



# 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.



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is a special day. Each year we pause to think about our mothers, our life-givers, and those who have shaped our lives. We give thanks to God and share memories as we think about our mothers who have gone before us. We give thanks to God and reach out in love to our mothers who are in our lives today. We give thanks to God and celebrate those, who like mothers, have shaped us. We give thanks to God and celebrate those who are mothers, or like mothers, to the ones we love.

We wish all our mothers a Happy Mother's Day and though the celebrations can't be quite what they were pre the Corona Virus, we know that even a phone call or video link is enough to make any mother happy.

Thank you so much for the photos which will be shown in a special presentation after each of our Sunday Masses – the response was great and the photos are just beautiful. We take a moment to thank Tom Croll for all of his work putting this video together.

At the end of this Bulletin we have popped in a moving piece from a blog titled 'Dear Mum with Dementia' recognising that not all Mother's Days are happy occasions, though the love is still there.



**A prayer for Mother's Day**

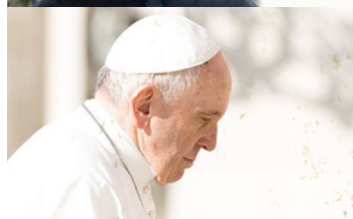
Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.  
**For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are a part of our story as we are a part of your story.  
**For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us.  
**For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those women who have lost children.  
**For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank you.**

In your name we pray. Amen. by Claire Schoepp



## POPE FRANCIS' MAY 2020 INTENTION

For Deacons: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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**FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS**  
"The life of those who join this work is apostolic life, or the imitation of the Holy Apostles."

FJ Rule of the Apostle Teaching Society 1882



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

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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)

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Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]

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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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg/live)

### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

6:00 pm Sundays **Note: This Sunday only, May 3rd at 7:00 pm**

Zoom Meeting ID: 870-9366-9775

## CONFESSION

Fr Greg has 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.



## PRAYER GROUP - EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 PM

Fr Paul will run a Bible Study Group which will be held on line via the Zoom App.

Simply start your Zoom App and

**Join Meeting Number 918-6143-5066**



**SALVATORIAN PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

**SATURDAY EVENING 7:00 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING ID**

Due to the unprecedented demand for this event we have moved the venue to a Zoom Webinar!

It will be Zoomed across the world, and includes international Guest artists.

Youth are invited to a  
**SALVATORIAN PRAISE AND WORSHIP**  
 Live on zoom  
**Meeting ID: 895-0391-1748**  
 Saturday 16th May  
 7pm (NSW) / 5pm (WA)  
**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**MICHAEL TOBIN**  
COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY  
 ST PETERS CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
 ADORATION  
 MUSIC  
 PRAYER  
 FRIENDSHIP  
 SALVATORIAN CHARISM

**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.

**Bible Study with Fr Paul Tran SDS**  
 Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm  
 on Zoom.  
**Meeting ID: 918-6143-5066**  
 St Patrick's Catholic Parish Gosford

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL :**

**THE FINAL IN THE 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR**

No, there's no envelopes on the seats for us to access this year, that's for sure, however the need for donations to this Diocesan appeal to support its registered good works in support of children and families through education, counselling or pastoral care are still very much needed and we call upon you for your support. Additionally, this parish has a quota of over \$10k to meet at each appeal and your donations support your home parish as well in meeting this commitment. Remember, donations are 100% tax deductible.

So how may you donate?

Simply drop an envelope into the parish, or deposit directly to our account marking it with a CWF reference. However, if you require a tax benefit please email the office advising this so that the bank deposit may be linked with your record to generate a receipt.

**Account: Gosford Parish Church Account  
 BSB 062 784**

**Account: 4238001**

Lastly, you may donate directly to the online site below, but please REMEMBER TO NOMINATE GOSFORD AS YOUR PARISH.

<https://www.givenow.com.au/cwf>

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## THE VANDALS HAVE STRUCK AGAIN!

