



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

Most people agree that for salvation a Christian needs more than just a theoretical knowledge of God. Over the course of our lives, we increase our knowledge of Him through life's varied experiences. We also come to greater understanding by studying God's Word. In both areas we can be snared by a major problem that traps many religious people in this world: emphasizing one of His attributes at the expense of others.

God is not one dimensional. Though we should study each of His attributes and think on them separately, we should not separate them from the complete personality that God is. Why? It distorts the model we are to imitate and grow into, and it can radically alter our expectations of what He will do. If He does not do what we expect, we are liable to become grieved because God "let us down."

For instance, the Bible emphasizes that God is merciful and full of grace. We should be thankful that He is! But we should not allow that to overshadow the fact that He is also just. If we do, His mercy can become a justification for failure to overcome besetting sins. Neither God's mercy nor justice can be separated from all that He is. Both are harmoniously applied to each situation and person He judges.



Still others construe God's sovereignty so that it greatly diminishes His goodness and portrays Him as rigid and inflexible. This person lives a guilt-ridden, fearful, and discouraged life, thinking that he will never please Him.

Probably the most familiar of God's attributes is found in John's statement in I John 4:8: "God is love." John states a fact, not a definition of God's essential nature. If he had declared that love is what God is, we would be forced to conclude that God is what love is. Literally, if God is love, then literally, love is God, and we are obliged to worship love as the only true God. This would mean God and love are identical. Fortunately, the Bible reveals God is a multidimensional personality. If we eliminate the idea of God's complex personality, denying outright all His attributes save one, the remaining attribute becomes God, a very subtle form of idolatry. This is not the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John W. Ritenbaugh

<https://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Topical.show/RTD/cgg/ID/357/Gods-Love.htm>



The same can be said of His compassion. Some see God as so compassionate that He disregards the causes of horrible problems and circumstances. If God acted in this manner, flaws with painful results would go uncorrected.



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Strive always more to be loving in all and toward all. Love excels and overcomes all."

JT - 16/12/1998



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



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

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8:30am - 4:30pm

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8:30am - 1:00pm

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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

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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 26	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 6:00pm	Mass Mass Morning Tea after Mass in Jordan Room Youth Mass including St Eddie's and St Joey's
Monday Jan 27	8:30am 9:00am 7:00pm	Adoration Mass Bible Study Group in Jordan Room
Tuesday Jan 28	8:30am 9:30am	Combined Schools Mass Cancer Prayer Meeting.
Wednesday Jan 29	11:00am 11:30am	Adoration. Mass.
Thursday Jan 30	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass.
Friday Jan 31	9:30am 12:00am 12:30pm	Craft Group in the Jordan Room Mass with reconciliation after Mass Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 to 3:00pm
Saturday Feb 01	5:00pm 6:30pm	Vigil Mass Gosford Vigil Mass Somersby
Sunday Feb 02	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	Mass followed by breakfast in Jordan Room Mass followed by breakfast and birthday cake for Deacon Paul Baptism 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

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The Youth Group starts again on 2nd Feb 2020, the Youth gather in the Jordan room, after 6:00 pm Mass each Sunday.

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

MONDAY EVENING AND WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Begin again on Monday 3rd Feb and Wednesday 5th Feb respectively.

AUSTRALIA DAY TODAY JANUARY 26

MORNING TEA AND COFFEE IN THE JORDAN ROOM AFTER 9:00AM MASS



PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

THIS SUNDAY

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 today 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)

Excellent resources are available at:

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

MEDIA RELEASE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Vinnies confirms every cent will go to bushfire victims

COPIES OF THE LETTER ARE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYER.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK



WEARING OF THE BURSE

A reminder to all who have collected their burse to take the Blessed Eucharist to the sick that the pyx must be placed in the burse and worn visibly around the neck.

For those who have yet to collect a burse, we have a further supply now and you may collect yours from the Parish Office.

