



# 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.



## A LETTER FROM MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO

### BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

20 May 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In 1844, Australia became the first country in the world to adopt the patronage of Mary, Mother of God, under the title Help of Christians. For 176 years, Australians have invoked Mary's heavenly intercession, in joyful times and in times of suffering.

It is with confidence in Mary's love and fidelity that the Catholic Bishops of Australia have turned once more to her intercession in a particular way during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, on Sunday 24 May at the conclusion of the 8.30am Mass at our Cathedral, I will entrust the community of the Church of Broken Bay to the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Help of Christians. I will also celebrate the Mass of the Solemnity of the Mary Help of Christians at the Cathedral on Monday 25 May at 7am. I hope that people all around the diocese will be able to participate in these Masses, as they will be livestreamed.

To assist you in your families and homes, I have asked our Office for Evangelisation to prepare a prayer resource for use in families and in Parish communities. I commend this beautiful resource to you for your use. The link to access the resource in this week's BBNeighbourhoods.

As our children are returning to school, we entrust them in a particular way to the maternal protection of Our Lady. I am conscious too of so many teachers and staff at our Catholic Schools, as well as many who work in our Public Schools. You too deserve our thanks and our prayers.

Finally, I am always conscious of the many women and men from around our Diocese who are involved in essential services. Your ongoing dedication and service to the community during this health crisis is greatly appreciated. I pray that through Mary's intercession, the Lord will guide and protect you.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

+Anthony

**ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME.**



ENTRUSTING AUSTRALIA TO  
*Mary Help of Christians*

24 / 25 MAY 2020



## 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.



### 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

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**MASS AND ADORATION TIMES**

WEEKENDS		Sunday	
Saturday	10:00 am Adoration 10:30 am Mass Gosford & On Line	Afternoon	2:30 pm Adoration 3:00 pm Mass Gosford & On Line
	3:00 pm Vigil Mass Gosford & On Line		4:30 pm Mass Gosford
	5:00 pm Vigil Mass Gosford		6:00 pm Mass Gosford
Sunday	5:30 pm Vigil Mass <b>Somersby</b>	WEEKDAYS	
	7:30 am Mass Gosford	Mondays & Tuesdays	10:00am Adoration 10:30am Mass Gosford & On Line
	8:45 am Mass Gosford	Wednesday to Friday	8:30am Adoration 9:00am Mass Gosford 10:00am Adoration 10:30am Mass Gosford & On Line
	10:00 am Mass Gosford		

**LIVE STREAMING OPTIONS**

SEE THE DAYS AND TIMES ABOVE IN RED

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**YOUTUBE.**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg\\_EKIJUFJpvg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg/live)

**YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS**

6:00 pm Sundays 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**



## CONGRATULATIONS FR GREG

### ON YOUR 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: MAY 28

Oh for the days when we'd have coffee and a celebratory cake after Mass to mark such a significant occasion! Nevertheless, congratulations Fr Greg and we continue to hold you in our hearts and prayers. Hopefully you will be spending many more anniversaries at St Pat's – and we won't forget that we owe you a cake!

## ANOTHER 'ALPHA ONLINE'

### WE ARE LOOKING TO COMMENCE ANOTHER 'ALPHA ONLINE' PROGRAMME ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING TRAINED TO LEAD A GROUP?

We will be making a personal approach to some whom we think could be interested but perhaps we have even more out there? The training would be offered by the Diocese of Broken Bay by Zoom with a view to eventually training you to lead an online group for 13 sessions at 1.5 hours per week. If you think you would be open to this, please give the office a call.

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL :

### FOR THE 19/20 FINANCIAL YEAR CONTINUES

We continue to ask you for your support of both the charitable works of the Diocese of Broken Bay and your parish in its efforts to reach its quota. Remember that donations are 100% tax deductible, and below you will see an example of the good works to which this money is channeled.

One of the charities we support is St Lucy's School, located in Wahroonga which provides a Catholic, nurturing education for children with disabilities. David Raphael, School Principal, kindly provided us with an update...