Our walls have been graffitied and someone has taken a particular dislike to some of our plants! We very often have plants stolen from the gardens on which Trevor & Joyce Byrne work so hard, but this is a new low.

We have included some photos and reported the separate incidents to the police, calling on some of our security footage. However, it's always good to have witnesses so if you saw something, please let us know. We ask again that you keep an eye on your church when you are walking around and please report anything you see that you think is damaging or suspicious. Anything you can do to help would be appreciated.

Parishioner Mark Bennett [and sponsor of our Bulletin] has been working so hard, cleaning all of our brick surfaces, to try and erase the graffiti and we thank him sincerely for his time and hard work.



## 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.

## 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, Bev Meehan, Michael Graham, Glenn Mills, Frank McGuinness, Angela Cunningham, Simon Low, Frances Cannon, Margaret Gunnison, Sonia Cummings, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Marie Page, Anthony Fernandes, Kerry Rowe, Kristen Conlan, Joseph Tran, Deborah Marquart, Edna Lay

## REMEMBRANCES:

Josephine Vas, Magdalen McNamara, Phyllis & Lionel Owens, Laura McGuire, Nancy Kirk, McGuire & Haynes Mothers, Sid Dowsett, Carmel Martin, Keevers Knight & Merchant Families, Ron, Peter & Chris Shapter, Leo Fry, Michael Kokegei.

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frank Fanelli, Ben Reddy, Joseph Galea, Anne Marie Murphy, Steve Cowan, Rosetta Suman.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 09/05	3:00 pm On Line	1. + Anniversary EDNA LAY 2. + 8th Anniversary MARIE PAGE Prayers for Stephen Blow
Sun 10/05	3:00pm On Line	1. PARISH INTENTIONS 2. + Remembrance LEO FRY Prayers for the Personal Intentions of Tyrone Knight
Mon 11/05	10:30am On Line	1. Recently Deceased BEN REDDY 2. Intentions of the REGAN FAMILY
Tue 12/05	10:30am On Line	1. + Anniversary ANTHONY FERNANDES
Wed 13/05	10:30am On Line	1. Return to Good Health EFFIE FERNANDES 2. + Remembrance MAGDALEN McNAMARA
Thr 14/05	10:30am On Line	1. + Remembrance PHYLLIS & LIONEL OWENS
Fri 15/05	10:30am On Line	1. +Anniversary: KERRY ROWE+ Remembrances 2. CORBETT, BELLINGHAM & ROWE FAMILIES
Sat 16/05	10:30am On Line 3:00pm On Line	1. Remembrances + CARMEL MARTIN 1. + 1st Anniversary KRISTEN CONLAN
Sun 17/05	3:00p On Line	1. PARISH INTENTIONS

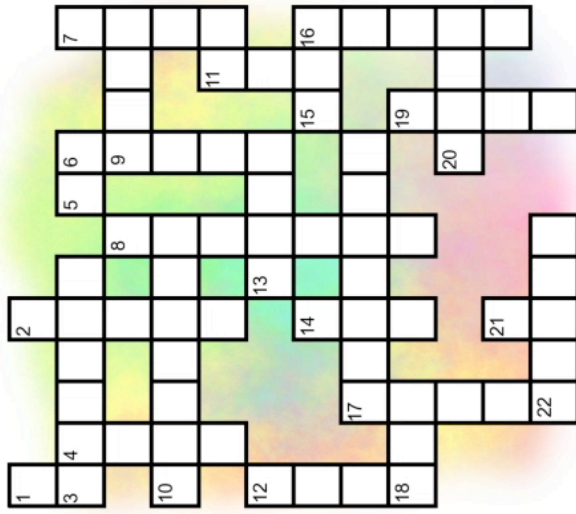


# CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS ON EACH SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:00 AM VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

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.