CATECHIST CORNER

Welcome back for our 2020 school year. We will begin with a celebration of the Eucharist at 9am Tuesday 11 Feb. Our first gathering for the year as a team will follow at about 9.45am in the Jordan room. New teacher's manual inserts (please keep the old covers) and student books will be distributed after the meeting. Anyone interested in joining our team is most welcome - pick up an information flyer from beside the Church doors or call Alain (0414273654) for details. I hope to see you there.

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.

<https://catholic.org.au/bushfires>

THERE IS A COLLECTION AT MASSES THIS WEEKEND 25 & 26 JANUARY

GOSFORD HOSPITAL VISITATION

A PLEA FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

Gosford Parish is responsible for ensuring that Catholic patients [from all parishes] have the opportunity to receive the Blessed Eucharist on a Sunday by sending a team in each Friday to visit those nominated.

Unfortunately though our volunteer numbers are dwindling due to ill health and we are now in urgent need and are hoping to find those who would be willing to take on this ministry.

We won't pull any punches, NSW Health has imposed a number of regulations and requirements which need to be met and the most daunting for some is the idea of undertaking a 40 hour CPE course, and receiving a number of vaccinations to protect both patient and visitor but if you aren't daunted, please call our Parish Office to have your questions answered.

Sadly, if more volunteers aren't found we will be facing a situation where the ministry will have to cease and the sick will be deprived of the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. We look forward to hearing from you.

THANK YOU JOHN & ROS

John and Ros Van Lierop have replaced the doors to the toilets and the Jordan Room. The old doors we beginning to fall apart due to weathering.

Once again John and Ros have stepped up with their time and talents. We are so fortunate to have such willing and talented people in our parish.

SACRAMENTAL RETREAT FOR FAMILIES

On Saturday 15th February after 9am mass, there will be a parish retreat from 9:30 am - 11:30 am offered to families of the children who made their Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist at St Patrick's in 2018/2019. Those children and their families are warmly invited to reconnect with other candidates, to revisit and further develop their sacramental journey with some group discussions, activities and a light lunch to follow in the school hall. Please check your emails for further details, or contact Fran Mathey on 0427 773 317.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEACON PAUL!

Deacon Paul will celebrate his birthday Saturday February 1 and next week, February 2 after the 9am Mass, we invite you to join us at the Jordan Room to share in cake and good wishes for Deacon Paul!

SCHOOLS' STAFF MASS

TUESDAY JANUARY 28 AT 8.30AM

Parishioners, please note that there will be Mass to bless all staff from St Patrick's, St Edward's & St Joseph's at the beginning of the 2020 school year. The Mass will take place this Tuesday, January 28, at 8.30 am.

PARISHIONERS, PLEASE NOTE:

To accommodate the schools and their timetables Tuesdays 9 am Mass will be at 8:30, and there will be no ADORATION or RECONCILIATION.

We apologise for any inconvenience and invite you to come to the Mass at 8.30 am. Please pass this information on to those who you think would normally be at our 9 am Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS FOR SICK AND ELDERLY MIDDAY FEBRUARY 7

FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT THE JORDAN ROOM

Just a reminder to all parishioners that we recommence our first Friday monthly light lunch on February 7 at the Jordan Room, which was a great success last year. Everybody is welcome.

Please join us again and meet your friends or make some new ones!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE SICK

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2020

PASTORAL VISITS

Fr Greg would like to commence 2020 with a commitment to visiting the sick in their homes or place of location throughout the year and invites you to let the Parish Office know if you or someone you know would like this.

The International Day of the Sick is the perfect launch date and at the foyer today you will find a sheet on which to place your name and address to organise a visit on Feb 11 [or you may prefer to call the office directly].

Please take this opportunity for a chat and to receive the Blessing of the Sick, and remember, this is a continuing pastoral ministry and therefore we invite you to call us whenever there is need or a desire to be visited.

