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A MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL

I feel very blessed to have been ordained into the priesthood here in Australia last Thursday, April 16, and especially in our parish of St Patrick's which was great consolation to me as I couldn't return to the Philippines during this crucial period of the pandemic virus to have been ordained in the physical presence of my family and friends. However, because of the work of Fr Greg and parish team my family, friends and fellow seminarians were able to witness it via Youtube.

I believe though that God has a plan for me that includes my precious time in this country, and particularly the Parish of St Patrick's Gosford where I consider the community here as my second family. I thank you, the Gosford community, for your unwavering support of me and for welcoming me into your hearts.

I am very grateful that my ordination would have been a time of joyous witnessing during COVID-19 when people are struggling spiritually and emotionally, as I strongly believe it may have brought light and hope to the many people who witnessed it via live streaming.

I would like to thank His Excellency Most Rev Bishop Anthony for accepting Salvatorian invitation to ordain me into the priesthood in this Diocese and also express my gratitude to Fr David Ranson VG for his presence there, and for his prayers.

Lastly, I thank Fr Greg Skulski SDS, my Parish Priest, for his mentorship during my pastoral placement at Gosford and Fr George Kolodziej SDS, Regional Superior of the Salvatorian Order in Australia for his leadership and guidance.

Thank you to all of you St Patrick's Parishioners and friends for your prayers and good wishes and I look forward to the day when I will be able to celebrate my first public Mass with all of you. In the meantime I will be with you virtually on live streaming and doing sacrament of confession by appointment and to offer support to Fr Greg as we adapt to the current situation which we all are facing at this time. Keep you all in my prayers and daily Masses.

May God Bless you all

Fr Paul Tran SDS

REFLECTIONS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Fr. Antony Kadavil reflects and comments on the readings of the second Sunday of Easter. He says that the readings for this Sunday are about God's Divine Mercy given to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our need for trusting Faith, and our



POPE FRANCIS' APRIL 2020 INTENTION

FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION.

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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JN 20:19-31



need for the forgiveness of our sins.

Divine Mercy (Acts 2:42-47, I Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31)

Introduction: We celebrate today the feast of God's Mercy. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." In first section of the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118), we repeat three times, "His mercy endures forever!" God revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments, which were instituted to sanctify us.

Homily starter anecdote: Divine Mercy in action: A TIME magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs. The young man wore a black turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, up-close and personal. They spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's would-be assassin (he shot and wounded the Pope on May 13, 1981); the other man was Pope St. John Paul II, the intended victim. The Pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet tore into the Pope's body. This was a living icon of mercy. John Paul's forgiveness was deeply Christian. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly. When the Pope left the cell he said, "What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust." This is an example of God's Divine Mercy, the same Divine Mercy whose message St. Faustina witnessed. (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>). From The Vatican News Website:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-04/easter-sunday-reflection-vatican-news010.html>

The full article is too long to insert here, but I do encourage you to follow the link above to read how today readings fit with Divine Mercy Sunday.

FR GREG SUGGESTS PLACING AN IMAGE OF THE DIVINE SAVIOUR ON OUR FRONT DOORS



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



ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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LIVE STREAMING TIMES:

WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekdays incl Saturday 10:30 am

ADORATION

Weekday before Mass @ 10:00 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday & Sunday 3:00 pm

WEEKEND ADORATION

Sunday before Mass @ 02:30 pm

LIVE STREAMING OPTIONS

FACEBOOK LIVE

<https://www.facebook.com/StPatricksParishGosford/>

YOUTUBE.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg/live

ZOOM MEETING APP

Note: We will stop using Zoom after Friday April 24

<https://zoom.us/j/308833528>

CONFESSION

Fr Greg as set up a confession space in the garden between the Parish Office and the Jordan room.

Make an appointment for a confession with Fr Greg by ringing the Parish Office. Pd: 4325-1042.



MONDAY PRAYER GROUP

Has been suspended due to COVID-19

Fr Greg, Deacon Paul and Tom Croll are looking a ways we can set up on line meetings.

These will start after Easter and Meeting details will be put on Facebook and emailed.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

TODAY APRIL 19

The 2nd Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday and below is our timetable:

- 9.00am Mass as usual.
- 2.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3.00pm Chaplet, followed by Mass.

A PRAYER FOR OUR TIMES

- May God open the heavens, break through the clouds, and deliver the answer you've been waiting for.
- May he shore up your faith, strengthen your heart, and overwhelm you with his grace.
- May your soul know a peaceful assurance like it's never known before.
- May you believe from deep within that God is with you, for you, and will never let you go.
He is mighty to save.