## "Show us the Father" Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and complete the puzzle.



- IS WHOEVER
- OF BECAUSE
- ON BELIEVE
- ME FATHER
- YOU WORKS
- AND DOING
- WHO SPEAK
- WILL AMEN
- OWN JESUS
- TIME THAN
- SHOW STILL
- KNOW SEEN

\_\_\_\_\_ (2d) said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a \_\_\_\_\_ (9a) and you \_\_\_\_\_ (6d) do not \_\_\_\_\_ (12d) me, Philip? \_\_\_\_\_ (17a) has seen me has \_\_\_\_\_ (7d) the Father. How can you say, ' \_\_\_\_\_ (19d) us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in \_\_\_\_\_? (21d) The words that I \_\_\_\_\_ (22a) to you I do not speak \_\_\_\_\_ (11a) my \_\_\_\_\_ (11d). The Father \_\_\_\_\_ (18a) dwells in me is \_\_\_\_\_ (16d) his works. \_\_\_\_\_ (8d) me that I am in the \_\_\_\_\_ (3a) and the Father \_\_\_\_\_ (5a) in me, or else, believe \_\_\_\_\_ (10a) \_\_\_\_\_ (1d) the works themselves. \_\_\_\_\_, (4d) amen, I say to \_\_\_\_\_ (14d), whoever believes in me \_\_\_\_\_ (13a) do the \_\_\_\_\_ (17d) that I do, \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) will do greater ones \_\_\_\_\_ (20a) these, because I am going to the Father."

## Blessed Jane of Portugal May 12



BLESSED JANE COULD HAVE HAD A RICH EASY LIFE AND MARRIED AN IMPORTANT MAN, BUT INSTEAD SHE CHOSE TO FOLLOW HER HEART AND LIVE FOR GOD ONLY. SHE DIED BECAUSE THE WOMAN SHE HAD CORRECTED DID NOT LIKE TO HEAR THAT SHE HAD DONE WRONG. LIKE JANE, WE MUST BE READY TO SUFFER FOR THE TRUTH.

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### CF. PS 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

### ACTS 6:1-7

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. V.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

## SECOND READING

### 1 PT 2:4-9

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ

has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### JN 14:6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

### JN 14:1-12

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?''

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes

in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### CF. JN 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

## NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

### BY MARY COLOE PBVM

'In my Father's household there are many dwellings.'

The words of today's Gospel are very familiar since this is the text frequently chosen at Christian funerals. The context of a funeral and poor translations mean that we have probably not really understood this passage. We possibly imagine that this Gospel speaks of a heavenly home that we will one day dwell in. In fact, it is the opposite.

The Gospel comes from Jesus' farewell meal where he speaks of his departure but also offers his disciples consolation. In the absence of the physical Jesus they will discover God's presence still with them. The image used to offer this consolation is that of the household, or family of God. Once again English translations miss this. The original Greek says 'In my Father's house/hold there are many dwellings.' (The Greek does not say dwelling places, or mansions, or rooms – just many dwellings.) Chapter 14 then goes on to describe the many dwellings in this household: the Father who dwells in Jesus (14:10), the Spirit who dwells with believers (14:17), the Father and Jesus who will dwell with believers (14:23), and Jesus who dwells with his disciples (14:25). Throughout this chapter, forms of one Greek word (menein) are used and translations should be more consistent and use 'dwell'. In each case the subject of the verb is not the believer but God – named as Father, Jesus and Spirit. This entire chapter is about God's coming to dwell within the Christian community. In the Old Testament the great symbol of God's dwelling within Israel was the Temple, and in this Gospel Jesus has renamed the Temple as 'my Father's House' (2:16). This phrase, 'my Father's House' as well as referring to the Temple, is always used in the OT to speak of the members of the household. Frequently it is simply translated as, 'family'. So the dwelling of God within the community of believers makes us a living Temple and members of God's household.

When Jesus says, 'I go to prepare a place for you,' this also has a background in the Old Testament. The phrase, 'a prepared place' always referred to preparing a place for the Temple and the Ark of the Covenant. So it is not that Jesus is preparing a heavenly place for us to dwell in some time in the future, but that right now, Jesus is preparing us to be living Temples in whom God dwells and members of God's household. This chapter of John's Gospel, and the following chapter which continues to use the word 'dwell' as it speaks of disciples dwelling in a vine, provides a rich spiritual concept of the mutual indwelling presence of God and



believer.

