



St Patrick's Parish Gosford

The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosford,
St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer
Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.



WELCOME TO OUR YEAR OF LOVE

MT 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

This passage is a compelling message in the Bible; it can be extrapolated to mean Love is EVERYTHING.

You might say that is a bold statement, but Jesus did say; "On these two commandments hang the whole law, and the Prophets also."

MT 3:1-12

REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS CLOSE AT HAND.



When you hate someone or do evil things, it engenders hatred and harmful responses, on the other hand:

When you love someone it engenders Love in return it does not cause hate!

I love this thought as Love and Hate are the only things in the whole of creation where a reaction to something is not equal and opposite. Not only does Love create more Love but frequently creates more Love in response to the Love given.

I think we have all heard of the Pay it Forward concept that creates a snowball effect of Love.

THE CRUCIFIXION, THE GREATEST ACT OF LOVE

There is, however, one time when hatred and bigotry did bring forth abundance in Love. Only God and his beloved son could accomplish such a feat, the greatest act of Love, the biggest "pay it forward".

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FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"You must have a mutual love that comes from God, which is rooted in virtue, which doesn't seek itself, and therefore comes from God"

Jt 1897/11/19



POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER 2019 INTENTION

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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

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PARISH OFFICE

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VOLUNTEER ROLES

Office Admin:

Denise Jay
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9:00am – 3:30pm

Friday:

AV Presentation:

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Ron Begg
John Malicki

Caretakers:

Gardeners:

Trevor Byrne
Joyce Byrne
Victor Camilleri
Barbara McCarthy
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Seniors' Ministry:

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Hilary Pope

If you see any activities involving children or vulnerable adults that worries you, please email Hilary Pope, our Safeguarding Officer on hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au

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, DEC 9 - ADVENT 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?

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

Sunday Dec 8	7:30am 9:00am 12:00n 6:00pm	Mass Mass Filipino Mass Mass
Monday Dec 9	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Adoration. Communion Service. Advent Lectio Divina prayer group in the Jordan Room Bible Study in Jordan Room.
Tuesday Dec 10	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Adoration. Communion Service. Requiem - Joyce Rasic
Wednesday Dec 11	11:00am 11:30am	Adoration. Mass.
Thursday Dec 12	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass.
Friday Dec 13	12:00am 12:30pm	Mass Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 to 3:00pm
Saturday Dec 14	8:30am 9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Adoration. Mass Choir Practise in Church. Vigil Mass Gosford Vigil Mass Somersby
Sunday Dec 15	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Mass Mass + Ack. of Outgoing Catechists 3rd Sunday Morning Tea Baptisms Youth Mass with Joey's and Eddie's

KIDS CORNER PINT SIZED PADDIES

NEXT EVENT IS FRIDAY, DEC 13. THE LAST EVENT THIS YEAR.
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
Due to ACYF most of our Youth and Fr Greg are in Perth celebrating at the Youth Festival, therefore there will be no meeting this week. The youth normally meet after 6:00 pm Sunday Mass in the Jordan Room.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Are in recess and will recommence on 29 January, 2020.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

12 DECEMBER, AFTER THE 6 PM MASS.

Fr Greg would like to invite all Youth to a Christmas Party in the Jordan room after 6 pm Mass.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS' CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP

Wednesday December 11, departing at 9am from Victoria Street Come, enjoy a trip to the Royal Motor Yacht Club at Toronto for lunch.

Morning tea provided. Lunch at your own cost.

\$15 only. Please RSVP to Barbara on 4322 0250 by Friday December 6.

THIS WEEK OUR YOUTH ARE IN PERTH AT THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL IN PERTH!

Your generous financial support of the 20 youth from our parish [within the 40 Salvatorian youth from the East Coast] sees them winging off to Perth this week for an intensive spirituality and renovation festival with Fr Greg as Youth Coordinator! This parish managed to raise the \$11,000 required to support them and they send you their deepest gratitude, whilst we send them off with our prayers and our love.

CLEANING OUR CHURCH IN PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS!

Another date for your diaries. **Monday, December 16** directly after 9:00 am Mass. Please come along, and we promise you a delightful morning tea when your chores are done!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT !

Saturday December 14 directly after the 5pm Mass in the Parish Hall. Lots of good singing by our Chiors and Bands and everyone who feels joyous.

Please bring your own food and drinks!

ARE YOU ALONE ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

Don't eat your lunch alone, come and join us at our Christmas Lunch starting at 11.30am at St Patrick's Hall.

You bring yourselves, and we'll bring the food and the fun! We look forward to seeing you there, or perhaps you know someone who should come along too?

There's a sheet in the foyer on which to RSVP for catering.

If any parishioners would care to donate funds towards catering, they would be gratefully received. Gifts of food etc are difficult to handle and anticipate therefore we find less wastage if we use the cash to buy the goods we know we will need.

