



# 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.



## THE LOVE OF CHRIST

A central element of Christian belief and theology. It refers to the love of Jesus Christ for humanity, the love of Christians for Christ, and the love of Christians for others. These aspects are distinct in Christian teachings—the love for Christ is a reflection of his love for his followers and all humanity.

Jesus says in today's Gospel, "The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life". [John 4:14]

Jesus gave his words freely to anybody who would listen. They are simply examples of his love for us. They are however, more sophisticated in their purpose for us. Jesus wanted the people of his time to interpret his words and to put them into action in those



**JN 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42**  
The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.



Oh, the love of God!  
Become flesh of the flesh,  
So that we might live  
In glory

times. I am sure Jesus spoke in parables so his words could live forever and still be relevant to the reader of his words, no matter the time or historical context the reader exists in.

Our challenge, more than two thousand years later is to read and or listen to his words. To interpret the words and to live by those words. Where does love come into play with all of this?

I believe that Jesus words always speak of love in all of its meanings. Therefore listening to or reading the Gospel gives us a way of life that is founded in love. Love for God, our neighbour, all of humanity, all of nature and includes love for ourselves.

Our job is to listen and apply the meaning of the words to our lives at the time. Each time one reads a particular reading, it is possible to use a slightly different context and therefore apply the concepts to the circumstance we find ourselves in at that time.

When you think about the Gospels in this way, Jesus has given us a wonderful set of guidelines. A genuinely wondrous gift of love.

St Thérèse lived her short life by these guidelines and even today and last weekend gave her gift of love to us at St Patrick's.

For my part, I say thank you. *Tom Croll*



## FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

**"With God's help, establish a society for the glory of God and the salvation of souls! Oh how much good can be done!"**

SD II/88



### 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

### PASTORAL CARE

**Fr Grzegorz [Greg] Skulski SDS**

Parish Priest

Email: greg@sds.org.au

**Paul Tran SDS**

Deacon:

### SALVATORIANS

### Society of the Divine Saviour

<http://www.sds.org.au>

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Secretary:

**Colleen Kirk** Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Friday 8:30am – 1:00pm

#### Bursar:

Darren Fitzgibbon

#### Sacramental Programme

Coordinator: Frances Mathey

Email: franceshanna@yahoo.com

Catechists' Coordinator: Alain Corne

Email: saintpatsccd@acs.net.au

Wed: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Thurs: 9:30am – 1:30pm

Youth Ministry: Matthew French  
Ph:0411 792 587

#### Media Coordinator:

**Tom Croll**  
Thursday: 9:00am – 2:00pm  
Email: tcroll@photom.com.au

### VOLUNTEER ROLES

#### Office Admin:

**Denise Jay**  
**Maria Andrzejewska**  
9:00am – 3:30pm

#### Friday:

#### AV Presentation:

Peter McLean  
Greg McBride  
Ron Begg  
John Malicki

#### Caretakers:

#### Gardeners:

Trevor Byrne  
Joyce Byrne  
Victor Camilleri  
Barbara McCarthy  
Ph: 4322 0250

#### Seniors' Ministry:

#### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER Hilary Pope

If you see any activities involving children or vulnerable adults that worries you, please email Hilary Pope, our Safeguarding Officer at [hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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 15 <b>St Patrick's Anniversary Sunday</b>	7:30am 10:30am 11:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Anniversary Mass with Bishop Anthony Fete in School Grounds Youth Mass Youth Group in the Jordan Room
Monday Mar 16	9:00am 7:00pm	Mass Bible Study Group in Jordan Room
Tuesday Mar 17	9:00am	St Patrick's Day School Mass all welcome
Wednesday Mar 18	11:30am	Mass
Thursday Mar 19	9:00am 6:00pm	Mass Somersby, Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Friday Mar 20	9:30am 11:30am 12:00pm 7:00pm	Craft Group in the Jordan Room Stations of the Cross followed by Mass Mass with Adoration and reconciliation after Mass Korean Mass
Saturday Mar 21	9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Mass Choir Practice in St Patrick's Vigil Mass Gosford Vigil Mass Somersby
Sunday Mar 22	7:30am 9:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Mass FYouth 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 April 3**

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 "THE STRAY" IS ON 28TH MARCH AFTER 5:00 PM MASS.