CONGRATULATIONS FR PAUL!

Though circumstances on the road to Fr Paul's ordination to the priesthood with the Salvatorian Fathers were not in his favour, those of you who were able to join us virtually for the beautiful liturgy of his ordination last Thursday would know that every effort was made to make the celebration as close as we could in these times of COVID to that which he would have enjoyed in the Philippines.

Fr Paul was ordained by Bishop Anthony in the presence of the Broken Bay Vicar General, David Ranson, fellow seminarian Tinh Viễn Xứ [Antony] and his Salvatorian brothers on the East Coast, assisted by those participating in the liturgy and our musicians.

Fr Paul has received incredible support from the people of Gosford Parish as we the Salvatorians have since we came to Gosford in 2003 and we know he will be very happy in his home here at St Patrick's.

OUR THANK YOU'S!

Firstly we would like to thank those who helped us clean, prepare and decorate the church for Fr Paul's ordination last Thursday.

Next we would like to thank the musicians and servers allowed at and involved in our Easter ceremonies.

Lastly, thank you to the parishioners who responded to our call for a red rug for the ordination; what a great response!

Where would we be without you?

JUST SOME REMINDERS:

- Confession is available by appointment – please contact the Parish Office
- The Blessing of the Sick is available to those who are sick or dying so please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit by either Fr Greg or Fr Paul.
- Holy Communion to the sick and dying is still available for family members and friends. Please contact the office to arrange this.
- If you would like a Mass offered for your particular intention [Anniversary/Remembrance/Special Intentions etc] please contact the office to organise its allocation.
- If you know someone who would like to receive our emails and links, just ask them to contact the office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

It has been humbling to see the response of our faithful St Patrick's parishioners who are financially supporting our clergy and their parish. We thank you as it has allowed the parish to not only meet its commitments but to operate as usual and plan for the future. We can only ask that as time goes on this support is maintained, and invite anyone who would like to know how to go about this, to please contact the office.

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR THE ELDERLY AND THOSE 'SHUT-IN'

We have touched on this subject before and have had some offers from those who would be happy to do the shopping for the elderly and simply stay in touch in some way to let them know they are not forgotten. However, we don't have a database to draw from and ask for your assistance. If you know of anyone who could use some assistance in getting their groceries or would even appreciate a phone call to stay in touch, please let us know.

Perhaps if you have a neighbour whom you know can't come to Mass or access it electronically, you may like to print off a copy of our Bulletin and pop it in their mailbox ... they may be very appreciative that you have thought of them.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS ON EACH SUNDAY MORNING

AT 9:00 AM VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

Fr Greg and his team of helpers who are mainly teachers will rotate in presenting a session for the kids each Sunday morning. We invite you to not only watch, but share this page so that many may take advantage. If you would like a hard copy of this worksheet, please contact the Parish Office.

Or

you can print Page 6 of this Bulletin before the session starts at 9:00 am.

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

We have had a small number of Project Compassion envelopes and boxes returned to the office to date and remind parishioners that we are still taking donations which will be forwarded to Catholic Missions at the end of April..

SLIGHT EASING OF RESTRICTIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES

We have been advised that churches are now allowed to have 10 people present at a service provided they are there to assist in the celebration of the Mass and therefore our live streamed Masses will now be presented in a manner closer to normal than we have had for a number of weeks. We will keep praying that the spread of COVID-19 will lessen in Australia [and worldwide] so that the next level will be implemented and churches will be allowed to hold services with a small congregation present.

EASTER ENVELOPES

It is traditional to have two special collections for the clergy; one at Easter and the other at Christmas. If you would like to make an Easter Offering, you may do so as you have so generously been doing in support of your parish and its first collection, please either drop it into the office or use internet banking with the reference 'Easter Offering' to the following account:

Account: Gosford Parish Church Account
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Account: 4238001



EASTER & ANZAC DAY

The transition from Easter to ANZAC Day in Australia can be a strange one for Christians. This year in face of COVID-19 when we are prohibited from celebrating either in our usual way, it is even more difficult.

Already we have just gone from the terrible desolation of Good Friday, where Christ is crucified on the Cross, to the joy of Easter Sunday and Christ alive among us. ANZAC Day on Saturday April 25, forces us back to the reality that Christ's resurrection does not mean an end to pain and suffering.