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You and I now make up the community that is the household of God, where Jesus, the Father and the Spirit dwell. We don't have to wait until death to dwell in God's household, we are that household now. Jesus says, 'I am the way,' - in and through him we have become God's children, and members of God's household.

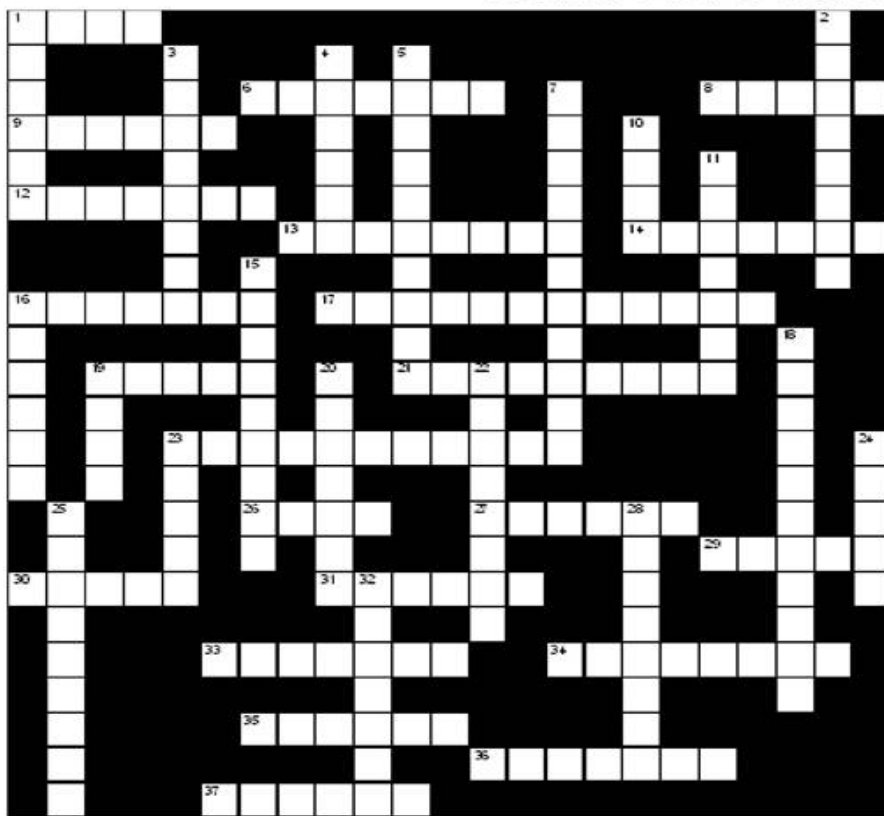
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Children image their parents. In Jesus' time he said, 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father.' So today, if people want to know what God is like, where can they look? You and I as children of God's household are the bearers of God's image for our world. If the world asks like Philip, 'Let us see the Father,' we should be able to answer, 'Look at me!'

Her specialist research areas include the Gospel of John and early Jewish Christian relationships. Dr Coloe has written numerous books, essays and journal articles on these and other topics and is a member of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas and other biblical associations. Her home page is <http://dlibrary.acu.edu.au/staffhome/macoloe/>