St Lucy's has continued to operate during the Covid-19 pandemic focusing on the health, wellbeing and safety of staff and students. Due to the critical need with our vulnerable families, we were pleased that St Lucy's was allowed to stay open through Term 1 and we started Term 2 with approx. 80% student attendance. For St Lucy's students, consistency, familiarity and security goes a long way to help them on their educational journey. For our parents, many of whom have had to work from home, the continued service was a major factor in their ability to navigate these unprecedented times. Students have also learnt a great deal more about hygiene in times of a global pandemic and have, to whatever degree possible, worked hard at being as independent as possible. Their ability to be flexible and adaptable has impressed their teachers and families alike.

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

## WE'RE CREEPING BACK TO MASS!

### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS EASED FURTHER

Our pastoral carers have ridden the waves this week as allowances at each aged care facility vary but the good news is that we can now have communion taken to the residents at St Andrew's at East Gosford. We are so grateful that we can now visit at least some of our aged residents once more and for our pastoral carers for their love and dedication, whether on active service or waiting in the wings.

## 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.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
24–31 May 2020



"They showed us unusual  
kindness." (Acts 28:2)

(Image by Siggy Nowak from Pixabay)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost.

This year's theme calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. The international resources for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by colleagues in Malta. The 2020 theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need.

## THANKS ARE DUE

### TO MARK BENNETT

You may notice that our paths, walls & other surfaces are gleaming and we need to thank Mark Bennett for his work in power cleaning every dirty surface across, and that was many, the entire parish and monastery complex! Job well done Mark, and again, we are extremely grateful

## A HUGE 'THANK YOU' TO FLOORING 4U

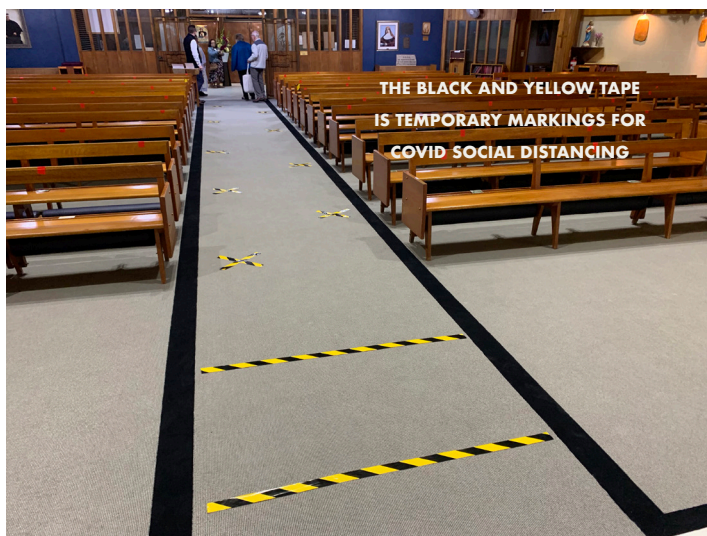
### IS SO DESERVED!

We hope that you are all as happy with the new carpet as we are now, that it is fully installed.

The suppliers and installers, Flooring 4U, were remarkable in their approach and willingness to give us what we needed for the right price. Installation proved to be a much longer process than anticipated as the vinyl tiles underneath lifted in patches when the old carpet was removed, causing hours of work as Mek and his coworker painstakingly removed and disposed of all the tiles, something that other companies we know would have refused to do. We couldn't more appreciative and would highly recommend



**FLOORING 4U [BESIDE MESA MINISTRY, VICTORIA STREET EAST GOSFORD] TO ANYONE WHO WOULD ASK.**



## 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.

## SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

### SUNDAY MAY 24:

We invite you to join us in praying this prayer on this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday:

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are Creator of all and the Giver of life. You have created humankind in your image to reflect your glory to the world, and we praise you for the work your hands have done.

On this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we mourn that many of your precious sons and daughters have lost their lives too soon.

Jesus, you made a way for us where there seemed to be no way. We pray today that you would breathe new life into us.

We pray you would increase our empathy, compassion, and love for our neighbours, no matter their age, race, ability, background, or need.

We pray we would be people whose hearts echo your own heart for your people—be our strength, Holy Spirit.