THIS SUNDAY MARCH 15 IS OUR ANNIVERSARY.  
AFTER 10:30 AM MASS  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR ALL THE FUN  
OF THE MINI FETE  
IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

#### COMBINED CELEBRATION OF THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST PATRICK'S PARISH & THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is with great excitement that we hold our tri-celebration at the 10.30am Mass today of the parish's 55th anniversary, the school's 60th, and of course our Patron Saint, Patrick!

We welcome the Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo as our celebrant, together with former clergy leaders at St Patrick's: Bishop Emeritus Michael Malone, Fr James Duck & Fr Jack Robson.

In addition we welcome the Catholic Schools Office's Acting Director, Tony Bracken, its Schools Consultant, Mrs Frances Reynolds, and joining our current Principal, Mrs Cheryl Walsh, are former Principals Ms Dale Ford & Mr Leigh Peacock. Honoured guests from St Edward's College, Principal Mark Bonnici together with his wife Dianne, and St Joseph's Catholic College Principal Tony McCudden, and Deputy Principal, Anne Lovett also join us today for our celebrations.

We hope that you enjoy reading the histories below of both the parish and school which take us through the journey of time. We look forward to seeing you at our 'mini fete' being held on the Victoria St school grounds directly following this Mass, all profits from which are in support of the parish.

### CHOCOLATE PASCHAL LAMBS FOR SALE!

An initiative of the Michaelite Order in support of their missions! Only \$8 each. Milk or White Chocolate. Available at the mini fete today, or at the Parish Office if we don't sell out!

### 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.

### RUBY WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!



At our Vigil Mass this weekend, we welcome parishioners Victor & Annie Camilleri who will receive a Nuptial Blessing on the anniversary of 40 years of life together as a married couple.

Victor & Annie were married on March 15, 1980 at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville

and are joined by family tonight for their celebration. We know you join us in wishing them many, many more years of joy together!

### FAREWELL DEACON PAUL!

Deacon Paul departs this week for home, to spend time with his family before his Ordination and from there will go to the Philipines for his Ordination at St Francis of Assisi Parish in the Philipines. It is time to wish him well in the future and to thank him for his ministry, homilies, help and especially your smile at St Patrick's.

You have been a joy to all who have come into contact with you, and we are sure you will lead a very successful life as a Priest.

## GOSFORD PARISH – HOW IT ALL BEGAN!

Whilst February 28, 2020 marks the 55th Anniversary of St Patrick's Catholic Parish located at East Gosford, Gosford Parish actually started its life on July 17, 1892 when Cardinal Moran travelled by train to Gosford where he was met by representatives of the parish and escorted to the newly purchased Donnison Street site to bless and lay the foundation stone of the Our Lady of the Rosary Church, the building of which was completed just two months later.

There are many parishioners today who still have strong recollections of the church and school in Gosford, and our Well of Remembrance in front of St Patrick's Church contains some mementos of our history.

By 1930 Our Lady of the Rosary Church was too small to



seat comfortably all the parishioners who attended Sunday Mass, and the church was extended to seat an additional one hundred people.

By the 1940's Gosford's clergy continued to travel to many other locations on the Coast to say Masses to ease the overcrowding at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

By the end of the 1950's, even though two Masses



were celebrated at Gosford each Sunday, both Masses were overcrowded and parishioners who arrived late at either of these services had to cram into the vestry on the side of the church or congregate around the church entrance.

### RENAMING TO ST PATRICK'S

And then we became St Patrick's, Catholic Parish, Gosford



In 1958 Fr Patrick McManus, a priest noted by the Church hierarchy for having great foresight in acquiring suitable building sites for the future needs of parishes, was sent to Gosford with orders to look after the rapidly growing parish by building more Church facilities on the Central Coast, the most pressing problem being the shortage of space at the Donnison Street property.

