




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



YEAR OF LOVE
AT ST PATRICK'S

BELOVED,
LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER:
FOR LOVE IS OF GOD;
AND EVERYONE THAT LOVES
IS BORN OF GOD,
AND KNOWS GOD

1 JOHN 4:7



ADVENT CANDLE CEREMONY

3RD SUNDAY

Priest:

On this third Sunday of Advent we celebrate how Jesus first came among us in fulfilment of God's plan, and comes among us still in the grace and spirit he shares with us.

As we light the Advent Wreath Candle may we be encouraged to be witnesses for the light.

Commentator:

The Third Candle - the pink one - Joy - reminds us of the great light and joy, which surrounded the shepherds at the announcement of Jesus' birth.

Priest:

Lord Jesus, you are the true light that enlightens the whole world.

All:

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Priest:

Lord Jesus, you came into the world but the world did not know you.

All:

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

MT 11:2-11

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS TO COME, OR MUST WE WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE?



Priest:

Lord Jesus, you came into the world but the world did not know you.

All:

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Priest:

Let us pray that God will fill us with joy at the coming of Christ.

Lord God, may we, your people who look forward to the birthday of Christ, experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen

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FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Do not lose heart, even if you are humiliated greatly. Have confidence in the Lord and strive for holiness."



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

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PARISH OFFICE

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8:30am - 4:30pm

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8:30am - 1:00pm

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If you see any activities involving children or vulnerable adults that worries you, please email 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

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Christian Brothers' Community

Frederick Street, East Gosford

Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]

Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

MONDAY, DEC 16 - 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 15	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Mass + Ack. of Outgoing Catechists, followed by Morning Tea in the Jordan Room Baptisms Mass with Joey's and Eddie's Youth Christmas Party
Monday Dec 16	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 9:30am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass. Cleaning Bee in Church followed by Morning Tea Advent Lectio Divina prayer group in the Jordan Room Bible Study in Jordan Room.
Tuesday Dec 17	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass.
Wednesday Dec 18	11:00am 11:30am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass. 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St John The Baptist Woy Woy
Thursday Dec 19	8:30am 9:00am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass. 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at St Patrick's
Friday Dec 20	12:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 to 3:00pm Korean Mass at St Patrick's 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at Our Lady of The Rosary Wyoming
Saturday Dec 21	8:30am 9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Adoration. Mass Choir Practise in Church. Vigil Mass Gosford Vigil Mass Somersby
Sunday Dec 22	7:30am 9:00am 4:00pm 6:00pm	Mass Mass Mass at Spencer Youth Mass

KIDS CORNER PINT SIZED PADDIES

ARE NOW IN RECESS UNTIL
FEBRUARY 2020.

Pint Sized Paddies is a group of young school children who gather regularly during School terms, 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

The Youth will gather again in the Jordan room, after 6:00 pm Mass .

We welcome them home after their pilgrimage to Perth and the Australian Youth Festival.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

"Is in recess and will recommence on 29 January, 2020.

WELCOME HOME DEACON PAUL

Deacon Paul has been away in Perth attending to duties for the Salvatorian community.

It is good to see your smiling face, you have been missed by all parishioners and Fr Greg.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

CLEANING OUR CHURCH IN PREPARATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS!

Don't forget, Tomorrow, **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.

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.

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

CATECHIST CORNER

At the 9am Mass this Sunday we celebrate the generous contribution of six catechists who are retiring this year. This contribution represents 59 years of service to the children in State schools either in our Parish or elsewhere. At the end of Mass we will present them with a Certificate of Appreciation. The catechists will be available after Mass to share their experiences with fellow parishioners and/or answer questions about our ministry. While many parishioners may be apprehensive about joining our team we ask that you consider a commitment of two years, starting as a helper and developing your skills over time. Pick up a catechist pamphlet at the Church doors, talk to members of the team, or call Alain (0414273654) or the Parish Office for more details.

