




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

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Priest:

On this fourth Sunday of Advent we reflect how Mary, at the message of an angel, was deeply disturbed but could still express her 'fiat', her act of faith "let it be done to me according to your word".

As we light the Advent Wreath Candle may we be inspired by the Holy Spirit's promise, and to be open to God's word.

Commentator:

The Fourth Candle - Acceptance - reminds us of the light of the stars in the sky which guided the Wise Men to Jesus and which keeps watch over us by night.

Priest:

Lord Jesus, you came into our world, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

All:

Be it done to me according to your word.

Priest:

Lord Jesus, you come into our world, sent by the Father for the life of the world.

All:

Be it done to me according to your word.

MT 1:18-24

JESUS WAS BORN OF MARY, THE BETROTHED OF JOSEPH, A SON OF DAVID.



Priest:

Lord Jesus, you will come again to rule over the house of Jacob forever.

All:

Be it done to me according to your word.

Priest:

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel, the coming of your son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

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FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"As long as there is one person on earth who does not know God and does not love God above all things, you dare not allow yourself a moment's rest."



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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SALVATORIANS

Society of the Divine Saviour

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PARISH OFFICE

Secretary:

Colleen Kirk Mon - Thurs:

8:30am - 4:30pm

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8:30am - 1:00pm

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Wed:

9:00am - 1:00pm

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Gardeners:

Trevor Byrne

Joyce Byrne

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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

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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, DEC 23 - 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 22	7:30am 9:00am 6:00pm	Mass Mass Youth Mass
Monday Dec 23	8:30am 9:00am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass. 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at Kincumber.
Tuesday Dec 24	5:00pm 6:00pm 9:00pm	Christmas Family Vigil Mass at St Pats Melbourne St School. Christmas Vigil Mass at Somersby [Fr Joby George] Christmas Vigil Youth Mass
Wednesday Dec 25	12:00am 7:30am 9:00am	Midnight Mass at St Patrick's. Christmas Mass. Christmas Mass
Thursday Dec 26	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Communion Service.
Friday Dec 27	12:00am 12:30pm	Mass with reconciliation after Mass Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 to 3:00pm
Saturday Dec 28	5:00pm 6:30pm	Vigil Mass Gosford Saturday Night at The Movies in the Jordan Room See back page Vigil Mass Somersby
Sunday Dec 29	7:30am 9:00am	Mass 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 Group is in recess until the 1st week of February.

From the beginning of February, the Youth gather in the Jordan room, after 6:00 pm Mass each Sunday.

The youth group has grown considerably this year and we thank Matthew French for his efforts in leading the youth.

MONDAY EVENING AND WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Are in recess until the 1st week of February



WELCOME SEMINARIAN ANTHONY

Seminarian Anthony from Vietnam has been studying at the Salvatorian Seminary in The Philippines for the past 8 years and came to Australia along with Deacon Paul. Anthony has resided in Perth at the Salvatorian Spirituality Centre helping to complete the centre ready for use. Right up until last Saturday morning before he left Perth to come to Gosford Anthony as still laying Paving around the Centre.

We welcome and thank you Anthony, for coming to Gosford to help us in our spiritual lives.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL CLEANING TEAM

who gave their time last Monday to give our church its sparkle and shine in readiness for our Christmas services. Also we heartily thank Pam & John McCrae and their daughter Katie Talbot, for the spectacular spread they served to our hardworking cleaners!

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.

There is one more opportunity to take advantage of this wonderful service.

- 23/12/2019 at Holy Cross Kincumber, 7:00 – 7:30 pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE SALVATORIANS

Dear parishioners,

Each year the Australian Region of Salvatorians are humbled by the overwhelmed support from all the Salvatorian parishes across Australia. Our community is sincerely grateful for the generous donations received throughout this year to support the formation of our seminarians and missionary projects. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry and safe Christmas with a joyous new year. May God continue to bless you abundantly.

Fr George Kolodziej, Regional Superior.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2020

In 2020 our sacramental programme schedule will vary from previous years in that 1st Reconciliation will be the first sacrament undertaken and received on April 1, and then those children will undertake and receive their 1st Eucharist on September 20. Confirmation will take place on June 28. Available at the foyer today, and online, is the complete 2020 programme, and the enrolment application will be available at the church and online from the weekend of January 18/19, 2020.

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.