## TO REMIND US WE ARE IN THE 'YEAR OF LOVE' @ ST PATRICK'S PARISH, THOUGH WE WARN YOU, YOU'LL NEED YOUR BIBLE!

### Some Love Verses



- Down**
1. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. ~Romans 5:5
  2. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and \_\_\_\_\_ in love, ~Eph 3:17
  3. I will love thee, O Lord, my \_\_\_\_\_. ~Ps 18:1
  4. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his \_\_\_\_\_ over me was love. ~SoS 2:4
  5. Nay, in all these things we are more than \_\_\_\_\_ through Him that loved us. ~Romans 8:37
  7. I will heal their \_\_\_\_\_, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. ~Hosea 14:4
  10. If ye love me, \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments. ~John 14:15
  11. And let us consider one another to \_\_\_\_\_ unto love and to good works: ~Heb 10:24
  15. et \_\_\_\_\_ love continue. ~Heb 13:1
  16. Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one \_\_\_\_\_, of one mind. ~Phil 2:2
  18. Honour all men. Love the \_\_\_\_\_. Fear God. Honour the King. ~1 Peter 2:17
  19. Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy \_\_\_\_\_. ~Matt 22:37
  20. \_\_\_\_\_, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. ~1 John 4:11
  22. y this we know that we love the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. ~1 John 5:2
  23. I love them that love me; and those that seek me \_\_\_\_\_ shall find me. ~Prov 8:17
  24. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and \_\_\_\_\_ in his love. ~John 15:10
  25. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath \_\_\_\_\_ the law. ~Romans 13:8
  28. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: \_\_\_\_\_ ye in my love. ~John 15:9
  32. The seed also of his servants shall \_\_\_\_\_ it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein. ~Psalm 69:36

**Across**

1. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His \_\_\_\_\_. ~John 3:35
6. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be \_\_\_\_\_ therefore, and repent. ~Rev 3:19
8. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine \_\_\_\_\_ dwelleth. ~Psalm 26:8
9. For if ye love them which love you, what \_\_\_\_\_ have ye? do not even the publicans the same? ~Matt 5:46
12. He that loveth me not keepeth not my \_\_\_\_\_: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. ~John 14:24
13. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not \_\_\_\_\_. ~1 John 5:3
14. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall \_\_\_\_\_ that love thee. ~Ps 122:6
16. Beloved, let us love one \_\_\_\_\_: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. ~1 John 4:7
17. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins. ~1 John 4:10
19. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy \_\_\_\_\_. ~Deut 6:5
21. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a \_\_\_\_\_ to God for a sweetsmelling savour. ~Eph 5:2
23. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ~John 3:16
26. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is \_\_\_\_\_. ~1 John 4:8
27. And the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. ~II Thes 3:5
29. Love not the \_\_\_\_\_, neither the things that are in the \_\_\_\_\_. If any man love the \_\_\_\_\_, the love of the Father is not in him. ~1 John 2:15
30. Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of \_\_\_\_\_. ~1 Peter 1:8
31. Better is a \_\_\_\_\_ of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. ~Pro 15:17
33. And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his \_\_\_\_\_ also. ~1 John 4:21
34. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy \_\_\_\_\_ as thyself. ~Matt 22:39
35. For God hath not given us the \_\_\_\_\_ of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. ~2 Tim 1:7
36. There is no fear in love; but \_\_\_\_\_ love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made \_\_\_\_\_ in love. ~1 John 4:18
37. Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of His \_\_\_\_\_; He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. ~Ps 97:10

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## DEAR MUM WITH DEMENTIA

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### DEAR MUM WITH DEMENTIA.....

My mum has frontotemporal dementia (FTD) which generally affects people under 65 but it is not as well known a dementia as say Alzheimer's or vascular dementia as it is one of the less common types. It gets its name as those are the two lobes the dementia affects - your frontal lobes control behaviour and emotions and also your language skills and the temporal lobes affect many things but the understanding of words is one of them.

My mum was officially diagnosed at 60, she had showed symptoms a couple of years beforehand and had lost her job as credit controller in her late 50's as she kept making mistakes. Her GP wrongly diagnosed depression (something which is unfortunately very common) and after a couple of years of us going back and forth to the doctors insisting it wasn't depression she was given a brain scan which revealed the dementia. She's 63 now and this is a letter to her which I wish she could read or understand.

**Dear Mum,**

It is an odd thing to say as you are still physically here but I miss you so much. I miss that when we come up to visit you don't ask me as soon as I've walked through the door if I want a cup of tea, your constant updates about the neighbours and people from work even though I barely know some of them, your strong opinions on anything and everything which almost always resulted in us having at least one argument every time I came home as I hold equally strong opinions, you walking into the spare bedroom unannounced every night to say 'goodnight' when we came to visit and you always showing me new pairs of shoes.