Thanks & blessings

Alain



THANK YOU FROM THE SALVATORIANS

On behalf of the Salvatorian community I would like to sincerely thank the great number of parishioners across so many parishes who attended the Blessing and Opening Mass of our new Salvatorian Spirituality Centre in Currambine. It was truly a very special and blessed evening presided over by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe with the support of many Bishops, the Vicar General of the Perth Archdiocese and members of our international and Australian Salvatorian community. We look forward to offering residential retreats and personal or professional development programs from this centre very soon in the new year for the whole community. For those who could not attend the Opening Mass, details of the Archbishop's inspiring homily is available in the Record newspaper via this link:

<https://therecord.com.au/news/local/archbishop-costelloe-new-salvatorian-spirituality-centre-a-powerful-statement-of-the-churchs-vocation/>

Fr George Kolodziej, Regional Superior.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24, and will reopen on Monday January 20. All calls will be diverted to Father so that they may be answered and addressed.

BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS THIS WEEKEND:

We welcome Zachary Arnold Shaw, Isaac James Betts, Edward Robert Hildebrand, Leo John Allen, Aurora Lexie Winterholter & James Walter Ball and their parents who will be presenting their children to their new faith family, prior to their upcoming baptisms.

FOUND LAST WEEKEND

Please contact the Parish Office if you lost a watch as one was found and handed in last weekend.

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.



3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH CUPPA

Join us for Tea and Cake after 9:00am Mass Today.

ACYF SPECIAL EDITION



PLENARY SESSIONS

These are the main sessions for the Festival and two sessions were held on Sunday and Monday with One on Tuesday. Each session lasted 2 hours and they were packed full of Entertainment and speakers who gave Christian messages centered on the Holy Spirit.



Images from day one of the Festival





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

A meeting will be held in the church after 9:00 am Mass Today. Please join Kelly, Chris and Jane and help them make the Mass a huge success.

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



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL - ACYF

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia

Purpose

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival exists to:

- Provide a high quality formative and experiential opportunity for young Catholics to encounter Jesus Christ, in the context of the Catholic Church in Australia;
- Listen to and discuss the issues and challenges in the lives of young Catholics in Australia;
- Evangelise young people and empower them to be evangelists;
- Provide young people with local examples and connections of vocations, social action, liturgy and prayer, catholic music and catechesis.

APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO AUSTRALIA,

His Excellency Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana stayed at the Salvatorian Mother house in Currumbine with the Pilgrims.

THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO CONCELEBRATES MASS WITH FRs GREG, GEORGE AND RICHARD



ACYF 2019 PRAYER

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, you come to us in the stillness and silence of this Great South Land.

Give us the courage to open our hearts and ears, to listen to your voice as we seek to foster the growth of your Church in Australia.

Grant us the desire to know Jesus and say our 'Yes' to his invitation to spread the joy of the Gospel.

We ask for the gift of hope as you guide us in our search for purpose and meaning in our lives.

We pray together as young people that we may love and care for all of creation.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, our brother and our companion, who lives with You and the Father forever and ever.

Amen.



SALVATORIANS PUT ON WORKSHOPS!

Many joyful things happened at the Salvatorian Community House in Currumbine

Salvatorian Priests and seminarians sharing with youth their hobbies:

Fr George - Psychology workshop

Fr Stan - Photography workshop

Fr Irek - Music workshop

Fr Richard - Cooking workshop

Deacon Paul and seminarian Anthony - Vocation workshop

Lots of fun and joy, sharing the Love.

