Fernandes, Youkhana David, Friquet Family, Mr & Mrs Nicolas Toma, Ronald Freeman, Yvette Benazet, Keever, Knight & Merchant Families, Unborn Babies, Leo Fry, Shelley Andrew, Michael Kokegei.

### NEXT WEEKS READINGS

#### SUNDAY NOV 3

##### 1st Reading:

Wiz 11:22, 12:2

##### 2nd Reading

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

##### Gospel

Lk 19:1-10

#### MONDAY OCT 28

Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

#### FRIDAY NOV 1

All Saints - Solemnity

#### SATURDAY NOV 2

All Souls Day



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## SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Last Saturday every month, in the Jordan Room after 5:00 pm Vigil Mass. While at the Movie Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner. Simply bring something of the quantity you would typically 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.

## NEXT MOVIE NIGHT - 26<sup>th</sup> 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....



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