These days when we come up to visit we are lucky if you look at us as we walk through the door or acknowledge us. I'm pretty sure you don't know who I am despite dad announcing our arrival and repeating who we are numerous times. I catch you looking at me sometimes and I can see the confusion in your eyes, like you are trying to place me but you can't think where from. Even if I smile at you or speak to you when I see you staring at me you rarely respond or at most just say 'yes' if you think you are being asked a question. Where has my mum gone whose buttons I could push within minutes of coming home to either make laugh out loud or shout at me if I said something you didn't like?

When I was a kid there was a lady who used to walk around the streets in her nightie and collect milk bottles from people's steps. Do you remember? ... The lady in the nightie, you told me, was a health visitor when she was younger and knew me and Dan as babies. And you always said 'if I get like that put me down'. I understand that, the health visitor lady always looked happy enough in her own world although was obviously incredibly vulnerable. You never even look particularly happy in whatever little world you are now in. I'm not even sure you're in one. If I could do something to make the dementia go away or make things right I would, but it isn't as easy as that. Some days you have 'good' days, dad can make you laugh about certain things you've seen on TV and you do laugh in the right places at some of the shows on GOLD and it makes me think there is still someone in there.

Dad has been brilliant, although I doubt that would surprise you. He does everything for you from getting you up in the morning, taking you to the loo, brushing your teeth,

dressing you, feeding you, giving you your tablets, taking you out, bathing you, drying your hair (which he is crap at).....there is nothing he doesn't do. You go to daycare on weekdays which I know you would hate the idea of if you were well. You'll be pleased to hear you cause trouble there and despite it being a dementia specialist centre you keep them on their toes. Annoyingly they are closing the daycare down as local authorities don't send enough people there due to the costs and you will soon be going to a daycare which isn't a dementia specialist, which we are dreading. We'll have to see how it goes.

You'd be proud that I continue your legacy of causing trouble and over the last few years have had to deal with benefits people, social workers, doctors, consultants, care workers and so on. Most of them have been helpful but the ones which haven't have been told so. I even contacted the Daily Mail (your paper of choice sadly) to let them know about your daycare closing. I've been to a court hearing to dispute your benefits and sat in with social workers and doctors to discuss you and made sure you got the best they could offer. I think your consultant is a little bit scared of me but that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Hopefully you would be proud of my blog. I always remember you having your nose in a holiday brochure and even if you hadn't been somewhere you would advise people on the best hotels as you'd read so much about them. You should have been a travel agent. I'm sorry you never got to see as much of the world as you wanted to and it seems particularly unfair that when you should be enjoying your retirement and spending some time on yourself you can't go anywhere.

You now have three grandchildren, all boys, two of which are mine. They haven't been able to get to know you which is heartbreaking. Master ATWWAH, the eldest, (it's a blog mum so I don't say his real name), seems to understand what dementia is. He tells me his Grandma Barbara isn't very well and her brain doesn't work properly anymore so Grandad Tony has to help you with everything. He understands why you can't play with him. Mini ATWWAH is only eight months old so he stares at you quizzically wondering why you don't coo over him like other adults and try to get his attention. Children just accept things though don't they? I really hate that I can't talk to you about them both. Obviously I wouldn't have listened to a word of advice from you but it would have been nice to moan to friends about your unwanted words of wisdom.

I'm not sure how many more Mother's Days you'll experience. When you were finally diagnosed with dementia I was told that you were probably only going to live for about another three years as the younger your body is the quicker the dementia progresses. But from my many hours of online research and conferences attended on FTD it appears that people can live with this disease for years and years. I'm not sure that is a good thing to be honest mum but we'll see. As long as you are as comfortable as can be that is all we can ask and dad, loyal as ever, won't even consider you going into a residential home.

All that is left to say is I miss you and I love you. I just hope that deep down somewhere you know that.

Mrs ATWWAH xxx



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