Fr McManus felt that the logical site for a move was East Gosford as one of the fastest growing regions in the parish and it still had some large blocks of farmland that would be suitable for a church and school.

The land on which we stand was purchased in 1958 for £15,000 and the modern cottage facing York Street was considered suitable for conversion into a presbytery.

Fr McManus was responsible for the purchase of land for the building of most of the Church's present assets in Gosford and the surrounding areas: Our own church & school, that of Star of the Sea, Terrigal, St Francis of Assisi, Kulnura and Our Lady of the Rosary at Wyoming.

In each of the areas a committee was set up to raise the funds necessary for building - debutante balls, gambling nights, car rallies, street stalls, fetes and even a gymkhana on the grounds of St Edward's College [which opened in 1953], all brought the people of the parish together. Fr McManus also introduced the parish "direct giving" system as a more efficient means of directing giving into the Building Fund. As the future church at East Gosford had been designated a War Memorial Church, these donations were tax deductible.

St Patrick's Church was designed to make the maximum use of the available land and was built with an unusual star shaped roof formed by eight triangular, sloping sections which balanced on only four foundation points. The church's interior was designed



to seat 600 people with room for another 100 people in the choir loft.

On the apex of the church was placed a 40 foot height tower topped with a ten ton cross which measures 20 feet high by 12 feet across.

St Patrick's interior features white marble imported from Italy for the holy water font, pulpit and altars, as was the black marble for the baptismal font and the terrazzo for the sanctuary and





entrance porch. Black marble for the altar bases was brought in from Belgium and the ceiling timber was milled in Taiwan. The Stations of the Cross were not in place for the opening ceremony as an Italian artist was still carving them. The sandstone for the sanctuary wall was quarried in Gosford, and the 6 foot high figure of Christ crucified was carved from a single block of wood.

Our church's architect was Peter Gilmour of Artarmon and our builder, Tom Fogarty, was a parishioner who won the contract by keeping his bid low. The total build cost was £50,000

On February 28, 1965 Cardinal Gilroy attended the opening ceremony and said that he felt St Patrick was an appropriate patron for the church as, by his example, St Patrick taught people how best to honour God.

For 55 years now the beautiful church dedicated to St Patrick, has been home to many, many parishioners who have seen much change in the Church through the years and have remained steadfast in their worship and support of the clergy, their fellow parishioners and the community at large.



After a series of wonderful Diocesan parish priests in leadership, St Patrick's has been under the pastoral care of the Salvatorian Order since 2003 and today we have to thank our Parish Priest, Fr Grzegorz Skulski SDS, for his dedication to continuing to make this parish the thriving, spirit filled place of worship that has been evident through the decades.

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St Patrick's welcomes all, and invites the involvement of all in its many activities, programmes and events aimed at feeding our spiritual life from baptism to our final reward, and will continue to do so far into the future, not only at Gosford but at our outreaches at Somersby and Spencer.

Thank you for being with us today as we celebrate the 55th anniversary of the conversion of OLR Parish Gosford to St Patrick's Parish Gosford with the building of our church on this site.





## THE FIRST CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN GOSFORD

In 1866 Mother Mary MacKillop founded the Sisters of St Joseph to teach the children of Australia's poor and those isolated in country regions. On Easter Monday of that year four Sisters of St Joseph arrived on the Coast to establish a school in Cooranbong which closed a year later and another was opened in Wyong.

By the end of the first decade of the 20th century the Catholic population of the Gosford region had reached a level where the parishioners felt justified in asking for their own parish school. Once again it was the Sisters of St Joseph who answered the call.



In 1910 they opened a school which was attended by children aged between 5 and 14.



As the parish could not afford a school building the Sisters conducted lessons in the church with a heavy curtain separating the sanctuary and the main body where drop down desks were attached to the back of the pews.

