



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.



LENT A TIME TO GROW IN FAITH AND LOVE

LENT IS ALMOST UPON US.

Every year, we are given the gift of this 40-day period to prepare ourselves to fully celebrate the Easter Mystery and grow stronger on our Christian journey.

Many Catholics don't know that Lent has its roots in the earliest expression of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In the first years of the Church, mortal sinners would make a public confession to the community, which in turn would acknowledge these sins. Then, the bishop would impose a penance for each sinner that would last their lifetime. After a given period of time, the bishop would publicly absolve the penitents, welcoming them back to the Eucharist. This early practice morphed into the Lent we know today.

By receiving the ashes on Ash Wednesday at the onset of Lent, we are making a public declaration that we are sinners, much like the penitents of old. What we do in penance for our sins, however, is up to us.

Let us prepare to receive the fullness of the grace of God by using the gift of Lent to grow in faith and love.

Though many give up a favorite food or drink during Lent, I believe we can grow in our relationship with Christ by relating our self-imposed penance to our sins. For instance, if I have a habit of criticizing others, an appropriate penance might be to focus on saying something positive at least once a day about someone in my life. If I have a bad habit of overindulging in food, besides self-denial, I might repent by volunteering in a soup kitchen. By creating our own penance in a way that acknowledges our sins and strives to

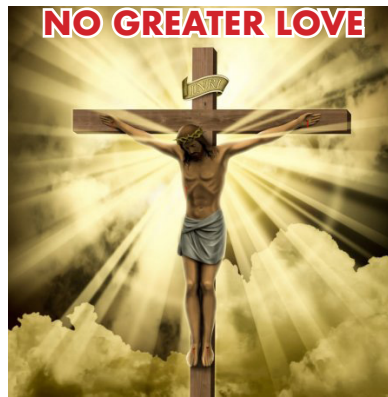
MT 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.



make amends for them, we are working with the Spirit for the renewal that lies at the heart of the Easter season.

Likewise, when we fast during Lent, we allow ourselves to enter a state of heightened awareness and renewal that this age-old practice can bring. Fasting is not simply about punishing or depriving ourselves. Rather, it is meant to be a spiritual exercise to deepen our Christian lives and to create an awareness of God and solidarity with those in our world who have less than we. Fasting can teach us how to go further in our relationship with God, as well as with those around us.



As Catholics, Easter Sunday is the highest holy day for us. Let us prepare to receive the fullness of the grace of God by using the gift of Lent to grow in faith and love.

May the joy of the Easter season be with you.

Father Bob Rossi, O.S.C.



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"My will is firm. Yes, I resolve today unflinchingly to walk your way. I want to live a life of good and bear your yoke, O God! An should you want to affirm this from above...All I ask is love!" MM O Religion 1855 in Poems



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' FEBRUARY 2020 INTENTION

LISTEN TO THE MIGRANTS' CRIES

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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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ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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PARISH OFFICE

Secretary:

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8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday

8:30am - 1:00pm

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9:00am - 3:30pm

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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

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, FEBRUARY 17 & 24 - DVD

A Family Retreat - Archbishop Foulton J. Sheen

In the Jordan Room after 9:00 am Mass.

Why not come into the Jordan Room after Mass this Monday and watch.

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

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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.

ROSARY

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 Last Sat Night of Month 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 Feb 16	7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Mass - Mass - Cuppa after Mass in Jordan Room Baptisms Youth Mass Youth Group in Jordan Room
Monday Feb 17	9:00am 7:00pm	Mass Bible Study Group in Jordan Room
Tuesday Feb 18	9:00am	Mass
Wednesday Feb 19	10:00am 11:30am	Bible Study group in Jordan Room Mass.
Thursday Feb 20	9:00am	Mass.
Friday Feb 21	9:30am 12:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Craft Group in the Jordan Room Mass with reconciliation after Mass Korean Mass Pint Sized Paddies
Saturday Feb 22	9:00am 10:00am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Salvatorian Vocation Reflection Day Vigil Mass Gosford Vigil Mass Somersby
Sunday Feb 23	7:30am 9:00am 6:00pm	Mass Mass followed by Morning tea in Jordan Room Youth Mass

KIDS CORNER

PINT SIZED PADDIES

Pint Sized Paddies is a group of young school children who gather regularly during School terms, in the School Hall. **Next on at 7:00 pm on 21th February.**

A few hours of fun in a spiritual environment.