HEALING MASSES

WITH ALAN AMES WEDNESDAY 5 FEB AT 7:00 PM

Holy Cross Church
10 Humphreys Rd
Kincumber

Alan Ames has been speaking and praying for healing around the world since 1994. He has spoken in more than 40 countries. His books are available in 18 languages. In 2004 and again in 2006 with church approval, he spoke at two of the holiest sites in Christendom; the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth and St Catherine's, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Alan shares his unique conversion experiences that caused a dramatic change in his life from a violent alcoholic to a man. of the Sacraments and prayer. Alan has the

permission and support of Archbishop T Costelloe, SDB of Perth.

LOST IN OR AROUND THE CHURCH

Last Sunday, a pair of brown rimmed reading glasses in a blue case. If you can assist, please call the Office on 4325 1042.

RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX TOUR.

For the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times, will visit Australia in 2020 on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, saints Louis and Zélie Martin.

The relics will visit St Patrick's **8th March 2020.**

ST PAT'S PARISH TEAM

On the 8th March St Patrick's will be playing host to the surrounding Parishes on the Central Coast.

If you can be of assistance to help with the parish organisation and or on the day please contact the Parish Office.

- Promotion – will be advertised on Facebook and our web site
- Collaboration with Local Schools – Fr Greg is co-ordinating with the local schools
- Volunteers needed for welcoming and or farewell ceremonies or processions
- Volunteers needed for Liturgy

RELIQUARY OF ST THÉRÈSE



**St Patrick's Parish
Fundraising
Breakfasts are
coming back!**

*Breakfast
Next Week*

**Join us in the Jordan
room on the first
Sunday of the month
after the 7:30am and
9am Masses**

**Bacon/sausage and
egg sandwich \$5
Coffee \$4 Tea \$3
Hot Choc \$4**



LENTEEN 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>



HAPPY 91ST BIRTHDAY CLAIRE!

A little birdie told us of Claire Hastings's 91st Birthday which she will celebrate on Friday January 31 ...

so congratulations Claire and best wishes for many more!

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING

IS 8:23 – 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. V.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink?

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

1 COR 1:10-13, 17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling

me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia! 3

GOSPEL

MT 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The prophet describes reversals of the fortunes of Israel. First the former times of hardship are contrasted with the present experience of salvation. The lands that had been lost were eventually returned to Israel, the hardships that accompanied defeat and occupation were lifted, and the darkness was dispelled. The words of the psalmist are next directed toward God. Salvation has embraced the people and through it they are granted a threefold joy. This joy is compared to the excitement of harvest time, to the headiness experienced when one has been victorious in battle, and to the relief experienced when freed from the yoke of military servitude, the pole of national discipline, and the rod of social oppression.

The psalm response is a prayer of profound confidence in God. In it God is characterised by means of three metaphors: light; salvation; and refuge. Darkness is not only a danger to safety, but it symbolises evil. Light dispels any kind of danger. Salvation, or deliverance, is granted out of the beneficence of another; one did not save oneself. God is the saviour. Finally, a refuge is a place of safety to which one in danger could flee for protection. All three metaphors characterise God as one holding unparalleled power and exercising this power on behalf of the psalmist, who was not only vulnerable but actually somehow besieged. Every aspect of this psalm response proclaims trust in God.

There seems to have been much pettiness and bickering in Corinth. Natural differences degenerated into rivalry. If left unchecked this rivalry could develop into serious divisions. As representative of Christ, Paul addresses the situation. His exhortation is threefold: agreement in matters of faith; unity, not schism; oneness in mind and purpose. Groups within the community claimed allegiance to various individuals. To this Paul poses rhetorical questions, which elicit only negative answers. No! Christ cannot be divided. No! Paul was not crucified for their salvation. No! They were not baptised in the name of Paul. He insists that neither the teachings nor the personal characteristics of a religious leader can be allowed to rival their allegiance to Christ.