Thank you.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

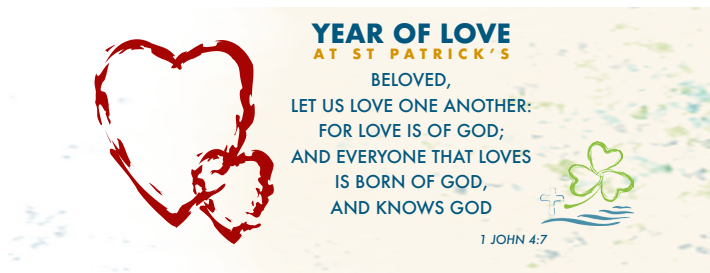
Each year during Advent each Parish celebrates the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation which is a way all Catholics can participate in the Rite of Reconciliation.

- 18/12/2019 at St John the Baptist Woy Woy, 7:00 – 7:30 pm
- 19/12/2019 at St Patrick's Gosford, 7:00 – 7:30 pm
- 20/12/2019 at Our Lady of the Rosary Wyoming, 7:00 – 7:30 pm
- 23/12/2019 at Holy Cross Kincumber, 7:00 – 7:30 pm

FR GREG IS AT ACYF!

As you all know Fr Greg is in WA with 20 of our youth at this Festival and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return. We have the following clergy to thank for assisting us at St Pat's in Father's absence: Fr Jesper, an Augustinian priest from Manly Vale who will say our weekend Masses except for the Vigil when Fr John

Hill will attend and 6pm Sunday will be Fr Brian Rowland. On Wednesday December 11, Fr Joby George will offer our 11.30am Mass, and Monday and Tuesday of next week we will have Communion Services.



DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS!

Another calendar year is fast coming to a close, and as a Church we begin our new liturgical year with the start of Advent. I invite you at this time to take a moment to reflect on the past year, and also to open yourselves to new possibilities in both your personal spiritual life, as well as our common spiritual life as a parish.

Each year that I am here as parish priest I would like to provide some universal guidance for this important reflection by introducing a new annual theme. When I arrived to the parish in February, I announced a Year of Trust. Over the last few months, we have had a special opportunity to reflect on, learn and renew our trust in God, in the Church and in others that are around us. We hosted different priests and guest speakers to help us further our understanding of trust. In almost every parish bulletin we have had a reflection or a prayer for trust. Year of Trust candles with a beautiful prayer for trust attached were available to purchase and take to our homes and share with others. Those of us who wanted to use this opportunity to reflect on Trust had many opportunities to do so. It is my hope that this year of trust helped many of you to trust more than before and to open your hearts for the next step in your spiritual life.

As we continue our faith journey together at St Patrick's community I would like to announce a different theme for this new liturgical year which we begin today! The next step after we learn how to trust is to love. This is why, together with the parish pastoral council, I have decided to launch the YEAR OF LOVE in our parish!

The theme for this year will be based on a fragment of 1 John 4:7 "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God."

In the YEAR OF LOVE I would like to invite all of us to reflect on love in the same way as we did with trust. We will reflect on how to love God, His Church and one another. This will be an opportunity for different generations in our community to reflect on love, to learn how to love with a pure heart and how to renew our love. During this year I will once again invite different guest speakers and in the parish bulletin we will have a different reflections and prayers for love. We will also organise different events and prayer times to help us all better understand love as well.

Love is not all hearts and flowers or what is presented in a sappy romantic film, Pope Francis said.

- "Love is something else. Love is taking responsibility for others."
- "Love isn't playing violins, all romantic," the pope said in his homily at Mass. "No. Love is work."
- "Do I remain in the Lord's love? Or do I leave it, seeking other things, forms of fun, other ways of leading my life?" the pope told them to ask. "To remain in his love is to do what Jesus did for us. He gave his life for us. He was our servant; he came to serve. The love Christians are called to show others is not something that should be occasional "but must be a constant in our existence."
- "This is why we are called, for example, to care for the elderly as a precious treasure and with love, even if they create economic problems and difficulties. But we must care for them... This is why we must give every assistance

possible to the sick, even at the last stages. This is why the unborn always must be welcomed."

- "Life always must be safeguarded and loved from conception to its natural end... This is love."

With this short reflection of Pope Francis I would like to encourage you to start this journey of love together so we as St Patrick's Parish community will grow in our understanding of love and share it with one another. I would also like to invite the three local schools, St Joseph's, St Edward's and St Patrick's, to join us and reflect on love together, building a whole community in our area founded on Christ who is love, and learn from him how to share and reach out with love to others in our parish and school communities.

Let us pray together that we all will be filled with God's love and will share it with one other!