Enquiries to Melissa 0434 251 481

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The Youth Group gather in the Jordan room, after 6:00 pm Mass each Sunday.

This has become a vibrant group and all youth are very welcome to join in.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

7:00 PM MONDAY IN JORDAN ROOM

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

WEDNESDAY 10:00 AM IN JORDAN ROOM

3RD SUNDAY CUPPA THIS SUNDAY AFTER 9:00 AM MASS

Come and join us for a cuppa, meet with new and old friends.

Help our Parish fund raising.



PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

ST PATRICK'S ANIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

15 MARCH 2020

THERE WILL BE NO 9:00 AM MASS ON THE DAY OF OUR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Bishop Anthony will concelebrate Mass at 10:30am in St Patrick's Church instead of 9:00 am. To celebrate St Patrick's Day and the 60th Anniversary of the school and the 55th Anniversary of St Patrick's Church.

After the Mass we will hold a Fete in the school grounds.

Note: 7:30 am and 6:00 pm Masses will be held as usual.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL DONATIONS

FOR OUR FETE AT OUR ST PATRICK'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY MARCH 15!

Calling on anyone who would like to donate goods, new or used or cakes and cookies to be sold at our White Elephant Stall on Sunday, March 15. If you have something in good, working condition, please drop it in at the office by Monday, March 2 to allow time to sort and price. Thank you.

CATECHIST CORNER

At the evening Mass at Somersby this weekend we present Vickie Muscat with a 10yr Service Award. This Diocesan award acknowledges her contribution to God's mission to children in State schools as a catechist helper at Central Mangrove school. Congratulations Vickie!! If you feel a call to this ministry, have a chat to Vickie about her experience or contact Alain for further details (0414273654).

LOVE WITH FOOD PARCELS

FOR HOMELESS IN GOSFORD, STARTING SOON.

Fr Greg will talk this weekend about a new initiative for our Parish. One where we can all show our love of our fellow human beings, especially those less fortunate than

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ourselves.

Fr Greg envisions having a collection point for non perishable food parcels in the foyer of the church, similar to the way we collected back to School supplies for the victims of the Bush Fires. During each Mass the food parcels will be brought to the altar with the offertory procession.

These food parcels will be distributed to the organisations in the Gosford area who feed the homeless on the Central Coast.

PARCELS FROM ST PATS



WITH LOVE 😊

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

26TH FEBRUARY 2020

9 am St Patrick's School Mass

11.30 am Parish Mass

6 pm Somersby Mass

7.30 pm Gosford Mass

ANNUAL SALVATORIAN SEMINARY COLLECTION

22-23 FEBRUARY 2019

Each year in our Salvatorian parishes, we ask for support for our seminaries in Poland and Philippines where future priests for Australia are educated. Your generous contributions help in the training and education of our young seminarians and the upkeep of our seminaries. At present, the present the Australian Salvatorian region has seven candidates undergoing their formation in the Philippines.

This year, our deacon Paul Tran SDS will join each mass to talk about his experience in the Salvatorian community. If you did not know, Paul is from Báo Lộc in the southern part of Vietnam. Paul attended the Salvatorian Mother of the Savior Formation House seminary in Manila the Philippines and is currently on assignment in the Gosford parish.

We invite you to unite in prayer for our young Seminarians as well as for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Salvatorian envelopes will be available on the weekend of 22-23 February.

Thank you in anticipation for your generosity, and God bless you all, Fr Greg.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

**NEXT MOVIE IS SAMSON
ON 29TH FEBRUARY AFTER 5:00 PM MASS.**

OUR HOSPITAL VISITATION MINISTRY

THANKS YOU!