In 1923 a new convent was built for the Sisters and the school was transferred to the former presbytery following a move by Fr Donovan to new premises. At this point the Sisters began

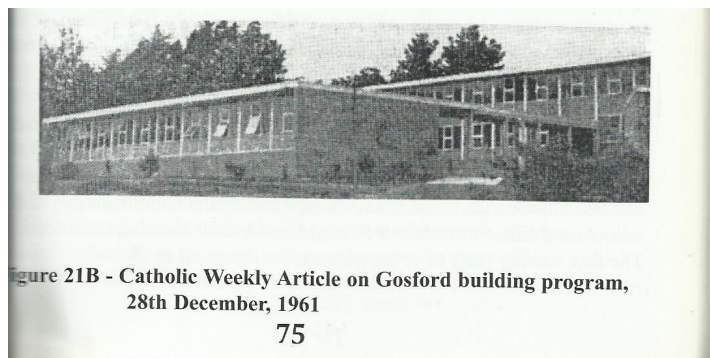


Figure 21B - Catholic Weekly Article on Gosford building program, 28th December, 1961  
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referring to the school as St Joseph's Convent School, a tradition the Order adopted wherever possible.

School fees were 1/- per week for those who could afford it.

All the subjects taught in the public school were also taught by the nuns, with the addition of a typing and bookkeeping course which was attended by many pupils from the State school. Pupils were expected to work hard. Classes began at 8.30am and, for those who did not have to catch transport, often went until 5pm. There was also Saturday morning classes for those in the senior grades. High school students were taught Religion, English, Arithmetic, Needlework, Australian History, Irish History, English History, Algebra, Geometry, Geography and Domestic Science.

Due to the post war baby boom and the fact that the Gosford school serviced children from Terrigal to Ourimbah numbers were growing to the point where by the end of the

1950's the classrooms were so overcrowded that children were afraid to arrive late for school as they would lose their desk and have to spend the rest of the day sitting on biscuit boxes outside the classroom.

Fr Patrick McManus was given the responsibility to find land on the Coast on which to build new churches and schools and chose the site at East Gosford for ours.

In September 1959 Cardinal Gilroy set and blessed the foundation stone of the new school in East Gosford.

Just before the school was opened Fr McManus, against the wishes of the Sisters of St Joseph, decided that the new school, like the future church, would be named in honour of the patron saint of Ireland, St Patrick.

The transition in name was problematical as, for a number of years, parishioners usually referred to the school as St Joseph's Convent School. The confusion over the actual name of the school continued until 1967 when the high school was separated from the primary school and it was named St Joseph's High School [now St Joseph's Catholic College].

The East Gosford school was built by G M Pluim for a cost of £55,000 and was opened by Bishop Carroll on January 24, 1960, with Sr Vianney Lonergan as its first Principal.

A second floor addition to the south block was immediately needed. G M Pluim built the addition for £17,000 and it opened in 1963. It gave the school four additional classrooms. The Sisters used some of the extra space to convert half of the bottom floor into a chapel, which they could use for private worship or for school Masses. This was considered necessary as work on the East Gosford church was yet to start and the Sisters had problems attending daily Mass. The chapel was dismantled when the new convent was built [in 1969] and the area was converted back into classrooms.

## ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL TODAY

In 2020 St Patrick's Catholic Primary School is a dual-site, two stream K-6 school separated by a four lane highway, and linked by a long and hard fought for overhead bridge, connecting the Infants and Primary locations.





St Patrick's strives to provide excellent skills across all learning platforms and has implemented significant precision around the teaching of Maths, and in English. The school Leadership Team collaboratively and actively lead professional learning, and the school has endeavoured to provide all the technology students of this millennium need. In addition, students are offered a range of sporting, cultural and social opportunities.

The school has in place both the Positive Behaviour for Learning and Be You initiatives that address behavioural and social and emotional learning.



Fr Jack Robson Aspect classes for children with Autism are on both campuses with a total enrolment of twenty children. These students are integrated into mainstream classes where possible, for example, Library, Music, Italian and Dance.