CHRISTMAS LETTER TO THE PARISH FROM FR GREG



Dear Parishioners,

On that first Christmas, the angels praised God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will." The shepherds came and adored the newborn Savior. St. Luke wrote, "And Mary treasured all of these things and reflected on them in her heart."

We too need to pause and treasure the gift of Christmas in our hearts. And that gift is simply Jesus, true God who became true man, who came to reveal perfectly God's truth and love to us, who died and rose for our salvation, and who founded a Church – a family – where His presence continues in both Word and Sacrament. Treasure and reflect on the gift of Jesus and the faith you share in Him as a member of the Catholic Church.

Moreover, we must not let Christmas just be a passing day. Live in the spirit of Christmas each day. Reflect upon how to better treasure this gift each day by making prayer a critical part of your day, by continuing to read Sacred Scripture and the teachings of our Church, by having a stronger devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass on Sundays, by regularly making a self-examination of conscience and going to Confession, and doing those good works for those entrusted to our care and for those in need.

In this Year of Love in Gosford Parish which we launched at the beginning of Advent season we will reflect more on Jesus who came into this world on Christmas day as the greatest love of this world! He came to love us all and teach us all the true meaning of Love which we should share with one another.

He chose to be born into the world to reveal His depth of love for us and to bring salvation into the world. God bathes us with His light that overcomes any and all darkness. In our daily lives, we experience both lights and shadows. Christmas is a time when we look forward to the day when His promise will be fulfilled. It will be the time when shattered dreams and unfulfilled expectations will be erased; when peace, joy, oneness and love will replace war, hatred, racism and despair. Christmas is about what needs to be done to birth Christ again.

With the Christmas reflection I would like to share with whole parish community and visitors many new beautiful initiatives which we achieved at St Patrick's Parish over last year. This shows us all the growth of our community in many ways:

- we launched Year of Trust
- new parish logo
- new design of parish bulletin
- children Lenten program
- adults formation nights
- very vibrant youth group meeting every Sunday after Youth Masses
- prayer to St Patrick after each Mass
- we created fundraising committee who helped us organise different social events such as: International Food Night, Bush Dance, Parish picnic, breakfasts at Jordan Room after morning Masses on the first Sunday of the month and many more.
- lunch for seniors after Mass with anointing on first Fridays of the month
- renovation of the altar in our church
- finally after few years we have rented two properties in our parish to increase income for our parish
- nomination of new Parish Pastoral Council to which we successfully invited three principals of St Joseph's, St Edward's and St Patrick's schools and built a good relationship with all three communities
- nomination of new members for Parish Finance Committee
- new sacramental coordinator
- new media coordinator
- new bookkeeper
- new RCIA team
- pastoral placement of Deacon Paul and his big impact on the whole parish community
- blessing of remembrance tree and plaque at the end of safeguarding month
- We blessed the statue of St Mary MacKillop and entrusted our parish through her intersection to God
- a beautiful celebration of All Saints Day for children of St Patrick's school
- tap and go machine for a donations
- just recently we launched Year of Love to reflect more about true meaning of the love
- outdoor Christmas Family Mass with many activities and attractions for all families
- parish picnic at St Francis of Assisi Somersby

We all can be proud of all what has happened in our parish

community over last year and I am very blessed to be Parish Priest in this beautiful and very vibrant parish. During this coming New Year 2020 there will be more great initiatives and beautiful events happening at St Patrick's Parish it's why I would like to invite all of you to be part of them and especially I would like to invite new families and members of our parish to get involved in different ministers, groups and committees. You are all warmly welcome!!

Also I would like to take this opportunity and say a huge THANK YOU to many parishioners who supported our parish with their many gifts and talents in different ministers and groups over last year and for your financial support which helps our parish keep going and focus on different important projects and innovations.

On behalf of the members of the parish pastoral staff as well as the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, I wish you the peace of Christ and the serenity that come from faith in the one who was born of Mary.

In His light,
Fr Greg Skulski SDS
Parish Priest



BAPTISM PREPARATION AT ST PATRICK'S

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to Ange Stitt who has lead our baptism preparation team for many years, and her work has been extremely valuable; however, Ange is now stepping back from the role. From 2020 we welcome Maise Tenev as the new leader and thank her sincerely for her answering the call to stewardship and evangelisation.

