



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 IS A VERY SPECIAL TIME

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION AT THE CATHEDRAL TODAY

The Rite of Election is for our Catechumens, those who have not been baptised previously, to be presented to Bishop Anthony at the Cathedral today, Sunday March 1. Once this has taken place they are no longer called catechumens but the Elect,

Our candidates, those who have been baptised in another faith, are already the Elect by right of their baptism. We have 2 Catechumens, Ryan Fountain and Yolanda Kasteel and 2 Candidates, Brooke Stanford and Carlos Diaz who have been on their journey of discernment since May 2019 and today we send them forth to the Cathedral for the Rite of the Elect with our prayers and our good wishes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Please join us when we pray the Stations of the Cross at St Patrick's at 11.30am each Friday during Lent, or at St Francis of Assisi, Somersby at 6pm [followed by Mass] every Thursday during Lent. Extra prayer during Lent is considered one of our Lenten observances.

CARITAS: PROJECT COMPASSION

Another Lenten observance is alms giving and each year Caritas Australia provides us with the opportunity during Lent by supplying giving boxes or envelopes for our donations to projects to assist those in third world countries. If you would like to give, remembering that even small offerings can contribute to much needed food, seeds, water, education and improved living conditions for families who without the work of Caritas and other organisations would have to live in appalling conditions. Your boxes and envelopes should be returned to be brought forward at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

MT 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights..



LENTEN PASSPORT PROGRAM 2020

The Lenten Children's program is designed to give formation about this season to families in Gosford Parish.

All children and their families are invited to come to Mass on Sundays during the Lenten season at the parish churches. During this time, there will be a special program including children Liturgy and children's homilies to learn more about Lent and its observances.

After attending Mass this Sunday, children can collect a special sticker and place it on the corresponding spot on their Lenten passport.

IF YOU HAVE NOT GOT A PASSPORT YET, YOU CAN GET ONE AND THIS WEEKS STICKER FROM THE CHURCH FOYER THIS SUNDAY.

Everyone is welcome

LENTEN LISTENING PROGRAM 2020

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT IN JORDAN ROOM 10:00 AM.

Facilitated by Anne Lovell

WEDNESDAY MARCH 4

Week 1: Prayerful and Eucharistic



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Put forth every effort and be very zealous to promote the knowledge of truth. "To enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."



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' MARCH 2020 INTENTION CATHOLICS IN CHINA.

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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:

Colleen Kirk Mon – Thurs:

8:30am – 4:30pm

Friday

8:30am – 1:00pm

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9:30am – 1:30pm

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VOLUNTEER ROLES

Office Admin:

Denise Jay

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Friday:

9:00am – 3:30pm

AV Presentation:

Peter McLean

Greg McBride

Caretakers:

Ron Begg

John Malicki

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

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 PRAYER GROUP

Has been suspended for Lent

Regulars and others interested are asked to attend the Lenten Listening Program each Wednesday at 10:00am

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.

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 Mar 1	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 10:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Mass - Breakfast afterwards in the Jordan Room Mass - Including Baptism presentations Breakfast in Jordan Room all welcome Baptisms Youth Mass Youth Group in Jordan Room
Monday Mar 2	9:00am 6:45pm	Mass Bible Study Group in Jordan Room
Tuesday Mar 3	9:00am 7:00pm	Mass menAlive Mass followed by meeting.
Wednesday Mar 4	11:30am	Mass.
Thursday Mar 5	9:00am 9:30am 2:00pm 6:00pm	Mass for Vocations Salvatorian Colaborators meeting in Jordan Room. Grief and Loss meeting in Jordan Room Somersby, Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Friday Mar 6	9:30am 12:00pm 12:30pm 7:00pm	Craft Group in the Jordan Room Mass with reconciliation after Mass 1st Friday Lunch after Mass Fr David Ramson - "Awake" with Young Adults in the Jordan Room
Saturday Mar 7	9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Choir Practice in St Patrick's Vigil Mass Gosford Vigil Mass Somersby
Sunday Mar 8 The Relics of St Therese and her parents, all day in St Patrick's	7:30am 9:00am 9am - 7:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Mass Relics of St Therese and her Parents in the church Youth Mass Youth Group in the Jordan Room

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 March 6.**

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

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

NEXT MOVIE IS ON 28TH MARCH AFTER 5:00 PM MASS.

BREAKFAST IN THE JORDAN ROOM THIS SUNDAY AFTER 7:30 AM, AND 9:00 AM MASSES

All proceeds go to help fund Youth Activities like Sponsoring youth to World Youth Day.



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.