Looking back to the major wars of the 20th century that Australia was involved in, knowing they were waged by Christians against each other, as well as those of other and no faiths, we can see that the world is still far from that which Christ envisaged for us.

Dawn services across Australia would have marked ANZAC Day, and this year we are asked to stand at the end of our driveways at dawn in remembrance of the fallen, hopefully helping us remember the terrible cost of war, and renew our determination to be peacemakers. It helps us remember those who have lost their lives in war, and whose efforts and sacrifice helped shape our country's history.

But in our reflections on ANZAC Day, it's worth also looking at what it has to say in the light of the Easter story.

ANZAC Day teaches Christians that each generation is forced to confront sin in themselves, and in those around them who have succumbed to it. The stories we share on ANZAC Day look back at how our forebears confronted that sin, some succumbing to it, others transcending it.

Easter tells us that we can win peace with God, but only when we fully confront the lessons of the Cross. One of those lessons is that to fully live, we must be willing to sacrifice all that we are to God; and if we are unwilling to make that sacrifice, we can never be born into a new life with Christ.

Most of us will hopefully never know what it's like to confront the terrible realities of war, and the choices that are forced on people in those times. But ANZAC Day takes us into those places, bringing us stories of those who were there, and giving us an insight into the realities that they faced.

When we pray on ANZAC Day, we might ask ourselves what we do to win peace with God? How do we respond as followers of Christ where there seems so little evidence of God's goodness? How do we make sacrifices as Christ did, in the hope of bringing new life to ourselves and our world?

An Easter prayer

Lord bring me peace,

From the silence of Christ's tomb,

From the cold of evening,

From whispered deceptions,

From muted cries for help,

From the rough gasp of death.

Lord let me live,

In the havoc of the risen Christ,

In the blasting of the sunrise,

In shattering laughter,

In cries of welcome,

In the joyous eruptions of birth.

Lord, bring me peace and let me live.

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, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lydia Mandla, Ken Caves

REMEMBRANCES:

Nelson Fernandes, Ann Peters, Dawn Murray, Muscat Family, Nancy & Carmel Vella, Ric & Laura McGuire, Nancy & Wally Kirk, Michael Kokegei.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kath Ryan, Michael Brown, Patricia Hickey, Glad Williams.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 18/04	10:00am On Line 3:00 pm On Line	+ Remembrance LEO FRY + Anniversary RIC McGUIRE + Remembrances LAURA McGUIRE NANCY & WALLY KIRK
Sun 19/04	9:00am On Line 3:00pm On Line	For Their Recovery KAYLA & ROS PARISH INTENTIONS
Mon 20/04	10:30am On Line	Anniversary KEN CAVES
Tue 21/04	10:30am On Line	5TH Anniversary LYDIA MANDLA
Wed 22/04	10:30am On Line	Recently Deceased GLAD WILLIAMS
Thr 23/04	10:30am On Line	Remembrance NELSON FERNANDES
Fri 24/04	10:30am On Line	+ Anniversary ANN PETERS
Sat 25/04	10:30am On Line 3:00pm On Line	Recently Deceased GLAD WILLIAMS + Remembrance DAWN MURRAY
Sun 26/04	3:00p On Line	Recently Deceased KATH RYAN PARISH INTENTIONS

PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO THE COST OF RENEWING THE ZOOM LICENSE AND THE DIFFICULTY OF MAINTAINING THREE DIFFERENT STREAMING SERVICES....

Live Streaming with the Zoom App will cease on Friday April 24.

We ask that you switch to YouTube or Facebook Live.

The links for both are on Page 2.

If any parishioners need assistance connecting to either YouTube or Facebook Live.

Please contact Tom Croll for assistance.

Mobile 0411962122.



Sunday 19 April 2020
 John 20:19-31
 2nd Sunday of Easter

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Thomas, one of Jesus' disciples, refuses to believe that Jesus is alive until he sees him with his own eyes. Jesus tells Thomas that those who believe that he has risen from the dead without seeing him are blessed.

Believe in me!

Believe in me!

Jesus appears to his friends

Jesus appeared in the same room as the disciples, even though the door was locked.



Join the dots so that you can see Jesus too.

Thomas believes

Thomas did not believe Jesus had risen from the dead until he actually saw Jesus for himself.

Spot the five differences between Thomas before and after he saw Jesus.



Receive the Holy Spirit

Jesus shared the Holy Spirit with his disciples when he appeared to them.

How many symbols of the Holy Spirit like this can you find hidden on this page?