God bless
Fr Greg Skulski SDS
Parish Priest

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

At all pews this week you will find giving envelopes to offer your assistance to the disadvantaged at Christmastime. This appeal will be held in the church for two weeks, and then you will find the envelopes at the foyer for you to give at any time. The Society thanks you in anticipation of your usual generosity.

FOR LEASE:
UNIT 2 PATRICK TERRACE, 60 VICTORIA STREET, EAST GOSFORD

This spacious 2 bedroom unit with single garage within the parish complex is now available for lease. To make enquiries and inspect, please contact the Parish Office on: Ph 4325 1042.



Next Sunday, is the 3rd Sunday of the month and all are welcomed to join us for morning tea in the Jordan Room after 9:00 am Mass.

FEELING WORRIED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF A CHILD?

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT THAT CAN HELP YOU

PHONE: THE OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING [CHANCERY] 02 8379 1605

EMAIL: THE OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING [CHANCERY] ON SAFEGUARDING@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU HILARY.P1@OPTUSNET.COM.AU

You have a responsibility to do something...

IF THE CHILD IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER CALL THE POLICE ON "000"

THE ABOVE CONTACT CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS TO ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD



OUR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

As there will be a few changes this year, we thought it best to get in early so that you can be aware, and spread the word!

We are breaking with the tradition of Mass at St Edward's and trying to make this a very festive and memorable occasion for the children. More info coming soon.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST PATRICK'S

5:00 pm Children's Outdoor Mass on the grounds of St Patrick's Primary School's Melbourne St Campus.

9:00 pm Youth Mass

Join us for Port and Christmas cake after mass

12:00 - Midnight Mass

Join us for Port and Christmas cake after mass

CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, SOMERSBY

6:00 pm [**NOTE TIME CHANGE**]

CHRISTMAS DAY AT ST PATRICK'S

7:30 am

9:00 am

No evening Mass.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES

Traditionally our Christmas Masses are beautiful liturgies in celebration of the birth of our saviour and are enhanced by the exceptional level of involvement by our ministries. We are hoping for that same level of support this year. We have placed a sheet in the sacristy on which readers, commentators, altar servers and A/V people may nominate their preferred Mass/es, and we look forward to and thank you in anticipation of your usual support.

Please note that finalising the roster will need to be by the week of December 14/15.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS AT ST PATRICK'S

It's going to be held outdoors on the infant's campus.

Kelly Paget is looking for children to do the nativity play.

Contact Kelly on 0423 338 136

Jane is looking for children to do the readings/prayers of the faithful, offertory, collections, altar service etc.

Contact Jane on 0417 660 078

CHRISTMAS CANDLES ON SALE - \$20

Christ is Christmas

Heavenly Father,

May our Christmas season be a time of reconciliation and peace.

May the love of Christ be with us.

May His peace surround us.

May our Christmas be a time of healing, giving and sharing.

May Your spirit be with us as we share and care in Jesus' blessed birth. Amen!



A BIG THANK YOU

To our Fund Raising Committee for their work and especially the girls at St Joseph's Catholic College for theirs in attaching the ribbon on 107 candles!



**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**

Bring your own chair



PARKING TOWARDS ST EDDIES OR ON VICTORIA STREET SIDE

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. IS 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING

IS 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots:

on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of The Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. CF. V.7

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds.

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name.

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

SECOND READING

ROM 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The Word of The Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LK 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MT 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the

appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father;" because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

BAR 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY BY

DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The oracle of salvation is enveloped by references to 'the root of Jesse' (vv.1,10). The new Davidic king will enjoy a realm of remarkable peace in the world of nature. Gifts needed for wise governing include wisdom and understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord. This king will be the champion of the poor and the meek; he will be girded about with righteousness and faithfulness. This is clearly God's king. This scene of 'the peaceable kingdom' is reminiscent of the primal paradise of Eden (cf. Genesis 2). This vision is not a return to the past, but one of future peace and fulfilment.

The psalmist begins with a prayer that the king be given a share in God's own justice. This justice will enable him to govern in a way that will provide the people with the peace and well being that God wills for them. The psalmist prays that God's righteousness will take root and flourish, and that it will even outlast this king, enduring along with peace until the end of time. This rule of justice is meant for the entire world and all of the nations within it. The prayer ends with a plea that the righteousness of this king will be a model for other nations, and through him they too will be blessed by God.