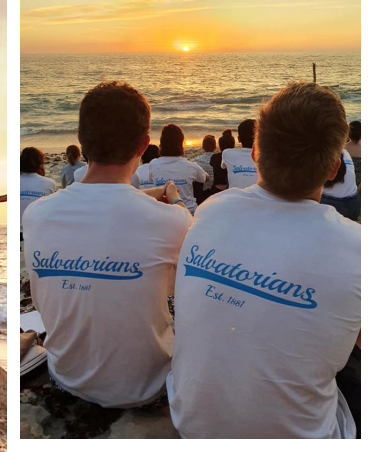
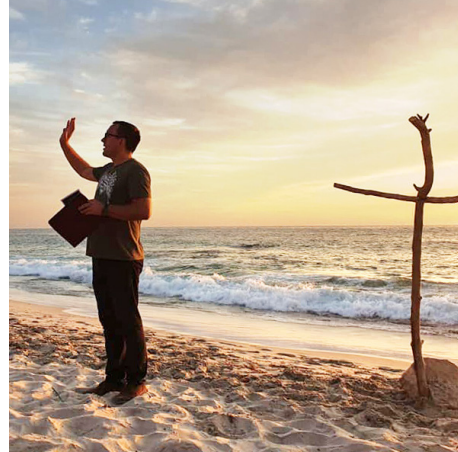


SATURDAY NIGHT MASS

for all Broken Bay Pilgrims was held at Balcatta Parish. Balcatta is under the care of the Salvatorians. The Mass was concelebrated by the Salvatorian Priests and Priests from Broken Bay, with Fr George, the Australian provincial, as the principal celebrant.



Fr Greg says Mass on the Beach



The Salvatorian stand at the Conference venue



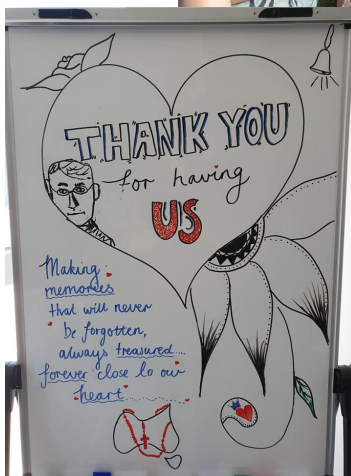


ACYF FINAL MASS AT TRINITY COLLEGE

On Tuesday afternoon all pilgrims walked the 3.5 kilometers to Trinity College from the Perth Convention Centre. There they were entertained on their arrival by a concert.

Following the gathering concert Mass was celebrated with the main celebrant being the Archbishop of Perth, his Grace, Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SDB.

After Mass the concert resumed allowing the Pilgrims to celebrate singing and dancing to Christian music.



SOME PILGRIM COMMENTS

- So many happy and smiling Priests and Bishops!
- Everybody was happy and filled with the Holy Spirit
- All the Salvatorian Priests were so helpful and wanted to spend time with us, to talk and teach us. They were so much fun.
- I did not know Bishops could have fun, they really enjoyed themselves, stopping to talk and wish us well.

THANK YOU TO ALL FROM THE PILGRIMS

Time to say "Thank You" to many amazing people who helped us organise this pilgrimage to the Salvatorian Pre-festival and ACYF in Perth!

At the end of our time in the Salvatorian community house, we received a blessing from Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, His Excellency Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana.

Most of all, the Pilgrims thank the parishioners of Gosford for their support and fundraising.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PHIL 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING

IS 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

God himself will come and save us.

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,

everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 145:6-10. R. SEE IS 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

SECOND READING

JAS 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves;

the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

IS 61:1 (LK 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MT 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. IS 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

REFLECTION BY DIANE BERGANT CSA

Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared

for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time.