Following the advertisement we placed in our Bulletin and those of other local parishes, we have to say a huge 'thank you' for the amazing response we have received, regardless of how daunting it all seemed. Hopefully we will have a fully loaded ministry team up and ready soon.

SALVATORIAN VOCATION DAY FOR MEN

Vocation Day is to assist men who are open to discerning a vocation to the priesthood/consecrated life/marriage life. Come spend some time prayerfully reflecting on God's will in your life and these amazing ways of making a complete gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The Salvatorians will lead the retreat.

When: 22 February 2020
Where: St Patrick's Parish in Gosford
76 York Street, East Gosford
NSW
Time: 10am - 3pm
Contact details: vocation@sds.org.au
Ph: 0488111574

SAFEGUARDING SESSION THIS WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 19, 7PM AT THE CHURCH

Just a reminder to all those in the Sacramental Programme, Children's Liturgy teams, AV presenters & Senior Servers that your attendance is required at this meeting with Anita Biddle of the Chancery Safeguarding Office to answer to our obligation and desire to ensure that everyone in contact with children in ministries is completely aware of their responsibilities. Looking forward to seeing you there.

LENTEN 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Just a note that our 2nd Rite will be held at 7:30 pm on April 1, following the reception of the sacrament, 1st Reconciliation & Penance at 5pm on the same day.

FAREWELL PAT FRY

This month we lose lovely parishioner Pat Fry who will be leaving the district. May God bless you Pat and we wish you well in your new parish.

NEW DISABILITY PROGRAMS KICK OFF ON CENTRAL COAST

CatholicCare recently relaunched Disability Futures services on the Central Coast with dance and sports academies.

The Dance Academy offers everything from ballet to hip hop and contemporary dance, plus drama and singing in a program called Born to Perform. The academy gives young people living with disability a creative way to meet their personal goals – a place to build skills, fitness and confidence with opportunities to participate in the dance community.

For those who love their sports, the Sports Academy launched with two 'get active' choices. Your Personal Best promotes wellbeing and fitness gains through individual sports like swimming, hiking, biking and yoga. The Team is the Dream gives people the chance to thrive as a member of a team playing a range of team sports like soccer, basketball or cricket, depending on the season.

The academies are open now for new participants.

Please spread the word!

For more information, contact Michelle on 0409 658 476 or michelle.cuneo@catholiccaredbb.org.au

The Australian Salvatorians invite you to a

YOUTH GATHERING

JOIN US FOR MASS,
MANIFESTATION OF THE YOUNG
CHURCH,
BBQ, ACYF REUNION AND
PARTY - WITH DJ!

Sunday 15th March 6-9pm
St Patrick's Parish, East Gosford

LENTEN LISTENING PROGRAM FOR 2020

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT IN JORDAN ROOM.

THE THEMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Week 1: Prayerful and Eucharistic

Week 2: Missionary and Evangelising

Week 3: Inclusive, Participatory & 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. Let's be honest, open, and respectful, bringing a listening heart to our conversations.

There is also a practical dimension to our gathering. At the conclusion of each session, you are invited to offer the fruits of your reflection, with regard to possible actions to be progressed to your Parish Priest or school or community leaders, for continued discernment within the whole community.

May this time of reflection be a fruitful one at this significant time in the life of our Australian Church.

PREPARING TO DISCERN

This Lenten journey is a little different to others that you may have previously undertaken.

These 6 sessions of reflection are founded on the 6 themes that have arisen from the Plenary Council

Listening Sessions as areas where the people in Australia believe that God is inviting us to move towards.

We will also draw on the Scripture texts from the Lenten Readings to allow God to speak through God's Word into our hearts and our communities. God's word in sacred Scripture is a powerful means to engage with what God

Everyone is welcome

REFERENCE FORMS FOR SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2021

BRING THEM TO MASS FOR FR GREG TO SIGN

Parents who require Fr Greg to sign their reference forms for entry into St Joseph's or St Edward's are asked to please bring it with them to the Mass they attend and Father will speak to them in the foyer after Mass.