LOVE WITH FOOD PARCELS

FOR HOMELESS IN GOSFORD

Please continue to bring food parcels and they will be distributed to the organisations in the Gosford area who feed the homeless on the Central Coast.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FOR THE DIOCESE

Given the continuing level of public concern about the coronavirus, but in light of the fact that the virus is currently contained in Australia, Bishop Anthony instructs that the principles outlined at the end of January, be maintained in the Diocese of Broken Bay until the end March 2020.

The situation will be constantly monitored and his instruction reviewed should changing circumstance necessitate.

Summary of the principles:

1. The chalice is not to be shared at any Masses but is to be reserved to the Celebrant(s) only.
2. All Ministers of Communion (Ordinary and Extraordinary) are to be diligent in the use of hand sanitizer prior to the distribution of Communion.
3. These measures are to be publicly and clearly communicated to all congregations at Mass.

1ST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES' COMMISSIONING

As our 35 candidates for the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation & Penance in April commence their period of preparation, we ask them to come forward at the Mass they are attending, this weekend, to receive a commissioning blessing, and to place their names on the board at the sanctuary. Please remember to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

VISITING THE SICK IN THEIR HOMES

TUESDAY MARCH 17.

If you, or someone you know would like to receive the Blessing of the Sick in their home, please contact the Parish Office on 4325 1042.

ANNUAL SALVATORIAN SEMINARY COLLECTION

A BIG THANK YOU.....

for your generous donations of almost \$3,000 in support of the Salvatorian seminaries worldwide! The Order, and all its seminarians are very grateful indeed.

POSITION'S VACANT: YOUTH MINISTER: 5.5 HOURS PER WEEK

An exciting opportunity has arisen to become part of the vibrant team at the Catholic Parish of Gosford.

The Youth Minister aims to uphold the following goal for Youth Ministry in the Parish of Gosford – 'To develop and maintain a young Catholic community of disciples that really lives the Gospel'. The Youth Minister will work under the leadership of the Parish priest and with other parish staff and leaders, and will be responsible for the youth programs and events in the parish.

Personal attributes:

It is vital that the Youth Minister:

- has a deep faith and a strong relationship with Jesus.
- demonstrates love in serving others through this ministry.
- engages the young people of our parish community
- is highly motivated and pro-active in leadership skills
- can work effectively in a team and can work well with adults and students.

Classification: Casual

Sunday Nights: 5.5 hours.

Qualifications (Education/ Background)

- Tertiary or certificate qualification in comparable field of study is recommended.
- Applicants who are currently undertaking study will be considered.
- Completed Higher School Certificate or equivalent is necessary.
- A good knowledge in theology would be an advantage.
- Must have good on-line communication skills (facebook, twitter, youtube)
- Any experience in marketing or advertising would be advantageous.

Responsibilities

The Youth Minister would be responsible:

- to manage and run Sunday night youth group sessions.
- to manage and run the various ministries at the Sunday evening Youth Mass [readers, welcomers, offertory etc]
- to identify, train and mentor other young leaders from the parish to assist with the running of youth groups and other activities.
- manage a database of all youth contacts, parents and older students.
- provide duty of care - pastoral care
- prepare forms, permission notes and sign in sheets and other forms for youth groups.
- manage online communication and advertising via facebook, twitter, youtube of photos and video footage from youth groups.
- manage fundraising activities for youth projects in the parish.

The Youth Minister is required to work under the direction of the Parish Priest. After six months there will be a review of the work undertaken, conducted by the Parish Priest.

The Youth Minister will take on a leadership role as part of the team at Gosford Parish and must act at all times as a representative of the Parish, displaying care, responsibility and integrity in all that they do.

Interested applicants are invited to write a cover letter of interest outlining why they would be suitable for this role. Particular reference must be made to the 5 personal attributes [mentioned above] and how the applicant demonstrates these qualities.

The successful applicant will require Working With Children Check (WWCC) verification.

Applications close on 13th March 2020.

Please send your cover letter and CV to:

Parish Priest

St Patrick's Catholic Parish

76 York Street

East Gosford NSW 2250

Or email to: patsgos@acs.net.au



Who:

Young Adults (aged 18 - 35)

Topic:

Sacrificial Love

Guest Speaker:

Fr David Ranson (Vicar General
of B.B. Diocese)

When:

Friday, 6 March, 7.00PM

Where:

St Patrick's Parish, East Gosford,
Jordan Room



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

It's a year since we hosted The Combined Churches WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT ST. PATS.

This year WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is on

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH AT 10AM.

GOSFORD UNITING CHURCH

129 DONNISON ST, GOSFORD.

St. Pats is part of the programme this year.

