



# 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.



## LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE.

It is love of parents for child; also the non-possessive love of partners; also the caring love between all people



**"WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH"**

### FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS



**"Cling to Prayer. God hears the prayer of the humble. The humble! Yes, recognising oneself unworthy of being heard, and yet trusting in the goodness of God."**

BL Letters in ES note 221

that enables forgiveness. It's above energy, though it may be expressed energetically.



### IT'S OUR ESSENTIAL NATURE:

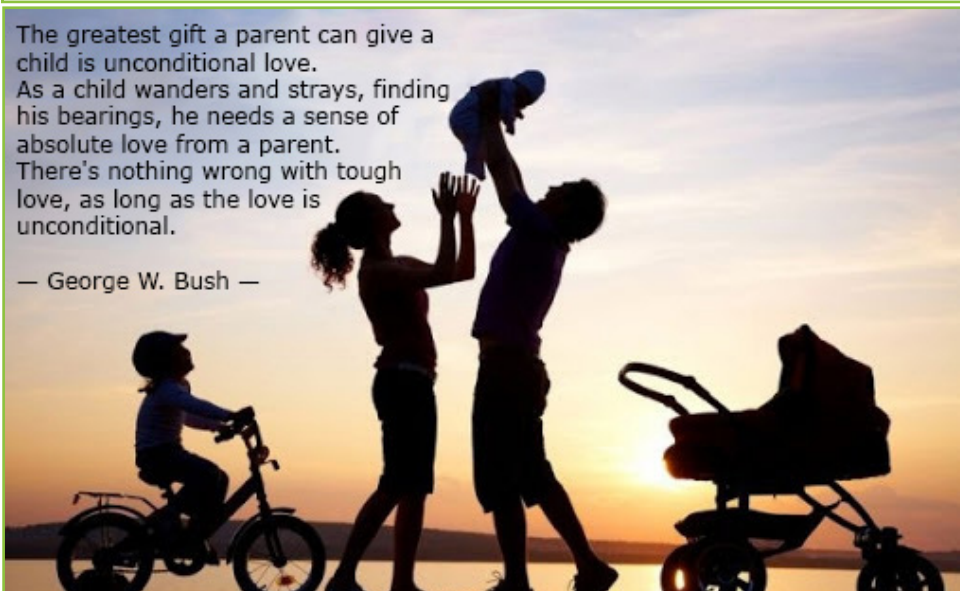
Spirit itself, the quality we share with God. And it is the binding force of the Universe, inherent in all that is.

~ Peter Shepherd



The greatest gift a parent can give a child is unconditional love. As a child wanders and strays, finding his bearings, he needs a sense of absolute love from a parent. There's nothing wrong with tough love, as long as the love is unconditional.

— George W. Bush —



### POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST 2020 INTENTION



#### THE MARITIME WORLD

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GوسفORD

### PASTORAL CARE

**Fr Grzegorz [Greg] Skulski SDS**

Parish Priest

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### SALVATORIANS

**Society of the Divine Saviour**

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### PARISH OFFICE

Secretary:

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

Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

Bursar: Darren Fitzgibbon

Sacramental Programme

Coordinator: Frances Mathey

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Wed: 9:00am – 1:00pm

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Youth Ministry: Jamie-Lea Andrews

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### VOLUNTEER ROLES

Office Admin:

**Denise Jay**

Friday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

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Trevor Byrne

Joyce Byrne

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All bookings must be made through the parish office.

Gardeners:

Seniors' Ministry:

Hilary Pope

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

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



## CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

### STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

#### GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

**Mon:** 9:00am **Wed:** 11:30am **Fri:** 12:00pm

**Tue:** 9:00am **Thu:** 9:00am **Sat:** 9:00am

Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

### WEEKEND MASSES INCL CONFESSION 30 BEFORE EACH MASS

#### GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

**Sat Vigil:** 5:00pm **Sun:** 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:15am & 6:00pm

#### SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD

Sat Vigil: 5:30pm

### ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

#### Before the Blessed Sacrament

Mon 8:30 - 9:00am Wed 11:00 - 11:30am Fri 12:30 - 3:00pm

Tue 8:30 - 9:00am Thu 8:30 - 9:00am Sat 8:30 - 9:00am

### ROSARY

**Mon, & Thu** 8:05am to 9:00am

**Tuesday** 8:05am "Right to Life"

**Fridays** After Mass 12:30pm

**Saturday** 8:05am until 9:00am: 1st Priests & Religious  
2nd Mothers & Babies  
3rd Persecuted Christians

**Sunday** 7:05am

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL, AT THE ADMIN CENTRE, CHAPEL LANE