St Patrick's Day Celebration The School's 60th Anniversary



The Church's 55th Anniversary

Bishop Anthony to Concelebrate
Mass at 10:30

in St Patrick's Church

Fete After Mass in the School grounds

- SAUSAGE SIZZLE BBQ
- SOFT DRINKS
- FACE PAINTING
- JUMPING CASTLE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- POPCORN
- DOUGHNUTS
- BAKED GOODS
- WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
- CRAFTS STALL
- GAMES
- RAFFLE

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

OF THE RELICS OF
ST THERESE

AND HER PARENTS ZELIE & LOUIS
MARTIN

ST PATRICK'S PARISH, EAST GOSFORD

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2020

7:30 AM – 7:30 PM

E V E N T S

7:30 AM

MASS AND WELCOME

9:00 AM

MASS

10 AM – 11:00 AM

VENERATION OF ST THERESE
& HER PARENTS

12:00 NOON

FILIPINO MASS

1 PM – 5:30 PM

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER &
VENERATION

6:00 PM

YOUTH MASS & FINAL
VIEWING

ALL DAY

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE
AVAILABLE IN THE JORDAN
ROOM

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

SIR 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of The Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. V.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

SECOND READING

1 COR 2:6-10

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of

our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of The Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SEE MT 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

In the Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37 (or selections therefrom) Jesus insists that he has not come to abolish 'the law and the prophets' but to 'fulfil' or bring them to completion. It is important to note how Jesus ranges 'the prophets' alongside 'the law'. The prophets indicate God's will

for the messianic age. Jesus will fulfil the law by interpreting it in the light of the priority Israel's prophets gave to values such as justice, mercy and faith in human interrelationship (see Matt 23:23). This will entail a 'righteousness' ('virtue' is a lame translation) 'deeper' than that practised by the scribes and Pharisees.

There follow what we might call six 'case studies' illustrating this deeper righteousness. Four are cited in this week's Gospel, two left for next Sunday. As authoritative interpreter, Jesus cites a ruling from the Torah, appealing to Scripture, and then modifies, radicalises, or extends it in some direction. What he cites is usually a prohibition ('Thou shalt not ...'). What he sets over against it is a pronouncement that seeks to go beyond mere external restraint to plant the value enshrined in the prohibition deep within the human heart.

So over against the prohibition 'You shall not kill ...,' Jesus addresses the anger in the heart that can lead to an increasing scale of insult and injury to another, of which murder would be simply the most extreme case. Reconciliation with an aggrieved brother or sister is so supremely important as to take priority over the duty of worship. Particularly noteworthy is the delicacy of what Jesus counsels: Not 'if you have something against your brother or sister,' but 'if you remember (= "suspect") that your brother or sister has something against you, ...'

The same radical sense of going to the heart is explicit in the next ruling dealing with sexual behaviour. The old commandment simply prohibited adultery. In a way that actually sounds very contemporary Jesus insists that the problem begins with perception: with a man's fundamental attitude to a woman. Is she an object for male sexual exploitation (lust)? Or is she a fellow human being with whom dealings in any area, including the sexual, must be based upon equality of relationship, fidelity and consent? When the latter prevails, the old prohibition simply becomes unnecessary.

The next pronouncement deals with the delicate area of fidelity in marriage. The old dispensation looked at the issue entirely from the male perspective and set in place (the Mosaic divorce ruling) what is basically a 'harm minimisation' procedure for the woman. Jesus excludes divorce absolutely, save in the case of adultery (also 19:9). His exclusion, again, stems from a more holistic view of marriage as a lifelong union of equals bound not by law but by mutual fidelity and companionship. In a contemporary situation where communities of believers contain many members in second marriages or whose family members are in such unions, preaching will have to handle this particular pronouncement with pastoral sensitivity. It will be important to ensure that Jesus' teaching (pronounced in a social situation very different from ours today, especially in terms of life expectancy), does not add to burdens already in place.

