



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

As most of you know Fr Greg has made this liturgical year the year of Love!

What is involved with a year of Love?

What should the Church be doing in this year of Love?

What should St Patrick's be doing in this year of Love?

What should I be doing in the year of Love?

These are tough questions to answer.

First, let's think about what influence each of us can have about the three questions.

First, what should the Church be doing about the year of Love?

The reality is we have very little influence over the running of Church. We can, however, lead our lives with Love, and we can pray.

Second, what should St Patrick's be doing about the year of Love?

Again the reality is we as individuals have little say in the running of St Patrick's. We do, however, have a Priest who is VERY determined to spread the word of Love and to act out Love in the Parish. We have a Parish Council who are committed to the year of Love. We can approach the members of the Parish Council or Fr Greg, but if you do, do it with Love.

Also, when we lead our own lives with Love, those around us can see and feel that Love. Not just at St Patrick's but when we are out and about there is nothing more loving than to greet our acquaintances and friends warmly.

Thirdly, what should I be doing to lead a life of Love? Every one of us driving life with Love is the key to a world full of Love. Idealistic I know, but unless each of us leads a life filled with Love, Love can not prevail.

I, for one, do not want to be the one to fail. Do you?

The Greeks have multiple words for Love, four of them are:

Agápe"love: esp. charity; the love of God for man and of man for a good God." Agape is used in ancient texts to denote feelings for one's children and the feelings for a spouse.

Éros "love, mostly of the sexual passion." The Modern Greek word "erotás" means "intimate love". Plato refined his own



definition: Although eros is initially felt for a person, with contemplation it becomes an appreciation of the beauty within that person, or even becomes appreciation of beauty itself.

Philia "affectionate regard, friendship", usually "between equals". It is a dispassionate virtuous love, a concept developed by Aristotle. In his best-known work on ethics, Nicomachean Ethics, philia is expressed variously as loyalty to friends (specifically, "brotherly love"), family, and community, and requires virtue, equality, and familiarity. Furthermore, in the same text philos is also the root of philautia denoting self-love and arising from it, a general type of Love, used for Love between family, between friends, a desire or enjoyment of an activity.

Philautia means "self love" to love yourself or "regard for one's own happiness or advantage" has both been conceptualized as a basic human necessity and as a moral flaw, akin to vanity and selfishness, synonymous with amour propre or egotism. The greeks further divided this Love into positive and negative: one the unhealthy version is the self-obsessed Love, and the other is the concept of "self-compassion".

We can influence the Church and the community of St Patricks' by simply Loving each other and ourselves with compassion and above all PRAYER.

Tom Croll, Media Co-ordinator St Patrick's

Greek Definitions are from:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greek_words_for_love



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Religion binds us with a gentle chain, so to speak, to everything that is true, noble, and beautiful."

MM Thoughts 1850 in Poems



POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY 2020 INTENTION PROMOTION OF WORLD PEACE

"We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world."

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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PARISH OFFICE

Secretary:

Colleen Kirk Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 4:30pm
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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
Ron Begg
John Malicki

Caretakers:

Gardeners:

Trevor Byrne
Joyce Byrne
Victor Camilleri
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SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Hilary Pope

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

School Principals

St Patrick's Primary: Mrs Cheryl Walsh 4325 1159
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Christian Brothers' Community

Frederick Street, East Gosford
Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]
Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

MONDAY, MORNING PRAYER GROUP

Is in recess until Monday 3, February 2020.



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 Jan 12	7:30am 9:00am 12:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm	Mass Mass Filipino Mass Spencer Mass Youth Mass
Monday Jan 13	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass.
Tuesday Jan 14	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass.
Wednesday Jan 15	11:00am 11:30am	Adoration. Mass.
Thursday Jan 16	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass.
Friday Jan 17	9:30am 12:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Craft Group in the Jordan Room Mass with reconciliation after Mass Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 to 3:00pm Korean Mass
Saturday Jan 18	5:00pm 6:30pm	Vigil Mass Gosford Vigil Mass Somersby
Sunday Jan 19	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Mass Mass 3rd Sunday Morning Tea Baptisms Youth Mass including St Eddie's and St Joey's

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

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

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.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

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.