**Mon to Thu:** 8:30am to 3:30pm **Fri:** 9:00am to 3:30pm

### ST PATRICK'S GROUPS MEETINGS

**Cancer Prayer Group** After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month, in the Jordan room.

**Craft Group** 9:30am to 12:00pm Every Friday of School Terms

**Grief & Loss Support** 2:00pm 1st Thursday of the month, in the Jordan room.

**MenAlive** 7:00pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Mass followed by meeting in the Jordan room.

**Prayers for Christian Unity** 9:30am 3rd Monday of the Month

**Prayer Group DVDs** 9:30am 1st Monday of the Month

**Prayer Group & Bible Discussion** 9:30am 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday of the Month

**Bible Study - Monday night** 7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday, in the Jordan Room, all are welcome!

**Bible Study - Wednesday Morning** 10:00am, Wednesdays in the Jordan Room. **Will recommence in September.**

**Salvatorian Collaborators** After 9:00am Mass, 1st Thursday of the month, in the Jordan room.

**Womens Faith Circle** 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month in the Jordan Room 9:00am to 11:00am

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

### LEADERSHIP, MONITORING & IMPROVEMENT

#### STANDARD 1 – COMMITTED LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & CULTURE

KEY ELEMENTS OF STANDARD 1:

- † A COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING
- † PROMOTING A SAFEGUARDING CULTURE
- † SAFEGUARDING POLICIES
- † CODE OF CONDUCT

## SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

### HILARY POPE

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**CATECHIST CORNER**

Catechist Corner – Thank you to the Parishioners who offered to join the catechist team last weekend—a true blessing for this important ministry.

Their Authorisation process has begun. We ask the new volunteers to complete the mandatory Safeguarding training and have a meeting with Fr Greg. After the Diocesan part of the process, they will be OK to visit a school. This weekend we will view a video from Bishop Anthony as he thanks all catechists and reminds us that we are all called to evangelise in some way. If his message touches your heart and you wish to answer the call as a catechist pick up a yellow catechist flyer (available from the Church doors) and give Alain (0414273654) or the Parish office a call. **We still need several more people!**

**COVID UPDATE**

**COVID-19 UPDATE FROM FR DAVID RANSON, VICAR GENERAL**

As reported on the weekend, St Agatha’s Church at Pennant Hills is closed for deep cleaning following a parishioner testing positive to COVID-19. The church will remain closed until further notice.

This is a timely reminder of our need to vigilant and to keep lines of communication open.

As has been followed very well in the case of the Parish of Pennant Hills, if a parish receives a notification of a COVID-19 cases, please follow the steps outlined in the PROCESS FOR A POSITIVE COVID-19 NOTIFICATION IN A PARISH, which is once again attached.

Again, the importance of implementing the Parish COVID-safe plan has been highlighted in this incident. Please ensure that all contact details are taken by every person attending the parish so contact tracing can occur in the event of an outbreak.

Please encourage your parishioners to wear mask, and all Clergy should be wearing masks whilst celebrating Mass.

I need to stress with the utmost urgency: If you are feeling unwell, and especially if you have any flu-like symptoms you must cease work, stay home, isolate and get tested. This advice is

paramount for our clergy who are in contact with such a wide range of people in the course of their ministry. Please be hyper-vigilant for COVID-19 symptoms. These include; fever (37.5 ° or higher)

- cough
- sore/scratchy throat
- shortness of breath
- loss of smell or
- loss of taste.

**Let us be sure to look after one another with great care during these challenging times.**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Effective from last week, it will be necessary to wear a mask when distributing Holy Communion.