In 2003 the Salvatorian Order of priests was appointed to serve the community of East Gosford. A strong religious dimension is evidenced and promoted at St Patrick's with liturgies assuming a high profile and great attendance in the parish community.

The Salvatorian clergy, currently lead by Fr Greg Skulski SDS as Parish Priest, provides a strong visual presence in the school and works collaboratively with the school to ensure that the children are given the best possible opportunity to learn and grow in their faith.

## **ST PATS GOSFORD EDUCATION AND SPIRIT** *by Anonymous*

The call of commitment to education and spiritual development came like a distant drum

The pioneers of East Gosford served the residents along Victoria St settlement

The green earth blanket between mountains Kincumber and Rumbalara hemmed in the people

Here for 1,000s of years the Darkinjung Clan and Guringai Tribe lived midst Brisbane Water's edge and Erina Creek

It was here that the new settlers spilled into surrounding Gosford and placed the spades to build a church and school

The eager community soon grew and by 1960 St Pats School East Gosford rose anew

Growth meant by 1965 a new church was consecrated in Victoria St's orchard to meet congregational needs

Eyes were bright, energy big and plenty of souls now to serve the wider Gosford community

Soon school enrolments and church numbers grew reflecting the forebears' thoughtful plans

The teachers now developed into a full team, opening wide the eyes of young along education's path

Today year 2020 students in pressed uniforms and matching hats eagerly flood through the classrooms' doors

An achievement here for all to acknowledge, education and spirit stretching back to efforts of first custodians and settlers as one

**St Pats School and Church Anniversaries**

## **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 20th 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](mailto:patsgos@acs.net.au)

### **LENTEEN LISTENING PROGRAM 2020**

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT IN JORDAN ROOM  
10:00 AM.**



## PREPARING OUR CHURCH SPACES FOR EASTER!

### **GOSFORD – ST PATRICK’S**

We call on our Gosford parishioners to join us on Tuesday April 7 after the 9am Mass to give the church its sparkle and shine in preparation of the beautiful ceremonies of the Triduum.

A delicious morning tea will follow, prepared for us very kindly by Pam & John McCrae!

### **SOMERSBY – ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

We also call of the parishioners at Somersby [and any Gosford people who may care to join them] on Saturday April 4 at 9am to prepare their sacred space for the Easter services.

Please call Mary on 4374 1108 to let her know you are coming.

In either instance, please bring along some cleaning implements and a great big heart!

## MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS’

### **1ST FRIDAY EVERY MONTH**

Mass for the elderly and sick

Followed by Luch in the Jordan Room

### **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES IN THE JORDAN ROOM**

PLUS

SPECIAL EVENTS

**THE NEXT BEING:**

### **[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!**

## EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE AT BUENOS AIRES

I invite you to listen to Mr Ron Tesoriero speak of his experiences of The Eucharistic Miracle at Buenos Aires. Ron is a lawyer and documentary film maker. With Mike Willesee he investigated the facts and scientific evidence of how living heart tissue emerged from a communion host. How did life come from nonliving matter? His website [reasontobelieve.com.au](http://reasontobelieve.com.au) is a must to view. As Catholics we believe that we receive Our Lord’s body and blood at Holy Communion. What does it mean to see a consecrated host suddenly start to develop scientifically recognised heart flesh and blood? Ron will speak at a dinner at the Davistown RSL on Thursday 19th March, 7:00 for 7:15. The dinner is hosted by the Catenian Association. Cost is \$30 for a two-course dinner wine included. For catering: Please reply as soon as possible SMS 0410434840 email: Chris Vale [brisbanewatercircle@gmail.com](mailto:brisbanewatercircle@gmail.com) I welcome you to hear about this miracle and process what it means to our faith.



## **SAINTS THÉRÈSE, LOUIS & ZÉLIE**

Last Sunday we were privileged to have the relics of Saints Thérèse, Louis & Zélie at St Patrick’s and there were large numbers in attendance at all Masses and right throughout the day.