LAY SALVATORIAN RENEW THEIR VOWS



THIS SUNDAY AT 6:00 PM MASS

Fr George Kolodziej, the Regional Superior of the Salvatorians in Australia, be attending Mass at 6:00 pm during which our Lay Salvatorians Katrina Pratt, Cecilia Coughlin and Margaret Eadie will renew their vows to the Salvatorian order.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis has instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, to be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year. The inaugural Sunday of the Word of God will therefore take place on Sunday 26 January, 2020.

Pope Francis asks us to mark this Sunday with a certain

solemnity, and to 'celebrate, study, and disseminate' the word of God," *for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the*



community of believers." (Aperuit Illis, #8)

"We should always keep in mind the teaching found in the Book of Revelation: the Lord is standing at the door and knocking. If anyone should hear his voice and open for him, he will come in and eat with them (cf. 3:20). Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us." (Aperuit Illis #8)

Excelent resources are available at:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/catholic-life-faith-formation/spiritual-growth/scripture>

LETTER FROM VICAR GENERAL, FR DAVID RANSON

letter from the Vicar General, Fr David Ranson, in relation to the National Bush Fire Crisis.

The ACBC resources mentioned in the letter can be found here - <https://catholic.org.au/bushfires>

COPIES AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYER.

THE PRAYERS WE USE AT ST PATRICK'S

A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division;

may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR LOVE

Father, thank you that you are a loving, gracious God. Thank you that you've offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in you.

Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love.

May our lives be filled with the power of your love so that we can make a difference in this world and bring honour to you.

Help us to remember that the most important thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

A PRAYER FOR TRUST

Dear God,

We know that sometimes we lack trust in our lives.

We want to be in control, or are cynical, or have been previously hurt.

We have doubts and fears that prevent us from trusting fully.

However, we look to Mother Mary and see a perfect example of someone placing trust in another, in You.

We see that through faith she overcame all obstacles to say "Yes" and bring about the most wonderful event in our history.

Lord, we ask you to help us to grow in trust during this year - trust in those around us, trust in the Church and trust in You.

Help us as a community to overcome the barriers we may have, and to be ready to say a confident "Yes" like Mary when

it is asked of us.

Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.

PARISH PRAYER

Father, we praise you for the beauty which surrounds us, from rich pastures to sparkling waters.

Such beauty, a mere reflection of your glory, reminds us of your promise of eternal life.

As a pilgrim people may we journey in faith together, sustained by your promise and nourished by word and sacrament.

Develop in us enthusiasm to proclaim Christ's Gospel in our parish, an energy to reach out to all people and a sense of purpose to carry more effectively our Mission to Gosford and the world.

May we be united in striving to build a welcoming, believing and caring community.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Patrick, Pray for us.

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary, Help Of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection may the light of Christ shine over our land, and may your blessings remain with us always.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Mary Help Of Christians,

Pray for us.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Saviour Jesus Christ, grant the grace of a priestly or religious Vocation to many boys and girls, men and women in Australia and in our parish.

Make them true apostles of your divine love, so that they may serve you in joy and Freedom.

Bless all those who by their generous prayers and sacrifices, help God's future priests and religious.

Amen.

PRAYER IN THE FACE OF THE TERROR OF BUSHFIRES

God our loving Father, we come before you to pray for those who fight fire, a good servant but a terrifying monster.

We pray for our volunteer fire fighters as they work so tirelessly against such a deadly foe. We remember and pray for the volunteers and residents who have been killed and commend them to your merciful love. We pray also for all who have been injured that you will stretch out your healing hands over them.

Father, be with all victims who have lost their homes, their animals, their crops and their livelihoods.

Bless the many volunteers who support our firefighters with food and drink, and all those who give to those left with nothing.

May our gathering in prayer increase our solidarity with all who give so much of themselves to protect so many.

In your boundless love watch over us all and keep us safe. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

St. Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

St. Florian, Patron Saint of Fire Fighters, pray for us.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you. We pray that you will keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations.