If you have a mask of your own you should bring that with you to Mass.

If you don't have a mask you can get one from the sacristy the first time and then keep that one as your own for future use.

**COVID SAFE AT ST PATRICK'S**



**PRAYER DURING THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC**

We thank you for your co-operation and know that you are equally interested in stopping the spread of this virus and a return to normal living.

Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God’s holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful. Wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Please help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother—health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms. Help us always to know the love of your Son. Jesus. Amen.

**YOU'RE INVITED**

**ALPHA IS AN OPPORTUNITY**



to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. St Patrick’s is running the Alpha Series on-line this Spring and we’re providing two options for you to participate in it, either;

- a) in your own home via Zoom, or
- b) if you are unable to access Zoom,

joining a small group in a family home that does have Zoom access.

To register your interest in joining us, please follow this link and we’ll send you more information about the first session at 7:30pm on Tuesday 25 August.

<https://forms.gle/VCVjYm9fJyVtpdpW6>

## ST. JOSEPH'S WORKSHOP REOPENING

### 2/18 DIGNITY CLOSE WEST GOSFORD

We are reopening on Monday 17.08.20 from 7.00am until 12.00, as normal, under strict Covid-19 conditions already approved by WHS.

If you would like to volunteer your time, learn new skills and meet new people, why not come and join us at the workshop?

Contact Kevin O'Donnell on 0418 203 671 or

Mike Tabone on 0417 384 524

## ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP DESPERATELY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

### FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Firstly we thank Catherine Shaw for her contribution to this group and also the candle ministry, but sadly she can no longer assist. Unfortunately, this group has been hit by circumstances which result in only a couple of its original numbers being available. Therefore we ask if there is anyone who would like to support this group, and the parish community by becoming a member. No particular talents are necessary, and all advice/instruction would be given by our wonderful ladies who generally meet on the Saturday morning of the second Sunday of the month. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ANTHONY

### MY DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

Have you ever noticed that some people are incredibly passionate about issues in life? Issues such as the family,

work, religion, politics, the environment, beginning and end of life, racism, justice and peace – the list is endless. The Oxford Dictionary defines the word passionate as "having or showing strong feelings of enthusiasm for something or belief in something". Yet, the word itself means so much more than having strong feelings. It is derived from the Latin word passio, which is a term found in Christian theology from the Latin word pati, meaning suffer. It is linked to the word compassion, which means to suffer with. Looking around our Church and society, we do not have to go far to see or experience human suffering. Many people are doing it tough at the moment, and so it is good that as a community, we have strong feelings of enthusiasm towards life issues. It is even better that as a community of the Church we can stand alongside others and, in Christian solidarity, suffer with them. Saint Paul spoke about suffering on many occasions. One of his most beautiful instructions can be found in his Second Letter to the Corinthians. Reminding the Christian community that we are never to lose heart but always to be filled with hope, he said, "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies". (2 Corinthians 4:8-10) For Paul, and indeed for all Christians, the paradigm of suffering is Jesus Christ, who underwent the agony of the cross and died for our salvation and the life of the world. The Apostle reminds us to put things into perspective by always placing Jesus and his cross at the centre of our lives. By doing so, we do not succumb to some sort of vague spiritual escapism, as the non-believer might have us think. We do find ourselves in communion with Christ – through his life, death, and resurrection. Each day brings a deepening of that communion if we open our minds and hearts to the Spirit of Jesus. In the community of the Church, no one need ever be alone because we are one in Christ. This week can I encourage you to keep an eye out for those who might be alone and suffering? Through our faith in Jesus, we will be able to reach out to others. With the compassion of Christ, we will be able to suffer with them. In our love for Jesus, we will be passionate about issues of life over death, good over evil, and hope over despair.

Blessings on your week ahead.

+Anthony

## DO YOU NEED TO TALK TO A PRIEST FR GREG OR FR PAUL WILL MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE AFTER THE FOLLOWING MASSES.

- Week days, after each Mass in the Parish Office
- Weekends after Mass make contact with the serving priest in the foyer.