The announcement of the arrest of John the Baptist, which signalled the end of John's ministry and the beginning of Jesus' ministry, prompts Jesus to leave the vicinity and journey to Galilee. Although Jesus preached the same message as did the Baptist (Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. [cf. Matt 3:2]), he did it in fulfilment of the prophecies rather than in anticipation of a future event. The first move he makes is to call some followers. These men were called; they did not initiate their own discipleship, as followers of rabbis normally did. The proclamation of the good news and the healing of the sick were believed to be signs of the advent of the age of fulfilment (cf. Isa 61:1; 35:5-7).

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Your Roster – February 2 Presentation of the LORD – Year [A/2]

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	01.02.20	02.02.20	02.02.20	02.02.20	01.02.20
Audio/Visual	Johann Fernandes	Bernie Pannell	Greg McBride	Joe Tropiano	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Johnson Fernandes Sean Pearson	Alan Pont Eunice Dal Busco	Peter McLean Katrina Pratt	Ange Stitt Patrick Nicholls	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Bridget Sharp Maisie Tenev	Chris Golden Anne Lovett	Kaitlyn Crawford Tom Croll	Youth Anne Mackson	Judy Grenfell Mary Luci
Commentator	Bridget Sharp	Ron Burgess	Frances Mathey	Youth	Charlene Xuereb
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Anita Fernandes Paul Hussein Marissa Hussein Joseph Hussein	Anna Neale Lucy Price Neryl Tyrrell Cecilia Coughlin	Molly Holland Liz Malik Frances Mathey Isobel O'Neill	Corrie Dunn Nora Koleszar Anna Llige Speranza Na'ati	Charlene Xuereb + Senior Server
Altar Servers	Harry Cockerton Lachlan Murphy Alvita Fernandes Annette Fernandes	Sebastian Eager Laura Eager	Scott Shedden Logan Farris Yuna Iwasaki Derik Sind	Vito De Toffol Remi De Toffol Luca De Toffol Joey Stitt Tommy Stitt	Antoinette Xuereb Dylan Xuereb Flowers: Rita Galea
COUNTERS Jan 27 Trudi Hiep Margaret hunter Feb 3 Lyn Beglin Fiona Eaton	ALTAR LINEN Pick up Jan 27 Clem & Marie O'Donovan Return Jan 24 Pick up Feb 3 Hazel Walsh	ALTAR SOCIETY Thur, Jan 23 Des Hincksman Mary Brown Pauline Parsos Margaret Dibben	CHILDRENS LITURGY In recess for School Holidays	PARISH BUS Feb 2 Driver: John Moriarty Helper: Ros Moriarty	HOSPITAL VISITATION Feb 2 Robyn McBride Theresa Giddings

MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 25/01	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ 1ST ANNIVERSARY DAMIAN JOHN GRAY + ANNIVERSARY PHIL CRAWFORD + REMEMBRANCE LEO FRY
Sun 26/01	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	For his Recovery BRIAN O'NEILL PARISH INTENTIONS + Remembrance LLOYD WOODS
Mon 27/01	9:00a Gosford	
Tue 28/01	9:00p Gosford	
Wed 29/01	11:30a Gosford	
Thr 30/01	9:00a Gosford	
Fri 31/01	12:00n Gosford	+ REMEMBRANCE KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES
Sat 01/02	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ REMEMBRANCE LEO FRY PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 02/02	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	THANKSGIVING EVANS PARISH INTENTIONS + ANNIVERSARY SIDNEY DOWSETT

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Leanne McDonagh, Judy Ryan, Peter Gloss, Ray Maher, Marie O'Donovan, 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, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh.

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Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families, Ray McLeay, Frank O'Malley Jones, Nelson Fernandes, Leo Fry, Charlie & Helen Clement, Lloyd Woods, Michael Kokegei.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Norman Roberts, Ray Maher, John Allen, Scott McKinnon

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere condolences to St Patrick's Primary School Principal, Cheryl Walsh, and her family on the recent loss of her dad, Norman Roberts, whose funeral took place last week. We keep Norm and his family in our prayers. May he rest in peace.

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

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

St Agatha, virgin, martyr

THURSDAY

St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Malachi 3:1-4
2nd Heb 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

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