



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

We are at the second last Sunday of our Year of Trust at St Patrick's Parish.

I have found a Homily given on 20 August 2011 by Bishop Philip Boyce, at Knock Novena – "To Trust in God"

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace" (Heb. 4:16). The full homily can be found at [The Web site of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference, news archive 24 Aug 2011](#)

So, as we draw near the the end of our year of Trust I find the conclusion of Bishop Philip's Homily very fitting for this Sunday in our Year of Trust, with the words of Bishop Philip Boyce.

"This triumphant Church of the elect is the same that now struggles and sighs in the slow and painful grip of history that is unfolding hour by weary hour, minute by minute. We now face the challenge of trusting in our Saviour, at times without hope. The powers of evil and their apparent triumphs put our trust in God to the test. However, we have the certitude of faith that Christ, the Word of God, will have the final victory. And it is not far away. For the Lord says: "Behold, I am coming soon" (Rev. 22:7).

And we all respond with a cry of hope that hungers for his presence: "Maranatha, Come. Lord Jesus, come."

Perhaps Blessed John Paul II, at the time we embarked on a new Millennium of human history, had this vision of hopeful trust in his mind when he wrote: "[Duc in Altum!](#) Let us go forwards in hope! A new Millennium is opening before the Church like a vast ocean upon which we shall venture, relying on the help of Christ. The Son of God, who became incarnate two thousand years ago out of love for humanity, is at work even today: we need



LUKE 21 : 5 – 19

Your endurance will win you your life.

discerning eyes to see this and, above all, a generous heart to become the instruments of his work...we can count on the power of the same Spirit who was poured out at Pentecost and who impels us still today to start anew, sustained by the hope which does not disappoint" ([Apostolic Letter, Novo Millennio Ineunte, No 58](#)).

We are under Our Lady's protection, who visited her people here at this spot in a time of poverty and distress. As long as she is praying for us in Heaven nothing whatever, high or low, can harm us or take away our trust in God. She reigns a Queen forever and her Son refuses her nothing she requests."

So, we look forward to our new year of ????

St Patrick, pray for us, St Mary Mackillop, pray for us.

[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

"Be a true apostle of Jesus Christ. Do not rest until you have carried the word of God to all corners of the earth. Be a true herald of the Most High! Fly like an eagle around the globe and proclaim the word of God!"

MM Letters 1898/11/17



POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER 2019 INTENTION

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East.

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

A warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors who are celebrating the Eucharist with us this weekend at St Patrick's Parish.

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ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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PARISH OFFICE

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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

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9:00am – 3:30pm

Friday:

AV Presentation:

Peter McLean

Greg McBride

Caretakers:

Ron Begg

John Malicki

Gardeners:

Trevor Byrne

Joyce Byrne

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Hilary Pope

If you see any activities involving children or

vulnerable adults that worries you, please call

Hilary Pope, our Safeguarding Officer on

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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, NOV 18 - CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP

9:30 am in Jordan Room
Come and hear Jesus plea to us.
Dearest Souls Give Me Your Love.

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

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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

Sunday Nov 17	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Mass with Baptism Presentations. 3rd Sunday Morning Tea and Min Fete after Mass Baptism Youth Mass with Joey's and Eddies followed by Youth Group meeting in J/Room
Monday Nov 18	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass. Christian Unity Prayer Group in the Jordan Room Bible Study in Jordan Room.
Tuesday Nov 19	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass.
Wednesday Nov 20	11:00am 11:30am 3:30pm	Adoration. Mass. Communion Service Presb Village
Thursday Nov 21	9:00am	Communion Service.
Friday Nov 22	9:30am 12:00am 12:30pm	Craft Group in Jordan Room. Mass Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 to 3:00pm
Saturday Nov 23	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Adoration. Mass Baptism Prep Choir Practise in Church. Vigil Mass Gosford Vigil Mass Somersby
Sunday Nov 24	7:30am 9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ The King Mass Mass. 1st Eucharist Mass Youth Mass followed by Youth Group meeting in J/Room

KIDS CORNER PINT SIZED PADDIES

NEXT EVENT IS FRIDAY, NOV 29.
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 17 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.

MINI FETE TODAY AFTER MASSES.

Come and join in the fun and grab some bargains and good fare. All proceeds to Salvatorian Projects.

PREPARING FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1st December to Christmas Day!). Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

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.

MASSES OF REMEMBRANCE:

Mass of Remembrance at Point Clare Cemetry. According to our practice established many years ago, we will hold a special Mass of Remembrance at Pt Clare Cemetry. We will now hold the Mass at 11:30 am Tuesday, November 26 - with apologies to those who were disappointed that the catastrophic fire warnings caused the cancellation of last Tuesday's planned Mass.

VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING MASS AND DINNER

Come, all volunteers, and celebrate another successful year at St Pats!

Thanksgiving Mass at 7.00 pm followed by dinner in the hall, Tuesday, November 26 2019.

We have many rostered, and unrostered, volunteers in ministries and service who give of their time regularly in this parish and Fr Greg would like to say 'THANK YOU!' with Mass and a shared meal.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by November 20 to the office via call or email: patsgos@acs.net.au

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT CLAIM THE DATE!

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

FR VOJTEK CELEBRATES OUR MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Fr Vojtek will take this opportunity to speak to us about his work in the Salvatorian Youth Missionary Movement at all Masses this weekend. After each Mass a basket will be available at the foyer in which to place a donation towards this work, should you so desire.

TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

On Sunday, November 17, Pope Francis calls us to commemorate the third World Day of the Poor. This year, the theme is "the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever" (PS 9:19), in which "the Church in Australia is recognising volunteers who work to bring hope to those in need." (ACBC Media Release Oct 2019)

[Download the ACBC's Message of hope for the World Day of the Poorv](#)

In his 2019 World Day of the Poor message, Pope Francis reminds us that "Before all else, the poor need God and his love, made visible by "the saints next door", people who by the simplicity of their lives express clearly the power of Christian love. God uses any number of ways and countless means to reach people's hearts. Certainly, the poor come to us also because we give them food, but what they really need is more than our offer of a warm meal or a sandwich. The poor need our hands, to be lifted up; our hearts, to feel anew, the warmth of affection; our presence, to overcome loneliness. In a word, they need love."

[Read Pope Francis' 2019 World Day of Poor the message in full.](#)

Other resources:

[Prayer posters](#) – Caritas Australia

[Prayer card](#) – Caritas UK

[Street Feast 2019 event](#) – Sydney and Parramatta Diocese initiative

DO YOU HAVE ANY WHITE AGGIES?

THAT MAY BE BLOOMING PERFECTLY FOR OUR 1ST COMMUNION MASSES NEXT WEEK?

If so, please contact the Parish Office as we would love to have fresh flowers for such a special occasion in the faith life of our 64 children making their 1st Communion next weekend.

MENALIVE IN GOSFORD PARISH

The next meeting of menALIVE will commence with Mass at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 3 and we especially invite all men who are interested in coming along as we will have a speaker from the Catenians present. Catenians are an association of Catholic laymen who are committed to their Faith, their families, to those in need and each other. Their primary purpose is to establish a network of friends, which enhances their family life, strengthens their Faith and sustains them in difficult times.

WELCOME BIGI KON TO OUR HOSPITAL MINISTRY TEAM

We are so grateful to the very generous Bigi who has joined both our Friday and Sunday hospital visiting team after completing the necessary Clinical Pastoral Education Course.

A NEW WAY OF GIVING!

In a society where we are becoming cashless, and indeed are pushed towards being so, the next step to make a parish sustainable is to provide a method where people may give electronically. No, we won't be passing an EFTPOS machine around with the plates, but we have installed [not yet quite permanently] a 'donation tap device' in the foyer behind the holy water font, which will allow you to simply, tap and go! **The device is now set at a limit of \$5 per tap but if you would like to give more than \$5, tap again to take it to \$10, and then again to \$15 etc.** Please note there is a short delay between each tap to avoid people accidentally tapping twice. All donations via this device are not tax-deductible.

DONATION POINT

QUICK AND EASY

Please be aware that this money goes to our 2nd collection. The collection that supports the administration, maintenance and upkeep of the church building, grounds and parish, and as you can well imagine, it is an expensive exercise, so all donations are well used.

Please also know that this type of giving isn't meant to replace our planned giving envelope system. Planned giving is invaluable in terms of planning and budgeting, but merely an opportunity for you if you would like

to donate but don't have any change in your pocket, as so many of us don't. today. Hopefully, many will avail themselves of this opportunity.

CLEANING OUR CHURCH IN PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS!

Another date for your diaries. Tuesday, December 17 directly after morning Mass. Please come along, and we

promise you a delightful morning tea when your chores are done!

CATECHISTS CORNER

As mentioned previously, Robyn Nevin's and Lorraine Collin's service to the Catechist ministry was acknowledged last Saturday after the CCD Diocesan Mass at the Cathedral.