We pray for your protection over our parish community, families and friends.

We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways. We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit.

We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.

We ask that you would provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us, we pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed. We pray that others would take notice of your goodness and could not help but to say, "These are the ones that the Lord has blessed."

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own. May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing. To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen



CATHOLIC CHURCH PLANS NATIONAL RESPONSE TO BUSHFIRE CRISIS

Statement From Conference President Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Archbishop Coleridge says Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places. We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country.

COLLECTION AT MASSES ON WEEKEND 25 & 26 JANUARY

A PRAYER FOR RAIN



God our Father, You created our earth to nourish us and give us life and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us.

We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken and bushfire ravaged land, our starving animals and failing crops.

Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought and fires and, in your loving providence, send abundant rain soon.

Renew the faith of your people and the face of our land. We ask this through Jesus Christ who gives new life to all living things.

Amen

Mary, Help of Christians - Pray for us

St. Mary MacKillop - Pray for us

LENTEN LISTENING 2020

A Lenten Program offered by the Diocese of Broken Bay

This Lenten program experience draws on the rich Scripture texts of this Year A Lenten Season, and invites us to reflect on these in conjunction with the Plenary Council themes, to discern what the Spirit is saying to us in our own local parish communities today.

This will be a process of communal discernment, rather than individual discernment. The process is one of prayer, contemplation, sharing with one another and seeking God's direction, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Each week will look at one of the 6 themes arising from the Plenary Council, and follow the discernment process as outlined in the Plenary Council Let's Listen & Discern Plenary Council 2020 Phase 2 Listening and Discernment guide. The themes are as follows:

Week 1: Prayerful and Eucharistic

Week 2: Missionary and Evangelising

Week 3: Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal

Week 4: Humble, Healing and Merciful

Week 5: Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform

Week 6: A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community

Each session lasts 2 hours.

This is a privileged time to spend with each other in our faith family, to discern where God is calling us within our own parish communities, and leading to positive actions going forward.

A copy of this resource will be mailed out to all parishes this week, and will be made available online at: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/plenary-council/our-resources>

REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU, IT IS YOURS TO KEEP.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. MT 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING

IS 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 28:1-4. 9-10. R. V.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court.

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING

ACTS 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SEE MK 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MT 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

This is the first of four passages (49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12) traditionally known as the servant songs. They constitute a unique set of poems that identify a mysterious figure, who acts as a pious agent of God's compassionate care. Most significant in this description of the servant is his having been endowed with God's own spirit. Here the servant has received the spirit of the Lord in order to bring forth justice to the nations. This justice is not harsh and exacting, making a public pronouncement of God's judgment of Israel; it is gentle and understanding. The passage describes the deliverance of the whole world, not the rescue of Israel from its particular bondage. The universalism here cannot be denied.

The scene in the psalm is the celestial court with the divine council. Heavenly beings are charged to sing praise to God's glory and might. God's wondrous name is

revered in heaven as well as on earth. The entire council is enjoined to pay homage to God who is revealed as sovereign. God's sovereignty is manifested in the power that God exercises over the forces of nature. God sits triumphant above the flood waters. (The only other place in the Bible where the word 'flood' is found is in the Genesis account [7:17]). The scene is majestic. God's thunderous voice has silenced the forces of chaos, and now God reigns supreme forever as king of heaven and earth.

Normally, an observant Jew like Peter would not enter the home of a Gentile like Cornelius. The first words of his discourse ('I begin to see') indicate that he was not always open to association with Gentiles as he is now. It was a newly gained insight about God that changed his view of those who did not have Jewish ancestry. He realised that 'God shows no partiality' and, therefore, neither should he. All are acceptable to God, Jew and Gentile alike. Like Jesus, Peter now moves in circumstances (contact with Gentiles) that were considered unclean. Like Jesus, he disregards such a judgment and refuses to conform to such a manner of estrangement.