Jesus greets his friends

Decode the words to find out what Jesus said to his friends when he saw them:

- a= 🌻 h= 🐦 t= ⭐
- b= 🍃 i= ❤️ u= 😊
- c= ☁️ o= 👁️ w= ⭐
- e= 😊 p= 🌸 y= ❤️



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I cannot see you, but I know that you died and rose from the dead for me. I believe you are always at my side and that you will love me forever. Amen.

Answers: Spot the difference: smile, tear, ring, sandals, belt. Jesus greets his friends: peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit: 9 doves.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

1 PT 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The Word of The Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. V.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 PT 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus

Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JN 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.'

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. JN 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The second Sunday of Easter shows us the Christian community after the Pentecost experience. This is an idealised picture of the primitive church. There we see: the authoritative apostolic teaching, which formed the basis of what ultimately became the New Testament; the early church's life of communal sharing; the celebration of the Eucharist, which probably took place in the homes of Christians (house-church). Finally, it is clear from this passage that the earliest Christians did not consider themselves separate from the larger Jewish community, for they regularly participated in temple prayer. The signs and wonders that were performed were primarily cures.

The psalm response begins with a call to give testimony to the goodness of God. This is followed by a description of the duress once endured by the psalmist at the hands of others. In the face of such oppression, God stepped in and saved the psalmist from ultimate defeat. The acknowledgment of deliverance is followed by a song of praise often associated with deliverance from Egyptian bondage. The reference to tents could be an allusion to the sojourn in the wilderness. In the third section of the psalm, the one rejected has been saved and exalted by God. Finally, the psalm brings us to our day. Today is the day that the Lord has made, today is the day that we rejoice in God's saving work.

This short reading from the 1 Peter is a hymn of praise. It directs our attention to what God has done in the lives of believers. The passage then indicates that Christians will have to suffer while still in this life. However, hope is the basis of the strength required of them when this happens. The entire passage is remarkable for the variety of themes that it weaves together. They include: praise of God, which is patterned

after the Jewish hymn of praise; Christology and soteriology, which perceive Jesus as the mediator of the salvation that comes from God; eschatology, which looks to the future for the fulfilment of God's promises.

The gospel consists of two resurrection appearances. Thomas was absent for the first event, but he is the central character of the second. Both events occurred on the first day of the week, the day that will eventually be chosen to commemorate the resurrection. The closed doors not only secure the disciples from danger, but they demonstrate the mysterious character of Jesus' risen body which is not impeded by physical barriers. Jesus' wish of peace was a prayer for eschatological blessings of health, prosperity and all good things. By calling attention to his wounds, Jesus showed that he was really the crucified one now risen. Thomas represents the second generation of Christians. He is not remembered because he doubted, but because, like us, he must believe on the word of others.

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AN OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH THE ORDINATION OF FR PAUL TRAN

As we all know the internet was not kind to us on Thursday afternoon, the video was jerky due to internet congestion. Worse than that our connection to the internet dropped out just as the service started. I took some frantic activity to restore the connection and get the live stream up and running again.