For catering purposes please put your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS'

[55+] DAY TRIP TO THE HUNTER VALLEY

If you're interested in a bus trip to the Hunter Valley on Monday March 23 departing at 9.30am please contact Barbara on 4322 0250. Cost \$15 including travel & morning tea. Lunch at your own expense.

BOOK SOON!

SPIRITUAL HEALING APPOINTMENTS

SR MARGARET SCULLY RSC

Sr Margaret will be in the Parish on March 7 and is available for spiritual healing appointments. To book some time with Sr Margaret please phone 9810 2499, her e-mail is playing up, so please use phone.

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE
OF THE RELICS OF
ST THERESE**

**AND HER PARENTS ZELIE &
LOUIS MARTIN**

**ST PATRICK'S PARISH, EAST
GOSFORD**

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2020

8:30 AM – 7:30 PM

E V E N T S

- 8:30-8:50 am Arrival of the Relics
9:00 am Mass (Principal Celebrant Fr Greg Skulski SDS, Deacon Paul and Concelebrants)
10:00 am Litany of St Therese I
10:20 am Rosary – Joyful Mysteries (With meditations from the writings of St Therese)
10:40 am Private Veneration
11:15 am Sorrowful Mysteries (With meditations from the writings of St Therese)
12:00 pm Filipino Mass
1:00 pm The Angelus
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00 pm Rosary - Glorious Mysteries (With meditations from the writings of St Therese)
5:00 pm Litany of St Therese II
5:30 pm Rosary – Mysteries of Light - Led by Youth (With meditations from the writings of St Therese)
6:00 pm Youth Mass (Principal Celebrant Fr Greg Skulski SDS and Deacon Paul)
7:00 pm Litany of All Saints
7:30 pm Relics depart for The Entrance

**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

BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS

9:00 AM MASS TODAY

We welcome the families of the following children who are being presented at the 9am Mass to their new faith family prior to their upcoming baptisms:

Tate Anthony Abrahamian, Finn Vaughan Elliott, Jude Morgan Clydesdale, Phoenix George Rivers, Elise Kate Flood, Lennox James Cameron, Toby Jay Alletson, Maddison Jay Noakes, Zoe Tina Owens, Maximus Thomas Cohen & Robert Andrew Gellately.



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate and keep in our prayers Joaquin Levy Ceballos & Gavin Hugh Donnelly who are being baptised today, Sunday March 1

SOCIAL JUSTICE RAFFLE ON SUNDAY MARCH 8

HOME is a charity that is developing a new type of permanent housing for people with enduring mental illness, modelled on successful projects in Queanbeyan and Melbourne. HOME will provide self-contained supported accommodation for up to 16 adults – along with outreach services – in a safe, loving setting. Residents will be supported to live dignified, active, fulfilling lives within the community.

We are raising money for HOME because we feel passionate about their work and are really alarmed by the number of homeless people on the Central Coast who are suffering a mental illness. Research indicates that up to 85% of homeless people have a mental illness.

We would love your support. Please come & chat with us about different ways you can help. Prizes include Hampers, Eftpos cards & \$100 Bon Pavilion Voucher.

Joscelyn and Neil Murphy & Social Justice team

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

FIRST READING

GEN 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. SEE V.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

ave mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have

sinned.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING

ROM 5:12, 17-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

MT 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give

you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

MT 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The first reading features three episodes: the creation of the first man; his placement in the garden; and the sin. The man is formed of the ground, as are the animals and the trees of the garden. This establishes from the beginning a physical bond between humans and other creatures of the earth. The story is filled with allusions to wisdom. Eden is in the East, the place of enlightenment because the sun rises there. The tree of temptation is the tree of knowledge. The sin was disobedience, but the inclination that gave rise to it was a form of hubris – the desire to know like the gods know.

The psalm response is a familiar penitential psalm. It includes a plea for mercy, a confession of sin, a prayer for transformation, and a request for the opportunity of praising God. The psalmist appeals to God's covenant dispositions: goodness and compassion or womb-love, the kind of attachment that a mother has to the child she has carried within herself. A thorough transformation is required and so the psalmist prays for a clean heart and a right or true spirit. The response ends with a prayer to be empowered to praise God. This request shows that the covenant relationship, forgiveness of sin, transformation of heart, and the ability to praise God are all gifts of grace from God.

Paul sets up a comparison between the universal effects of sin and death and the all-encompassing power of forgiveness and life. He contrasts the actions of Adam the first man and Christ his unrivalled counterpart. While it may appear that the contrast is between Adam and Christ, it is really between the epochs that each inaugurated. Adam inaugurated the era of sin and death; Christ established the eschatological era of acquittal and life. At each stage of Paul's comparison, we see the surpassing power of the salvation won by Christ. In his conclusion, Paul argues that as condemnation came through one sin, acquittal comes through one righteous act; disobedience brought death, obedience brought life.