## AIR CONDITIONING OUR CHURCH

We know that air conditioning our hot in summer and freezing in winter church has been on our wish list for many years now, but now we would like to try and make it a reality and are looking for your support.

If you would like to donate towards this please either give your donation to Fr Greg or Fr Paul, or drop it in at the office, or pop it in an envelope duly marked and place it on the plate, or even direct deposit to the Church account with 'Air Con' as your reference!

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

**Account: 4238001**

**You can also place an envelope marked "Air Con", with your donation inside, into the boxes at the entry to the Church.**

Our investigations have revealed a target of about \$55-\$60,000 but anything you could contribute will help us all to eventually sit more comfortably in our church.

**\$8,615 raised as of  
Thursday, 13 August 2020.**

## NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

### 17TH TO 23RD AUGUST

Are you wondering how you can find out more about your reproductive health during these times of isolation and social distancing?

Billings LIFE has the answer!! Why not learn how to track your fertility using, Fertility Pinpoint™- it's more than an App! It is an on-line service that provides you with your own personal accredited Billings Ovulation Method® tutor who can help you learn how to track your unique cycles and recognise your fertility and infertility on a daily basis – all remotely and safely.

Billings Ovulation Method® is scientifically validated and simple to use. It's the healthy alternative.

For more information check the website:

[www.fertilitypinpoint.com](http://www.fertilitypinpoint.com) and start to take control of your life.

## MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

### TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

The Australian Catholic Bishops will be releasing the 2020-21 Social Justice Statement To Live Life to the Full:



Mental health in Australia today in time for Social Justice Sunday, on 30 August.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020-21**

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-21, To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. Download the Statement at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/>

### **LITTLE WAY SUNDAY SCHOOL INITIATIVE**

#### **LITTLE WAY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Little Way Sunday School is an on-line evangelisation tool for children developed by a family in the Diocese of Raphoe, Ireland.

The engaging videos are produced weekly and are designed to connect children to the teachings of the Church by



providing videos with

1. an explanation of the Gospel of the day
2. a reflection from a priest
3. a weekly mission for the kids

The Little Way Sunday School's videos are free to use and suitable for families, children's and youth ministries or school education.

This resource can be accessed via their YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61MqDFCvG1c> or [FaceBook](#)

### **CHILDREN S LITURGY SUNDAY DURING 10:15 MASS**

#### **EVERY SUNDAY MORNING**

Bring your young children to Mass and allow them to join in Children s Liturgy. They will enjoy the activities and learning along with their friends.

We have professionally produced activities and educational material designed with Christianity at it's core.

### **SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020.**

This year's theme will focus on the Rights of the Child, in particular the Voice of the Child. It has been 30 years since Australia ratified the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. During September the Diocese will post a number of significant messages via online platforms. Please follow the Diocese of Broken Bay social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to keep up to date with the release of resources and events.

### **DON'T FORGET 1ST & 2ND COLLECTION**

**COLLECTION BOXES AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH. ALSO THE TAP AND GO IS AVAILABLE FOR 2ND COLLECTION.**



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### PS 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

## FIRST READING

### IS 56:1-7

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.**

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

**The Word of The Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. V.4

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

## SECOND READING

### ROM 11:13-15. 29-32

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

**The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.**

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy

eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### MT 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

### MT 15:21-28

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

**Woman, you have great faith.**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### PS 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

### BY BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

This commentary has recently been revised and updated.

We can find a single theme running through all three readings this Sunday: the inclusive scope of God's saving plan.

When the Israelites returned from Exile, they found that many foreigners and neighbouring peoples had moved into the land which once they had called their own. How was living cheek by jowl with non-Israelites compatible with Israel's sense of identity as a holy people, set apart for the service and worship of God? In the First Reading, Isaiah 56:1, 6-7. the great prophet of the Exile (Isaiah 40-66) presents a bold vision where God will actually bring to the 'holy mountain' (the Temple mount) foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord, making of the Temple 'a house of prayer for all the peoples' (cf. Mark 11:17). The privilege of worshiping God is so central to Israel's identity that it is hard to think of a stronger expression of inclusivity than this.

The Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28, telling of Jesus' encounter in the region of Tyre and Sidon with a Canaanite woman whose daughter was tormented by a devil, presents us with one of the most striking episodes of inclusiveness in the Gospel

tradition:

Just prior to entering this Gentile region, Jesus had given a long instruction in response to criticism from Pharisees and scribes that he did not live according to the tradition of the elders concerning ritual purity, that is, what was 'clean' and 'unclean' in a technical religious sense (15:1-20). Rebutting the criticism, Jesus insisted that 'uncleanness' (meaning incapacity for worship) is not something that one 'catches,' like a contagious disease, from external objects or particular kinds of food. Rather, such incapacity is something that proceeds from within a person. It is not failure to perform external rituals like hand-washing but evil intentions and behaviour that flow from the heart that render a person unclean.

Having thus broken through the ritual cleanliness barrier in his teaching, Jesus now enacts such boundary-crossing 'geographically', so to speak, by crossing over into a region (Tyre and Sidon) where 'unclean' Gentiles made up the majority. There the faith of a Gentile woman brings about a breaking of the barrier in a far more significant way.

In the very full account of the episode given by Matthew the sense of separation of 'holy' Israel from 'unclean' Gentile world emerges with increasing intensity. Jesus first ignores the woman completely, despite the persistence and force of her plea, as she turns to the Jewish Messiah ('Son of David') for help. The disciples' urgent recommendation, 'Send her away,' seems to imply 'Get rid of her by granting her what she wants', but Jesus coldly insists that his mission is restricted to 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel' (cf. 10:5-6). When, in one of the most moving gestures in all the Gospels, she comes and kneels before him and simply begs, 'Lord, help me', all she receives is a third rebuff in the form of the heartless image about not throwing the children's food to dogs.

But here at last is her chance. With superb wit, she takes up Jesus' image and turns it against him – or at least against the restrictive attitude he is displaying. Certainly, food prepared for children is not intended for domestic animals. But children eat untidily and house dogs under the table seize any scraps that fall. 'Outwitted', Jesus gives in, agreeing to her request and praising the greatness of her faith.

Many readers of the gospel will doubtless be troubled by the apparent coldness that Jesus initially displays towards this desperate person. By depicting him acting in such a way, however, the narrative first intensifies the sense of barrier between Jews and Gentiles, only to highlight the significance of what is happening when, as a result of the woman's faith, the barrier comes crashing down. Recent feminist interpretation has rightly identified this Canaanite woman as one of the great heroes of the Gospel tradition. Jesus allows her to 'educate' him out of the narrow understanding of his mission that his early responses betray. He is not only Messiah for the Jews but also the One in whose 'name the Gentiles will place their hope' (12:21). The great mission charge to the nations at the end of the gospel (28:18-20) has its anticipation and impulse here.

In the Second Reading, Romans 11:13-15, 29-32, inclusiveness works the other way round, so to speak. The bulk of Israel has said 'No' to the Gospel of the Crucified. Does this mean they have forfeited the chance of salvation? No, says Paul: the God who in great fidelity has worked to include the nations of the world will not fail to act inclusively in favor of the original People of choice, for God's 'gifts and calling are irrevocable'.