Help us to be champions of life, Jesus.

Strengthen us and equip us to do your work in our communities, our nations, our world.

May we stand for what you have taught us, and may we give you glory in all that we do.

We love you and praise you on this day and every day, Lord. Thank you for the gift of life. Help us to protect and preserve it in every way we can.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen

## NATIONAL SORRY DAY 2020

May 26 marks National Sorry Day instituted in 2008 when Kevin Rudd, our Prime Minister at that time issued an apology on behalf of the Australian people.

Below is an extract from a statement made at Uluru on June 30, 2017 calling for a reform of the constitution that would enable structured and systemic failings of the past to be addressed:

### ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty



millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are aliened from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

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## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Lester, Bob McGrath, Nena Sciberras, Allan Sanders, Steve Fry, Theo Derksen, Angelo Scuderi, Effie Fernandes.

## CONDOLENCES:

This week we express our sorrow to a number of families in the parish, and keep their loved ones in our prayers:

To Peter Young on the loss of his mother who just made the 100 mark before she passed.

To the Lester family, on the loss of their mother and grandmother, Mary, whose funeral will take place this week. Mary, also a parishioner, will be missed by many.

To Pat McGrath on the loss of her husband, Bob. Bob, whose funeral will take place this week, was well known to many parishioners and members of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

To Margaret Mathieson on the loss of her family members, Allan Sanders & Steve Fry.

May God hold them all in the palm of his hand.

MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 23/05	10:30 am On Line Gosford	39TH Wedding Anniversary TESS & JOHN STEPHENS
Sat 23/05	3:00 pm On Line Gosford	+ 1st Anniversary NELSON FERNANDES
Sat 23/05	5:00 pm Gosford	Recently Deceased ALLAN SANDERS & STEVE FRY
Sat 23/05	5:30 pm Somersby	+ Remembrance GRACE & LORENZA BAJADA
Sun 24/05	7:30 am Gosford	Recently Deceased BOB McGRATH
Sun 24/05	8:45 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 24/05	10:00 am Gosford	+Anniversaries OLGA QUINN & ANNE VAN ROSS
Sun 24/05	3:00 pm On Line Gosford	+ Anniversary SOFRONIO DAYANAN
Sun 24/05	4:30 pm Gosford	Thanksgiving Mass TERESITA'S BIRTHDAY
Sun 24/05	6:00 pm Gosford	For the Personal Intentions of SUSAN FIELD
Mon 25/05	10:30am On Line	Return to Health PETER HARRISON
Tue 26/05	10:30am On Line	Return to Health PATRICK BRENNAN
Wed 27/05	10:30am On Line	
Thr 28/05	10:30am On Line	
Fri 29/05	10:30am On Line	+ 1st Anniversary IAN McGUINNESS
Sat 30/05	10:30am Gosford	+ Remembrance LEO FRY
Sat 30/05	3:00pm On Line Gosford	+ Anniversary PADDY HOLOHAN
Sat 30/05	5:00 pm Gosford	
Sun31/05	7:30 am Gosford	
Sun 31/05	8:45 am Gosford	
Sun 31/05	10:00 am Gosford	
Sun 31/05	3:00 pm Gosford	
Sun 31/05	4:30 pm Gosford	
Sun 31/05	6:00 pm Gosford	

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

Patrick Brennan, Peter Harrison, Fran Thompson, 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:

Ian McGuinness, Olga Quinn, Anne Van Ross, Sofronio Dayanan, Nelson Fernandes.

## REMEMBRANCES:

Joh Van Yzendoorn, Peter White, Leonore Hickey, Noreen Hickey, Holy Souls & Members of FOSS, Grace & Lorenza Bajada, Michael Kokegei.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### ACTS 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

### ACTS 1:1-11

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

**Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.**

In my earlier work, *Theophilus*, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 46:2-3. 6-9. R. V.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

**Eph 1:17-23**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

**He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### MT 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### MT 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### MT 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

### BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

It seems that the risen Jesus remained on earth for forty days, appearing to his apostles and speaking about the reign of

God. When the disciples' responsibilities were sufficiently explained, he was taken from their sight. The cloud is a traditional symbol of the presence of God. The two men in white garments who interpreted the ascension recall the two men in similar garb who announced the resurrection. In most eschatological passages, the Spirit is identified with the endtime. Here the activity of the Spirit is a characteristic of the new age, the period between the resurrection and the time of complete fulfilment.