The same kind of quest for fidelity in relationships motivates the final pronouncement: against the taking of

Your Roster – February 23 7Th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year [A/2]

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	22.02.20	23.02.20	23.02.20	23.02.20	22.02.20
Audio/Visual	Robert Biviano	Glad Williams	Roy Kim	Required	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Sam Giddings Anna Jung	Hilary Pope Jacob Curcio	Alan Dillon Peter Cho	Rosie Na'ati Lochie Gower	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Terry Cooke Sean Pearson	Josie McGuinness Chris Golden	Nicole Mead Neil Murphy	Youth Robyn Nevin	Joanne Comensoli Nai Herford
Commentator	Bridget Sharp	Josie McGuinness	John Miller	Barbara McCarthy	Dakota Xuereb
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Paul Hussein Marissa Hussein Joseph Hussein Jan Blanch	Neryl Tyrrell Ron Burgess Cecilia Coughlin Margaret Eadie	Keith Quinn Tom Croll Amanda Dillon Liz Malik	Sherree Sullivan Rosa Tropiano Patricia Anderson Adrian Andzreiewski	Alyce Chin + Senior Server
Altar Servers	Harry Cockerton Lorenzo Arango		Scott Shedden Cormac Brady Philip Yoon Cameron Moss	Alex Golden Gabby Golden Natasha Golden	Matthew Xuereb Alex Camilleri Flowers: Carmel Xuereb
COUNTERS Feb 17 Trudi Hiep Neryl Tyrrell Feb 24 Lyn Begllin Joyce Byrne	ALTAR LINEN Pick up Feb 17 Josie McGuinness Return Feb 21 Feb 24 Clem & Marie O'Donovan	ALTAR SOCIETY Thur 20 Des Hinksman Mary Brown Pauline Parsons Margaret Dibben	CHILDRENS LITURGY Feb 23 Cheryl Frazer Lucy Frazer	PARISH BUS Feb 23 Driver: Aaron Buckle Helper: Ellen McNally	HOSPITAL VISITATION Feb 16 Eunice Dal Busco Laraine Rowe

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 15/02	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ REMEMBRANCES KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES + ANNIVERSARY ESME WILLIAMS PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 16/02	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	+ REMEMBRANCE LLOYD WOODS + ANNIVERSARY JOE SANFILIPPO RECENTLY DECEASED ANTONY, ANGELINA & SIENNA ABDULLAH & VERONIQUE SAKR
Mon 17/02	9:00a Gosford	+ REMEMBRANCE MELITA WATERS
Tue 18/02	9:00p Gosford	+ANNIVERSARIES PAUL & MARIA BIGENI
Wed 19/02	11:30a Gosford	+ 8TH ANNIVERSARY GILBERTO DAL BUSCO
Thr 20/02	9:00a Gosford	RECENTLY DECEASED CONNIE SULTANA
Fri 21/02	12:00n Gosford	
Sat 22/02	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ REMEMBRANCES KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT
Sun 23/02	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS + REMEMBRANCES SEAN [JOHN] KYRAN DEVINE + REMEMBRANCE NELSON FERNANDES

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Leonie Barnes, Leanne McDonagh, Judy Ryan, Peter Gloss, 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 Gunnlson, Sonia Cummings, Anna-Marie Rowan, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh.

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REMEMBRANCES:

Paul & Maria Bigeni, Melita Waters, Lloyd Woods, Ronald Freeman, Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families, Michael Kokegei.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Connie Sultana, Antony, Angelina & Sienna Abdullah, Veronique Sakr, Rhonda Lee, Rod Frazer, Scott McKinnon.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our prayers for the soul of Rod Frazer who passed on February 6, 2020 and also offer sincere condolences to his son, Scott, wife Cheryl and their family on their sad loss. May he rest in peace.

oaths. Such trust and faithfulness should prevail in the community of the Kingdom that, to have their word taken seriously, its members should not have to have recourse to such procedures – fraught with the danger of taking God's holy name in vain.

Looking back, what draws all these pronouncements of Jesus together is a sense of human life as essentially relational: it flourishes where respect, faithfulness, and consideration of the other prevail.

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY

The Chair of St Peter, apostle

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

2nd 1 Cor 3:16-23

Mt 5:38-48

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