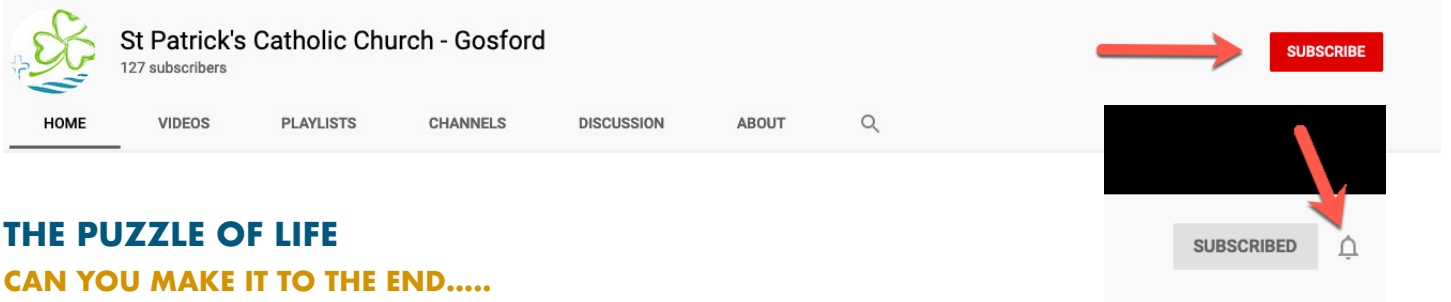
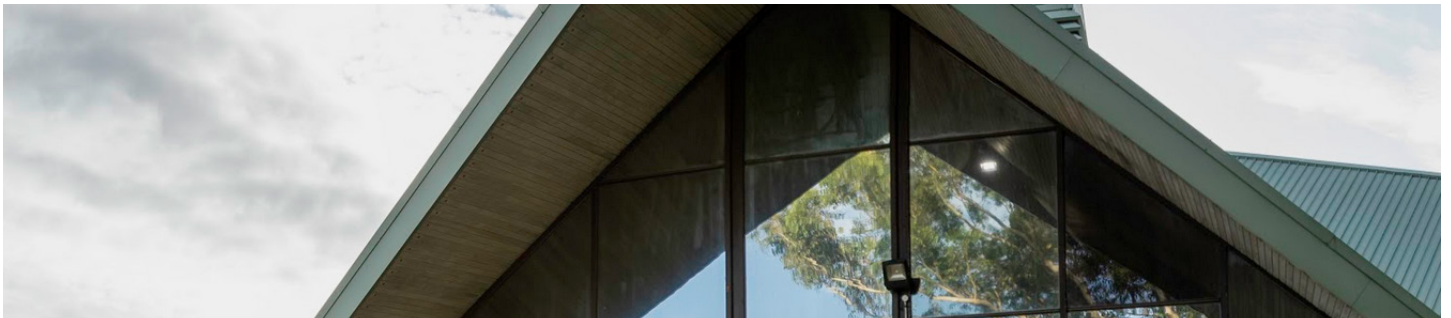
So, in answer to those problems we have uploaded the full service and scheduled it to stream at 4:30 pm this Sunday afternoon as a "Premier" event on YouTube.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg/live

I strongly suggest you go to the link,

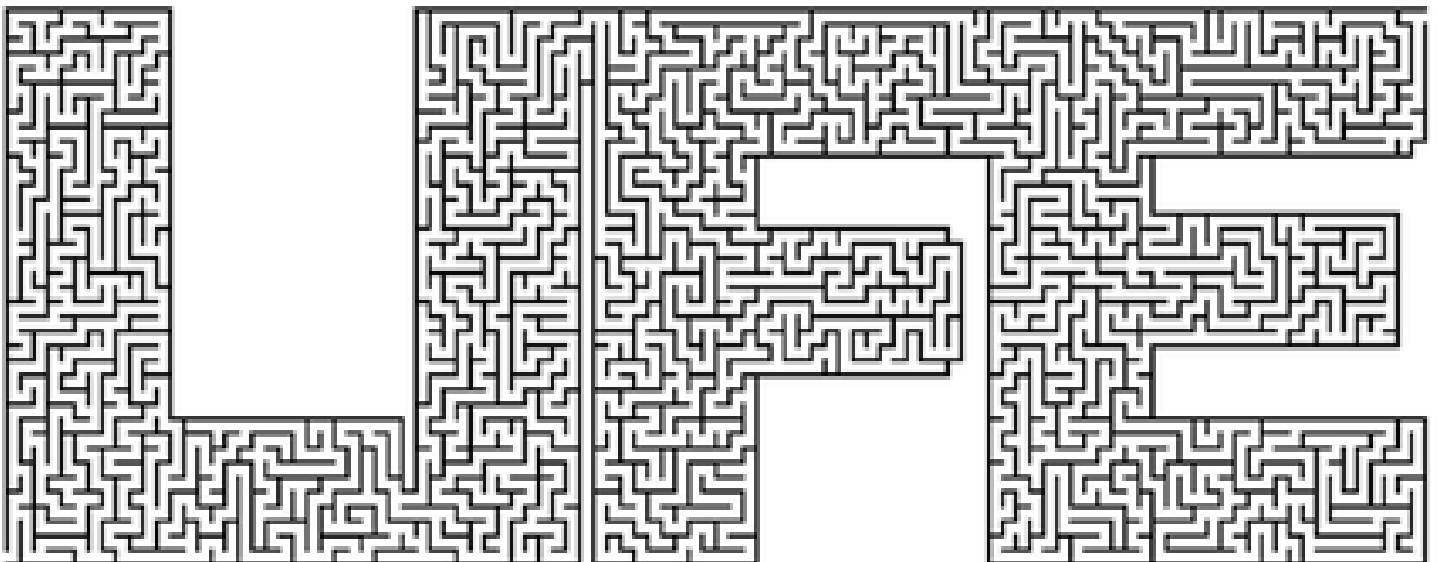
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