© Dianne Bergant CSA

TUESDAY DEC 17

The Christmas Novena begins on 17 Decembr. At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

SUNDAY DEC 22 3RD SUNDAY OF

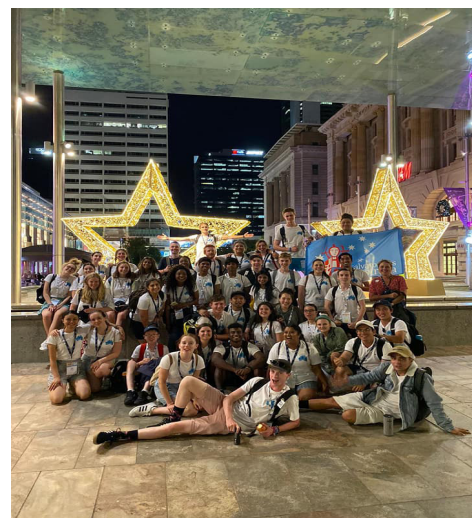
ADVENT

1st Reading: Is 7: 10- 14

2nd Reading: Rom 1: 1 - 7

Gospel: Mt 1: 18 - 24

MORE PHOTOS FROM ACYF



Your Roster – December 22, 4th Sunday of Advent Year [A/2]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	21.12.19	22.12.19	22.12.19	22.12.19	21.12.19
Audio/Visual	Required	Bernie Pannell	Alan Dillon	Required	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Sean Pearson Peter Young	John Ryan Eunice Dal Busco	Peter Cho Peter Julius	Peter Forbes Kevin O'Donnell	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Nicole Murphy Terry Cooke	Regina Fong Josie McGuinness	Tom Croll Liz Malik	Cheryl Walsh Barbara McCarthy	Jane Azzopardi Mary Luci
Commentator	Bridget Sharp	Josie McGuinness	John Miller	Corrie Dunn	Cheryl Barany
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Rosemary Lee Nicole Murphy Jan Blanch Terry Cooke	Anne Lovett Joy McHugh Anna Neale Neryl Tyrrell	Wendy Stringer Stephanie Trevenen Pattie Beattie Amanda Dillon	Laraine Rowe Rosa Tropiano Speranza Na'ati Patricia Anderson	Jane Azzopardi + Senior Server
Altar Servers	Sam Cormack Lachlan Cormack Lachlan Murphy	Sebastian Eager Laura Eager	Roy Kim Heath Ford Lincoln Gottardo Joanna Tony	Lorenzo Arango	Matthew Xuereb Alex Camilleri Flowers: Rita Galea
COUNTERS December 16/12 Margaret Hunter Diana Addis December 23/12 Ron Begg	ALTAR LINEN P/up Dec 16. Josie McGuinness Ret'n Dec 20. P/up Dec 23. Clem & Marie	ALTAR SOCIETY Thur, Dec 19 Des Hincksman Mary Brown Pauline Parsons Margaret Dibben	CHILDRENS LITURGY Sunday Dec 22 School Holiday Break	PARISH BUS Dec 22 Driver: Aaron Huckle Helper Ellen McNally	HOSPITAL VISITATION Dec 22 Johnson Fernandes Paul Hussein

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 14/12	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Rem: DANUTA JAKUBOWSKA + Rem: FRANK ROZMANEC Return to Health VICKY MUSCAT
Sun 15/12	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	Birthday Blessings CONCEPCION BANSAG LUCIAJA PARISH INTENTIONS THANKSGIVING & HEALING PRAYER
Mon 16/12	9:00a Gosford	HOLY SOULS
Tue 17/12	9:00a Gosford 10:30a Gosford	+ Rem: KEEVERS KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES Rem: MARY JANE BUHAGIAR
Wed 18/12	11:30a Gosford	+ Anniv: NEVILLE O'DONOVAN
Thu 19/12	9:00a Gosford	Birthday Blessings SOFRONIO DAYANAN
Fri 20/12	12:00n Gosford	THANKSGIVING
Sat 21/12	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford	THANKSGIVING THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY TRINITY
Sun 22/12	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS + REMEMBRANCE KEEVERS KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES + RECENTLY DECEASED CHRIS GRAHAM

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:

Anna Marie Rowan, John Cole, Chris Graham, Justin Dwyer, Rosalind Mitchell, Leanne Lacey.

ANIVERSARIES:

Neville O'Donovan

REMEMBRANCES:

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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

Fellowship & light refreshments follow after each of these Masses.

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