Jesus leaves the familiarity and security of his home in the region of Galilee and journeys to the Jordan River where John is baptising. John questions the appropriateness of Jesus' submission to the baptism that John performs. He maintains that he should be baptised by Jesus instead. Although he will make different claims about himself and his ministry and will require different things of his followers, by participating in John's baptism Jesus associates himself with the message of repentance and the need for renewal that John represents. A dove appears and the Trinitarian scene is completed with the voice from heaven, which identifies Jesus as 'Son'. The episode has also been considered by many as the depiction of the divine commissioning of Jesus.

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FRIDAY JAN 17

St Anthony, abbot

NEXT WEEKS' READINGS

1st: Is 49:3,5-6

2nd: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

upcoming CYBB event

Date: Friday, 20th March, 6pm - 9pm

Location: We're hitting the coast at St. Peter's Catholic College, Tuggerah



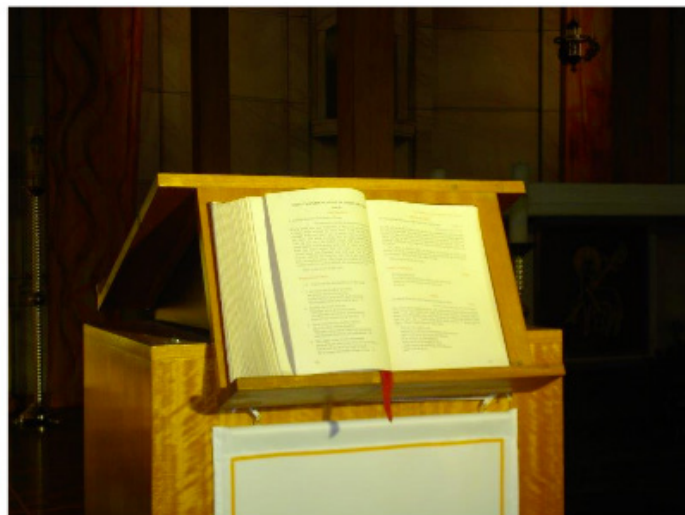
Your Roster – January 19 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year [A/2]

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	18.01.20	19.01.20	19.01.20	19.01.20	18.01.20
Audio/Visual	Cheryl Parry	Bernie Pannell	Alan Dillon	Required	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Anna Jung Gerard Nicholls	Peter O'Neill John Ryan	Peter McLean Peter Cho	Ange Stitt Kevin O'Donnell	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Terry Cooke Nicole Murphy	Eunice Dal Busco Sheila Evans	Chris Paget Emily Rudd	Anna Llige Milen Shiju	Michael Monaghan Melissa Monaghan
Commentator	Jan Blanch	Ron Begg	Liz Malik	Cheryl Walsh	Cheryl Barany
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MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 11/01	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	SICK: KATHLEEN CONWAY REMEMBRANCE: KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILYS
Sun 12/01	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS + REMEMBRANCE: CARMEL MARTIN + REMEMBRANCE: RIZZO FAMILY
Mon 13/01	9:00a Gosford	
Tue 14/01	9:00p Gosford	RECENTLY Deceased: Nena Sciberras
Wed 15/01	11:30a Gosford	+ REMEMBRANCE: ANTHONY FERNANDES
Thr 16/01	9:00a Gosford	
Fri 17/01	12:00n Gosford	
Sat 18/01	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	5TH ANNIVERSARY: BOB MOORE
Sun 19/01	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	REMEMBRANCE: LLOYD WOODS

of Verbum Domini, Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death (30 September 2020). St Jerome (347 – 30 September 420), Priest and Doctor of the Church, is best known for translating the Bible from the Greek (Septuagint) into the Latin (Vulgate). This special Sunday is to be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time each year, and so the inaugural Sunday of the Word of God will therefore take place on Sunday 26 January 2020.



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SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - 26 JANUARY 2020

The inaugural Sunday of the Word of God will be celebrated on Sunday 26 January 2020.

At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy in 2016, Pope Francis proposed: "It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people." (Misericordia et Misera, 7) On 30 September 2019, Pope Francis made this a reality for the Church by instituting the Sunday of the Word of God. The announcement was sparked by 2020 being the 10th anniversary

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