ALAIN PLACES A WHITE ROSE AT THE ALTAR, IN MEMORY OF EDNA LAY

The death of one of our Parish's long-serving catechists, Edna Lay, was remembered as part of the Procession and Presentation of white roses at the beginning of the Mass. During his homily, Bishop Anthony observed that his installation as 4th Bishop of Broken Bay occurred on the feast of St Charles Borromeo – the patron saint of catechists. Furthermore, his 1st official celebration as our Bishop was the CCD Diocesan Mass – how appropriate for the occasion. Bishop Anthony thanked all catechists from across the Diocese and encouraged others

to reflect on their ability and calling to this ministry.



ROBYN NEVIN IS PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE CELEBRATING 55 YEARS AS A CATECHIST - WHAT AN AWESOME ACHIEVEMENT!

If you are a parent or grandparent, you are already part qualified by your own experience to respond to God's calling and join our team. For more details, pick up a yellow catechist flyer from the Church entrances or call Alain (0414273654) or the Parish Office. We would be delighted to have you join us.

ALDRIN VALDEHUEZA ADMITTED TO CANDIDACY FOR HOLY ORDERS

Broken Bay seminarian Aldrin Valdehueza took his next step in his journey to priesthood when he was admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders on Sunday 110 November at St Patrick's Asquith by our new Bishop, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo.

Several of our St Patrick's Gosford parishioners travelled down to Asquith to support Aldrin with this important step. Thank you to Cecilia for providing the photos on the adjacent page. Aldrin who many of us will remember spent several months at St Patrick's is progressing well and below are some pictures of him at the service.

SPIRITUAL HEALING APPOINTMENTS

SR MARGARET SCULLY RSC

Sr Margaret will be in the Parish on November 20 and is available for spiritual healing appointments. To book some time with Sr Margaret please phone 9810 2499, her e-mail is playing up, so please use phone.



ST PATRICK'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS 24 DECEMBER

5:00 PM

NEW VENUE

ST PATRICK'S
INFANTS SCHOOL

MELBOURNE ST EAST GOSFORD

Mass followed by:

- Animals
- Dancing
- Birthday Cake for Jesus
- Plus other activities



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.

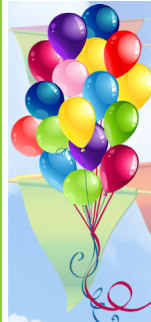
This purpose-built centre will be used to run seminars and retreat programs for clergy and the public with on-site accommodation in a lovely tranquil environment.

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.



MINI FETE NOVEMBER 16 & 17

THIS WEEKEND -



Cakes, puddings, books, crafts, plants, CD's, white elephant stall etc. Proceeds to Lay Salvatorian Projects. Join us after Mass to have some fun and good fare.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING

MAL 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 97:5-9. R. SEE V.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

SECOND READING

2 THESS 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and

earning the food that they eat.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LK 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LK 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PS 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

COMMENTARY BY MARY COLOE PBVM

What sign will there be?

2 THESS 3:7-12; LUKE 21:5-19

There is humour and also great insight in Paul's words today. Remember, this community is living about twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Paul has been teaching them that Jesus will soon return and some have taken his words so seriously that they have given up work. At Corinth, people wonder whether they should marry or not, because they are so convinced that Jesus is returning

to them any day. In Thessalonica, they have 'downed tools!' Such is the conviction and joyful expectation of these early communities. They live as if today is their last day. Wow! What would I do if today was my last day? What would you do? Readings like this are a challenge to us to look at our priorities and make sure that we are living with the sense that each day is precious, and that each day God is drawing closer to us.

In the Gospel, Jesus has now reached the end of his journey and is in Jerusalem, within its magnificent Temple. Here, other questions are raised.

What do we do when things go wrong? How do we find faith in God when life collapses around us? These are questions all Christians face and today's gospel gives us a brief insight into the pain and struggle of Luke's small community who had such faith and hope in Jesus, but life did not appear to be blessed. God wasn't intervening to save them from conflict within families and persecution from governments. Luke tries to reassure his community that such discord and trouble is part of a living Christianity and can be expected. Faith in Jesus doesn't take us out of the world, or permit us to live as some sort of aliens in the world. We are part of a struggling humanity.

Jesus lived at a time when the Jerusalem temple existed and had recently been greatly renovated and made even grander by King Herod the Great. But by the time the Gospel is written, the magnificent Temple was utterly destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. Many Jews saw this event as the 'end of the world' and took this destruction as a sign that God was coming soon. Luke cautions against such false ideas. The end has not yet come and Luke's community must learn to live in an extended time of waiting. Through Jesus' words, Luke teaches his community that in this time of waiting there will be hardship and struggle; these are not incompatible with Christian faith and are not to be taken as signs that God is absent. Endurance is required.