The day included prayers like the Litany of St Thérèse, the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries, The Angelus and personal Veneration times.

## **THANK YOU!**

We are sure you would all agree that hosting the relics of St Therese and her parents at St Pat’s last Sunday was a special event and many were present to venerate these saints. We want to offer our sincere thanks to all who helped out on the day to ensure it was a hospitable, prayerful and welcoming environment for our visitors.







**THANK YOU, SAINTS THÉRÈSE, LOUIS & ZÉLIE**



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### CF. PS 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

## FIRST READING

### EX 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

**Give us water to drink.**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 94:1-2. 6-9. R. V.8

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

## SECOND READING

### ROM 5:1-2. 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

**The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive,

because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**The word of the Lord**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### SEE JN 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL

### JN 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –

when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### JN 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

## FRIDAY

Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis, 2013

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### SUNDAY 8 MARCH

1st Ex 17:3-7

2nd Rom 5:2-1

Jn 4:5-42

## 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Matthew Pears, Leonie Barnes, Leanne McDonagh, Judy Ryan, Peter Gloss, Marie O'Donovan, Megan McGowan, Kellie Nevin, Charlie Sammut, Rachael Lees, Brian Graham, 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:

Laurence Pope, Charlie & Helen Clement, Ric Comensoli, George Goudie, Margaret O'Donovan.

## REMEMBRANCES:

Jozek, Maria, Aniela, Antony Banach, Peter & John, Peter Paul Camilleri, Charlie & Marie Grech, Ben Tanti, Youkhana David, Mr & Mrs Nicolas Toma, Leo Fry, Michael Kokegei.

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathleen [Kath] Ryan, Marea Mears, Lance Lilly Gibson, Judy Graham.



## Your Roster – March 22 4th Sunday of Lent – Year [A/2]

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	10:30am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	21.03.20	22.03.20	22.03.20	22.03.20	21.03.20
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Cheryl Parry	Glad Williams	Roy Kim	Required	Melissa Monaghan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sam Giddings Sean Pearson	Alan Pont Sheila Evans	Alan Dillon Katrina Pratt	Ange Stitt Patrick Nicholls	<b>Altar Society</b> Vicki Muscat
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<b>COUNTERS</b> Mar 16 Margaret Hunter Joyce Byrne Mar 23 David Slingsby Trudi Hiep	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b> Pick up Mar 16 Josie McGuinness Return Mar 20 Mar 23 Clem & Marie O'Donovan	<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> Thr 19 Des Hinksman Mary Brown Pauline Parsons Margaret Dikken	<b>CHILDRENS LITURGY</b> Mar 22 Joanne Ford Katie Moss	<b>PARISH BUS</b> Mar 22 Driver: Arron Buckle Helper: Ellen McNally	<b>HOSPITAL VISITATION</b> Mar 22 Nora Koleszar Michael Lynch

MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 14/03	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance JOZEK, MARIA, ANIELA, ANTONI BANCACH. PETER & JOHN
	5:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance PETER PAUL CAMILLERI, CHARLIE & MARIE GRECH, BEN TANTI.
	6:30p Somersby	+ Anniversaries CHARLIE & HELEN CLEMENT
Sun 15/03	7:30a Gosford	For his Health & Wellbeing XAVIER MADGEN
	10:30a Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
	6:00p Gosford	Return to Health SERENA KIM
Mon 16/03	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance YOUKHANA DAVID
Tue 17/03	9:00p Gosford	
Wed 18/03	11:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance MR & MRS NICOLAS TOMA
Thr 19/03	9:00a Gosford	Personal Intentions of JAMES (Jim) CROLL
Fri 20/03	12:00n Gosford	
Sat 21/03	9:00a Gosford	
	5:00p Gosford	
	6:30p Somersby	
Sun 22/03	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS

### LENTEN PASSPORT PROGRAM 2020

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.



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### KINDERGARTEN 2021

## Information Sessions

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### THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2020

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