Paul speaks of the universality of the blessings won by Christ and the unity within the believing community that will result. Referring to what we today call the First or Old Testament, he insists that though its contents originated from people who faced a very different world and concerns than did his audience, its message continues to provide instruction to the people of his day, and by implication to the people of our day as well. He bases his teaching on God's original promise that Abram and his descendants would be a source of blessing for others (cf. Gen 12:2; 22:18). He then argues that it was in fulfilment of this promise that the Gentiles have been brought into the family of God. John's baptism was neither one of incorporation, undergone by proselytes to Judaism, nor the repeated ritual cleansing practised by the Essene community of Qumran. It was a devotional rite with eschatological

Your Roster – December 15, 3rd Sunday of Advent Year [A/2]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	14.12.19	15.12.19	15.12.19	15.12.19	14.12.19
Audio/Visual	Robert Biviano	Bernie Pannell	Arthur Holland	Thomas Werner	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Anna Jung Gerard Nicholls	Gerard Price John McCrae	Peter McLean Katrina Pratt	Ange Stitt Patrick Nicholls	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Bridget Sharp Jan Blanch	Anne Lovett Chris Golden	Scot Frazer Frances Mathey	Youth Laura Mellor	Sarah Xuereb Jane Azzopardi
Commentator	Terry Cooke	Eunice Dal Busco	Chris Paget	Barbara McCarthy	Michael Monaghan
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Paul Hussein Marissa Hussein Joseph Hussein Vic Camilleri	Lucy Price Sheila Evans Regina Fong Pam McCrae	Katie Moss Robyn McBride Isobel O'Neill Keith Quinn Emily Rudd	Rick Llidge Aimee Sands Tom Sands Sherree Sullivan	Michael Monaghan Cheryl Barany
Altar Servers	Lorenzo Arango		Rowan Talbot Lily Talbot Sarah Selim Cameron Moss	Alex Golden Gabby Golden Natasha Golden Joey Stitt	Natalia Luci Jessica Xuereb Flowers: Roseanne Dominello
COUNTERS December 9/12 Lyn Beglin Neryl Tyrrell December 9/12 Lyn Beglin Neryl Tyrrell	ALTAR LINEN P/up Dec 9. Thea Dowsett Ret'n Dec 13. P/up Dec 16. Josie McGuinness	ALTAR SOCIETY Sat, Dec 14 Maree Nolan Maragsret Pratt Carmel Hinkley Anna Neale Pauline Nesbit	CHILDRENS LITURGY Sunday Dec 14 Cheryl Frazer Lucy Frazer	PARISH BUS Dec 15 Driver: Brian Jay Helper Ellen McNally	HOSPITAL VISITATION Dec 8 Nora Koleszar Michael Lynch

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 7/12	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	Recently Dec'd ROSALIND MITCHELL +Remembrance MONICA MOORE [Sr Monique] + Remembrance RIC MCGUIRE
Sun 8/12	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS + Birthday Rem STEVEN KIM Recently Deceased LEANNE LACEY
Mon 9/12	9:00a Gosford	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue 10/12	9:00a Gosford	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed 11/12	11:30a Gosford	+Remembrance KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES
Thu 12/12	9:00a Gosford	
Fri 13/12	12:00n Gosford	
Sat 14/12	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	
Sun 15/12	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Judy Ryan, Peter Gloss, Ray Maher, 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 Wennerbom, Helen Bligh, Scott McKinnon.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Chris Graham, Justin Dwyer, Rosalind Mitchell, Leanne Lacey, Pat Hennessy, Fr Barry Nobbs, Ashley Johnson.

CONDOLENCES:

We pray for the soul of parishioner Christopher Graham who passed suddenly last week and whose Requiem will take place at St Patrick's on Thursday December 12 at 2pm. We offer our most sincere condolences to his wife Kath, their children and grandchildren.

REMEMBRANCES:

Ric McGuire, Monica Moore [Sr Monique], Steven Kim, Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families, Mary Emma Middleton, Leo Fry, Michael Kokegei.

MONDAY DEC 9

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

FRIDAY DEC 13

St Lucy, virgin, martyr

SATURDAY 14

St John of the Cross, priest, doctor

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

SUNDAY DEC 15 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: Is 35: 1- 6, 10

2nd Reading: James 5: 7 - 10

Gospel: Mt 11: 2 - 11

significance, accompanied by an acknowledgment of sinfulness and a resolve to live an ethical life. John accuses religious leaders of coming to him because they seek to flee from the wrath of God associated with the coming of the eschatological age. They considered their identity as children of Abraham as a privilege that protected them from this wrath. John admits his subordinate role when compared with Jesus. Though he precedes him in time, he follows him in importance. John's baptism is a preparation. Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with cleansing fire. © Dianne Bergant CSA





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15-23/dec dee why 7:30 PM
 Christmas Novena Masses
 St Kevin's Church
 50 Oaks Avenue, Dee Why

16-24/dec chatswood 5:30 AM
 Christmas Novena Dawn Masses
 Our Lady of Dolours Parish
 94 Archer St, Chatswood

20, 22, 23 /dec wyong 7:00 PM
 The Triduum
 St Cecilia's Church
 23 Byron Street, Wyong

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