The Gospel passage is an account of the temptation of Jesus. Jesus' responses to the temptations posed by the devil all come from Deuteronomy's version of Israel's testing in the wilderness. This suggests that Jesus is here being compared with that ancient community. This account is replete with messianic meaning. It shows that the Son of God has chosen not to use divine power to establish his reign on earth. He will be open to the word of God, allowing it

Your Roster – March 8 2nd Sunday of Lent – Year [A/2]

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	07.03.20	08.03.20	08.03.20	08.03.20	07.02.20
Audio/Visual	Johann Fernandes	Glad Williams	Alan Dillon	Thomas Werner	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Johnson Fernandes Anna Jung	Peter O'Neill John Ryan	Peter McLean Peter Cho	Ange Stitt Rosie Na'ati	Altar Society Vicki Muscat
Lectors	Maisie Tenev Val Dibben	Anne Lovett Sheila Evans	Chris Paget Keith Quinn	Youth Jessica Russell	Jane Azzopardi Sarah Xuereb
Commentator	Terry Cooke	Ron Begg	Chris Paget	Cheryl Walsh	Peter Chin
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Anita Fernandes Rosemary Lee Maisie Tenev Terry Cooke	Sheila Evans Lucy Price Neryl Tyrrell Ron Burgess	Katie Moss Emily Rudd Wendy Stringer	Rick Llige Anne Mackson Speranza Na'ati Margaret Pratt	Charlene Xuereb + Senior Server
Altar Servers	Lorenzo Arango Alvita Fernandes Annette Fernandes		Rowan Talbot Lily Talbot Sarah Selim Cameron Moss	Alex Golden Gabby Golden Natasha Golden Joey Stitt Tommy Stitt	Antoinette Xuereb Mia Xuereb Flowers Jane Azzopardi
COUNTERS Mar 02 Dianna Addis Fiona Eaton Mar 09 Ron Begg Marie Cradock	ALTAR LINEN Pick up Mar 02 Hazel Walsh Return Mar 06 Mar 09 Thea Dowsett	ALTAR SOCIETY Sat 07 Fran Thompson Barbra Mills Roslyn McMahon Audry Morris Catherine Shaw	CHILDRENS LITURGY Mar 08 St Therese Relics, no Childrens Liturgy	PARISH BUS Mar 08 Driver: John Donnelly Helper: Brenda Donnelly	HOSPITAL VISITATION Mar 08 Robyn McBride Bigi Kon

MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 29/02	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Anniversaries MICHAEL ANGELO & MARY JANE BUHAGIAR PARISH INTENTIONS + Anniversary GIROLAMA MERCURI
Sun 01/03	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	+ Remembrances FARIBA GHAZI + Anniversary ANTHONY O'MALLEY JONES Birthday Blessings FR TADEUSZ
Mon 02/03	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrances KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES
Tue 03/03	9:00p Gosford	Recently Deceased TONY HARPER
Wed 04/03	11:30a Gosford	
Thr 05/03	9:00a Gosford	
Fri 06/03	12:00n Gosford	+ Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI
Sat 07/03	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Anniversary MARGARET O'DONOVAN
Sun 08/03	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS + Remembrance MICHAEL KOKEGEI

FAREWELL CHRIS!

Sadly we say farewell to our parishioner of 18 years, Chris Hall, who will be moving this coming week to make her home in her new parish. We wish Chris all the best and send her with our prayers.

to direct his actions; he will rely on God's providence and not put God's promises to the test; he will not compromise his fidelity to God regardless of the price that he might have to pay. Unlike the wilderness community, Jesus is steadfast in the face of temptation.
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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, Frances Cannon, Margaret Gunnison, Sonia Cummings, Anna-Marie Rowan, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Angelo & Mary Jane Buhagiari, Girolama Mercuri, Anthony O'Malley Jones, Sean [John] Kyran Devine, William & Liam Flanagan

REMEMBRANCES:

Nelson Fernandes, Leo Fry, Friquet Family, Fariba Ghazi, Dionsio Gler, Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families, Michael Kokegei.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

David Sim, Tony Harper, Nena Sciberras, Judy Graham

CONDOLENCES

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS for the soul of Judy Graham who passed last week and whose funeral will take place on Friday March 6, 2pm at the Blessed Sacrament church, Clifton Gardens. Judy and her family were parishioners of St Patrick's for many years before moving to Sydney and would be known to many. We extend our sincere condolences to the Graham family. May she rest in peace.

THIS WEEK

FRIDAY

Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis, 2013

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SUNDAY 8 MARCH

1st Gen 12:1-4

2nd 2 Tim 1:8-10

Mt 17:1-9

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