Baptism Prep is a valuable and precious part of the process of baptising a child and often reacquaints the parents with the Catholic Church. Sadly we have only a few on the team and are desperately looking for more people to join. These sessions are once a month, so your commitment would perhaps only be once every three months. Please give this some consideration and either speak with Fr Greg or email the Parish Office.

TO THOSE WHO TAKE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TO THE SICK

If you missed out on receiving a Burse in which to place the pyx when taking the Blessed Sacrament to the sick, there are more now available at the Parish Office so please call on Monday should you require one.

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

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.



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 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING

IS 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 23:1-6. R. SEE VV 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

SECOND READING

ROM 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience

of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;

his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MT 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

IS 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

WEDNESDAY DEC 25

Christmas Day – The Nativity of The Lord

THURSDAY DEC 26

St Stephen, the first martyr

FRIDAY DEC 27

St John, apostle, evangelist

SATURDAY DEC 28

The Holy innocents, martyrs

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

SUNDAY DEC 22 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: Sirch 3: 2 – 6, 12 – 14

2nd Reading: Col 3: 12 – 21

Gospel: Mt 2: 13 – 15, 19 – 23

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The young woman in Isaiah's prophecy is probably the wife of the king. Since every Israelite king was considered a sign of God's presence with the people, Emmanuel,

meaning 'God with us', could refer to any one of them. One might think that a royal child who signifies the presence of God with the people would indeed be a sign of God's fulfilment of the promise made to David concerning the perpetuity of his dynasty (cf. 2 Sam 7:12-16). Here it is also a promise of God's presence regardless of the situations within which the people find themselves. This prophecy encourages the king to place his trust in God, not in the child himself.

Behind the imagery of the opening verses of the psalm response is the ancient Near Eastern cosmology. The focus here is the earth which, the ancients believed, floated like a saucer on the cosmic waters. This earth and all those who live on it belong to or are under the protection of the Lord. Such a claim would not be made if there were any doubt about the Lord's sovereignty. The liturgical portion of the response suggests pilgrims approaching the walls of the city, certain persons (probably priests) inquired about the suitability of those who would enter the sacred precincts. External conformity to cultic prescriptions is not enough; an appropriate inner disposition is required as well.

Paul relates the gospel that he preaches with the promises made by God through the prophets. Thus he highlights the link between the message of Jesus and the ancient traditions of Israel. However, Jesus is more than human. Through his resurrection he has been established Son of God in power. The resurrection uniquely manifested his divine sonship. Finally, this was all accomplished according to the Spirit of holiness. Here we find the foundation of Paul's Trinitarian faith. His final salutation is composed of the Greek expression 'grace to you' and the Hebrew greeting 'peace'. It is really a prayer for grace and peace, of coming conjointly from God and from Christ.

The gospel reading describes how Jesus, though not the natural son of Joseph, can through him be legitimately considered a son of David. Mention of the Holy Spirit is probably less a question of Trinitarian theology than of eschatological fulfilment. The name 'Jesus' is the Greek form of the Hebrew YehCšua, which means 'YHWH is salvation'. Regardless of how the tradition of Mary's virginity eventually developed within Christian theology, the content of this passage indicates that the concern is less with Mary's actual perpetual virginity than with the origin of Jesus in God. He comes from God; he is the salvation from God; he is the presence of God; the new age will be born through him.

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Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises on you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises on you and his glory appears over you. Isaiah 6: 1-2 NIV



Your Roster – December 29, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year [A/2]