A ritual of enthronement unfolds within this psalm. Two divine titles are invoked: Lord and Most High. The first is the personal name of the God of Israel; the second is an ancient Semitic title of excellence. The enthronement established God's rule over all the earth and all nations. The kingship of the Lord has cosmic underpinnings. The ancients believed that before creation the forces of good and evil were in mortal combat. A battle ensued from which good emerged triumphant. Following this, the cosmos was reordered, a heavenly palace was constructed, and the victor ascended the throne to rule over all. If the kingship of God was commemorated in Israel, this story would have been in the consciousness of the people.

The author of Ephesians prays for a threefold spiritual enlightenment: the hope of the calling from God; the riches of the glory of the inheritance of the holy ones; and the surpassing greatness of God's power for those who believe. These marvels have already taken place; it is for the believers to acknowledge them. The power referred to belongs to God. It was God's power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Christ in the place of honour in heaven; it was God's power that made all things subject to Christ and exalted Christ as head of the church. It is this same power that enables the members of Christ's exalted body to share in Christ's fullness and exaltation.

In the account of the commissioning by Jesus, the disciples returned to Galilee and see Jesus on the mountain. They worship him, but with incomplete understanding. The commission that Jesus confers is straightforward and all encompassing. The disciples are told to go out and make disciples of all nations. This will be accomplished by baptising and teaching. The disciples are told to baptise in the threefold name of the Trinity. Those baptised are plunged into the mystery of that name and recreated as new beings. Social or cultural boundaries are dissolved; ethnic and gender restrictions are lifted. The specific teaching alluded to is moral rather than doctrinal. Those who hear this teaching are to observe what Jesus commanded.

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# 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.



Sunday 24 May 2020  
John 17:1-11  
7th Sunday of Easter

## IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus prays to his Father in heaven. Everything Jesus has done on earth has been to show us how much God the Father loves us. Now he has to leave them, Jesus prays for all his friends.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

# PRAY!

Jesus promises his friends that he will always be with them, even when he goes to heaven.

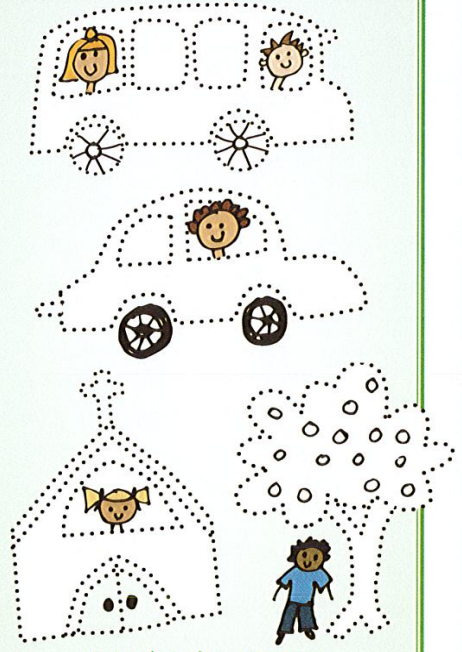
How can we keep in touch with Jesus?

Cross out all the letters B, X, Z to find out!

BIX ZCBAXNZ  
PBRXAZY BTXOZ  
BJXEZSBXUZS

## Pray everywhere!

These children are all praying.



Join the dots to see where they are.

## Praying without words

Use a finger labyrinth to pray. Be still and slowly trace the labyrinth path with your finger. When you get to the middle, keep your finger still and think about what is important to you. Then slowly trace the path backwards.



## Wordsearch

When we pray we spend time with Jesus our friend.

Find these words connected to praying in the grid:

- JESUS DANCE
- FRIEND WORDS
- SING THANKS
- CHAT QUIET

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F	R	I	E	N	D

## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, today I would like to pray for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I am talking to you about this because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Amen

Answers: I can pray to Jesus.



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