The concerns of Luke's community and Paul's seem very distant to the concerns of our own time. We need to exercise some historical imagination to try to get a sense of real people, living with their real questions and struggling with faith. There are no simple answers to most of the really important questions of life. Our faith was never meant to be an easy escape from really living. We cannot, like the Thessalonians, drop our tools, give up work and just wait for Jesus; but nor can we settle for simplistic answers when difficult times come. A robust faith will engage the world and wrestle with the questions life poses. But in all this, faith in Jesus should make a difference. Paul advises the Thessalonians, 'imitate me'. Living faith should be visible. G K Chesterton once said, 'Christianity hasn't been tried and found wanting – but it has been found hard, and it hasn't been tried!' It was the living witness of the early believers that attracted others to join them, even in the midst of misunderstanding and persecution from the surrounding society. Each of us should be able to say as Paul did – 'imitate me'. What a challenge!

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Your Roster – November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Year [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	23.11.19	24.11.19	24.11.19	24.11.19	23.11.19
Audio/Visual	Anna Jung	Bernie Pannell	Alan Dillon	Required	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Gerard Nicholls Sam Giddings	Hilary Pope Jacob Curcio	Peter McLean Peter Cho	Peter Forbes Kevin O'Donnell	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Val Dibben Nicole Murphy	Chris Golden Anne Lovett	Keith Quinn Carol Bailey	Youth Nora Koleszar	Cheryl Barany Alyce Chin
Commentator	Terry Cooke	Josie McGuinness	Liz Malik	Youth	Peter Chin
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Nicole Murphy Rosemary Lee Terry Cooke Jan Blanch	Margaret Eadie Sheila Evans Regina Fong Pam McCrae	Katie Moss Isobel O'Neill Stephanie Trevenen	Paul Russotti Aimee Sands Tom Sands Rosa Tropiano	Jane Azzopardi + Senior Server
Altar Servers	Taz Parry Sam Cormack Lachlan Cormack Lachlan Murphy	Sebastian Eager Laura Eager	Roy Kim Heath Ford Lincoln Gottardo Joanna Tony Cameron Moss	Vito De Toffol Remi De Toffol Lorenzo Arango Luke Russotti	Mia Xuereb Dylan Xuereb Flowers: Carmen Galea
COUNTERS November 18/11 Margaret Hunter Joyce Byrne November 25/11 David Slingsby Trudi Hiep	ALTAR LINEN P/up Nov 25. Clem & Marie ODonovan Ret'n Nov 29.	ALTAR SOCIETY Thur, Nov 21 Des Hinksman Mary Brown Pauline Parsons Margaret Dibben	CHILDRENS LITURGY Sunday Nov 24 Joanne Ford Katie Moss	PARISH BUS Nov 24 Driver: Aaron Huckle Helper Ellen McNally	HOSPITAL VISITATION Nov 24 Barbara Mills Eunice Dal Busco

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 16/11	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	PERSONAL INTENTIONS NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES
Sun 17/11	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS + Anniversaries SIDNEY VAN ROSS & THELMA TATE NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES
Mon 18/11	9:00a Gosford	NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES
Tue 19/11	9:00a Gosford	NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES
Wed 20/11	11:30a Gosford	NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES
Thu 21/11	9:00a Gosford	NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES
Fri 22/11	12:00n Gosford	NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES
Sat 23/11	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Anniversary CLARE CHAUFFEPIED Recently Deceased NELSON FERNANDES NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES
Sun 24/11	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCES

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:

Sheila Eaton, Brian Loo, Emmanuel Gauci, Mrs Hogan.

CONDOLENCES:

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

Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel at Palmdale, 1:30 pm Tuesday, 19 November.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Clare Chauffepied, Sydney Van Ross, Thelma Tate, John Butler

REMEMBRANCES:

During November, all Remembrances are recorded in the Book of Remembrance.



THURSDAY 21

The presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY 22

St Cecilia virgin, martyr

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

Gospel

Lk 23: 35 - 43

SUNDAY NOV 24

1st Reading:

2 Sam 5: 1 - 3

2nd Reading

Co 1: 12 - 20



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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 - 30th November

Movie:- **The Last Straw** (Rated PG)

Discover the true meaning of Christmas one piece at a time; Its Christmas time at the McDonald house, but with the children's constant bickering, silent nights and days are nowhere to be found.

Mum revives an old tradition of building a soft bed for Baby Jesus in the manger; a single piece of straw is added for every kind act between family members.



"The last straw is an inspirational, family friendly holiday movie! Bring the family and enjoy a great night out with friends

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