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	28.12.19	29.12.19	29.12.19	29.12.19	28.12.19
Audio/Visual	Cheryl Parry	Bernie Pannell	Greg McBride	Required	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Sam Giddings Peter Young	Sheila Evans John McCrae	Peter McLean Peter Cho	Patrick Nicholls Lochie Gower	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Sean Pearson Val Dibben	Eunice Dal Busco Regina Fong	Robyn McBride Nicole Mead	Corrie Dunn Robyn Nevin	Judy Grenfell Joanne Comensoli
Commentator	Jan Blanch	Ron Burgess	Liz Malik	Kevin O'Donnell	Peter Chin
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Jan Blanch Vic Camilleri Terry Cooke Choir To Provide Choir To Provide	Ron Burgess Cecilia Coughlin Eunice Dal Busco Margaret Eadie	Katie Moss Cath Croll Tom Croll Kaitlyn Crawford	Paul Russotti Adrian Andzreiewski Lyn Beglin Corrie Dunn	Alyce Chin + Senior Server
Altar Servers	Harry Cockerton Lorenzo Arango Taz Parry		Scott Shedden Cormac Brady Philip Yoon Cameron Moss	Alex Golden Gabby Golden Natasha Golden	Dakota Xuereb Mia Xuereb Flowers: Rita Galea
COUNTERS December 23 Ron Begg Marie Cradock December 30 Trudi Hiep Fiona Eaton	ALTAR LINEN P/up Dec 23. Clem & Marie ODonovan Return Dec 27 P/up Dec 30 Josie McGuinness.	ALTAR SOCIETY Sat, Dec 28 Helen More Colleen Kirk	CHILDRENS LITURGY Sunday Dec 22 School Holiday Break	PARISH BUS Dec 29 Driver: Sherree Sullivan Helper	HOSPITAL VISITATION Dec 22 John McCrae Cecilia Coughlin

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

CHRISTMAS ROSTER	CHILDREN'S MASS	YOUTH MASS	MIDNIGHT MASS	CHRISTMAS DAY	CHRISTMAS DAY
Time	5.00 pm	9.00 pm	12:00 am	7.30 am	9.00 am
AUDIO VISUAL	Not Required	Arthur Holland	Greg McBride	Bernie Pannell	Roy Kim
ACOLYTES	Kevin O'Donnell Peter Julius Anthony Thai	Peter Forbes Rosie Na'ati Anthony Thai	Peter Young Katrina Pratt Anthony Thai	Sheila Evans Hilary Pope Anthony Thai	Peter McLean Peter Cho Anthony Thai
1st READER	Child	Penny Gomez	Keith Quinn	Margaret Eadie	John Miller
2nd READER	Child	Anne Mackson	Wendy Stringer	Josie McGuinness	Regina Fong
COMMENTATOR	Child	Barbara McCarthy	Jan Blanch	Eunice Dal Busco	John Miller
SPEC. MINISTERS	Frances Mathey Katie Moss Pam McCrae	Speranza Na'ati Sherree Sullivan Rosa Tropiano	Cecilia Coughlin Margaret Eadie Stephanie Trevenen Patricia Anderson	Cecilia Coughlin John Ryan Joy McHugh	Nora Koleszar Emily Rudd Lyn Beglin Regina Fong
ALTAR SERVERS	Vito De Toffal, Remi De Toffal, Luca De Toffal & Cameron Moss	Bus Driver John Moriarty Helper Ellen McNally			Heath Ford

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 21/12	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	THANKSGIVING THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY TRINITY Anniversaries GRACE & LORENZA BAJADA
Sun 22/12	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS + Remembrance KEEVERS KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES + Recently Deceased CHRIS GRAHAM
Mon 23/12	9:00a Gosford	Recently Deceased NELSON FERNANDES
Tue 24/12 Christmas Eve	5:00p Childrens Mass 9:00p Gosford 6:00p Somersby 12:00p Gosford	+ Anniversary: ALAN NOLAN + Rem: RIC & LAURA MCGUIRE NANCY & WALLY KIRK Rec Dec: BOB SHARMAN PARISH INTENTIONS
Wed 25/12 Christmas Day	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford	+ Rem: FOSS MEMBERS + Rem: LLOYD WOODS [Prayers for Saverio Pirrottina]
Fri 27/12	12:00n Gosford	+ Remembrance JOSEPH VAZ
Sat 28/12	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Remembrance JOSIE, BOBBY & DIANE BURGIN FLORENCE RANYARD THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY FAMILY PARISH INTENTIONS

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RECENTLY DECEASED:

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ANIVERSARIES:

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NEXT MOVIE NIGHT - DEC 28th.

Movie:- **Christmas Angel**

This Christmas, Olivia has one wish: that her single mum would find someone that she can call "Dad". She and her classmates soon discover that the answer to all their wishes lies inside a mysterious abandoned house. Within the house they discover Elsie Wazy-bright, the Christmas Angel.

This is a family movie in that is enjoyable in every way! The acting, the story, the humor and the rest of it makes for one awesome family movie experience.

Come along and share in this Christmas movie and celebration.



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- ♥ SHARE A SATURDAY NIGHT RELAXING WITH FRIENDS FROM OUR OWN COMMUNITY
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