YOUR ROSTER – AUGUST 23, 21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME						
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	8:45am	10:15pm	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	22.08.20	23.08.20	23.08.20	23.08.20	23.08.20	22.08.20
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Anna Jung	Ron Begg	Arthur Holland	Greg McBride	Required	Melissa Monaghan
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gerard Nicholls Peter Young	John McCrae Eunice Dal Busco	Peter Julius Sheila Evans	John Burg Peter Cho	Peter Forbes Patrick Nicholls	<b>Altar Society:</b> Vicki Muscat
<b>Commentator</b>	Terry Cooke	Gerard Price	Peter O'Neill	Tom Croll	Barbara McCarthy	Nai Herford
<b>Lectors</b>	Maisie Tenev Jan Blanch	Chris Golden Anne Lovett	Regina Fong Keith Quinn	Liz Malik Robyn McBride	Youth Rick Llige	Dakota Xuereb Cheryl Barany
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist</b>	Paul Hussein	Neryl Tyrrell	Regina Fong	Tom Croll	Margaret Pratt	Alyce Chin + Senior Server
<b>Altar Servers</b>					<b>Note:</b> Audio Visual Operators needed for Sunday 6:00 pm Masses	Matthew Xuereb Jessica Xuereb <b>Flowers:</b> Doris Vassallo
<b>COUNTERS</b> 17/08/20 Eunice Dal Busco Ron Begg Marie Cradock 24/08/20 Gary Smith Margaret Hunter Joyce Byrne	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b> P/up Aug 17. Josie McGuinness Ret'n Aug 21.	<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> Sat, Aug 22 Des Hincksman Mary Brown Pauline Parsons Margaret Dibben	<b>CHILDRENS LITURGY</b> Sunday Aug 23 10:15 Mass Viola Kim Milen Shuu	<b>PARISH BUS</b> Aug 23 Driver: Arron Buckle Helper Ellen McNally		<b>HOSPITAL VISITATION</b> Aug 23 In Recess due to COVID

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

Jenny Schindler-Stuart, Brian Fitzgerald, Mary Powell, Pat Low, Bill Champley, Patrick Brennan, Peter Harrison, Fran Thompson, Leonie Barnes, 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, Helen Bligh.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Porpiglia, Helen & Charlie Clement, James Donovan, Rose C R Kwai, Ron Hincksman, Alma & Howard Delaney, Daniel Pace.

## RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marina Bellato, Margaret Wiltshire, Ok Nim Jun, Raymond Galea, "Joseph", Doreen Roots, Robert [Gary] Bell, Ena Mary Wing, Ewan [Sandy] McPherson.

## REMEMBRANCES:

Ian McGuinness, Maria Dabski, Nelson Fernandes, Mavis Hyland, Anthony, Libia & Ian Rodrigues, John Toohey & Family, Bernadette Friquet, Rainer Donauer, Keith Thomson, Ronald Freeman, Rene Hannequin, Friquest Family, Molly & Dave Cody, Effie Fernandes, Neta & Doug Saunders, Annie Muir, Michael Kokegei.

## PRAYERS & CONDOLENCES

This week we advise of the loss of long time parishioner, Marina Bellato who passed last week and her funeral took place at St Patrick's on Friday. We offer our condolences to Marina's family and keep them in our prayers. Brian Sharkey on the loss of his sister, Margaret Wiltshire

## YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 15/08	9:00am Gosford	Birthday Blessing RIKI	Thu 20/08	9:00am Gosford & On Line	+ Birthday Remembrance IAN MCGUINNESS
Sat 15/08	5:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrance ANNIE MUIR	Fri 21/08	12:00pm On Line	Remembrances JOHN TOOHEY MOLLY & DAVE CODY
Sat 15/08	5:30pm Somersby	Prayers for ANGELA VELLA	Sat 22/08	9:00am Gosford	Recently Deceased RAYMOND GALEA
Sun 16/08	7:30 am Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance MARIA DABSKI	Sat 22/08	5:00 pm Gosford	+ Remembrance NELSON FERNANDES
Sun 16/08	8:45 am Gosford	Birthday Blessing JOSEPH MATHEW	Sat 22/08	5:30 am Somersby	+ Anniversaries HELEN & CHARLIE CLEMENT
Sun 16/08	10:15 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sun 23/08	7:30 am Gosford	+ Anniversary JAMES DONOVAN
Sun 16/08	6:00 pm Gosford	+ Anniversary MARIA PORPIGLIA	Sun 23/08	8:45 am Gosford	+ Anniversary DAVID TULLIPAN
Mon 17/08	9:00am Gosford & On Line	+ Anniversary DANIEL PACE	Sun 23/08	10:15 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Tue 18/08	9:00am Gosford & On Line	+ Remembrance MAVIS HYLAND	Sun 23/08	6:00 pm Gosford	Recently Deceased OK NIM JUN
Wed 19/08	11:30am On Line	+ Remembrances ANTHONY, LIBIA & IAN RODRIGUES			

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