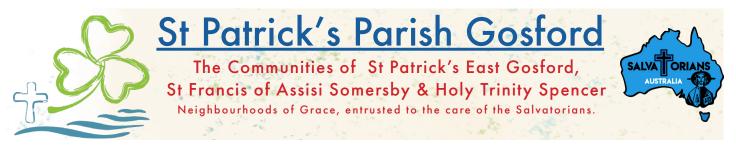
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St Patríck's Year of Love

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARY MACKILLOP'S CANONISATION

The date of 17 October 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Sisters of St Joseph invite us to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of our first Saint.



The theme for this celebration is "Take Fresh Courage", a quote written by Mary MacKillop on 21 May 1877.

Details of the celebrations and resources can be found at https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/

A "Courage Hour" will be held on the vigil Friday 16 October at 8pm (your local time), where all can participate on-line via the Sisters of St Joseph



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Consider Mary. She said little. But through her example, her humility, modesty, etc. She accomplished quite a lot through good example."

JT 1905/05/108



of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

website.

The following resources are available:

- $\boldsymbol{\vartheta}$ Commemorative prayer booklet, focusing on 10 significant moments in Mary's life
- ণ Inspiring videos
- ণ Prayer cards
- ✤ Bookmarks
- ✤ Social media materials

Commemorative prayer cards can be purchased at the above site.

SALVATORIAN MISSIONS & SEMINARIES COLLECTION

NEXT WEEKEND 17 - 18 OCTOBER

We will be holding a collection for the Salvatorian Missions and Seminaries. The money collect will be distributed to the Salvatorian community to help fund their missions and seminaries.

Seminarian Anthony will attend all Mass at St Patrick's to talk about the work of the Salvatorians and the importance of that work. Anthony is a wonderful example of the work of the Salvatorian and I am sure we will benefit from his words.

76 York St East Gosford NSW 2250



ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD **PASTORAL CARE**

Fr Grzegorz [Greg] Skulski SDS

Parish Priest Email: greg@sds.org.au Fr Paul Tran SDS



Society of the Divine Saviour

http://www.sds.org.au

PARISH OFFICE

Coordinator:

Youth Ministry:

Ph: 0452 480 112

VOLUNTEER ROLES

AV Presentation:

Baptism Co-ordinator:

All bookings must be made

through the parish office.

Seniors' Ministry:

Office Admin:

Caretakers:

Gardeners:

Media Coordinator:

Wed: Thurs:

Thursday: Email:

Phone:

Friday:

Assistant Priest

SALVATORIANS

Secretary: Colleen KirkMon – Thurs: Friday Bursar: Sacramental Programme

Catechists' Coordinator:

8:30am - 4:30pm 8:30am - 1:00pm Darren Fitzgibbon

Frances Mathey Email: franceshanna@yahoo.com

Alain Corne Email: saintpatsccd@acs.net.au

9:00am - 1:00pm 9:30am - 1:30pm Jaimi-Lea Andrews Email: jaimilea.andrews@gmail.com Tom Croll 9:00am - 2:00pm

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Peter McLean Greg McBride Ron Begg & Tim Mara Maisie Tenev

Joyce Byrne Victor Camilleri Barbara McCarthy Ph: 4322 0250

Mrs Cheryl Walsh 4325 1159

Mr Tony McCudden 4324 4022

Mr Tim Hilderbrandt 43512344

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Hilary Pope If you see any activities involving children or vulnerable adults that worries you, please email Hilary Pope, our Safeguarding Officer at hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au

School Principals

St Patrick's Primary: St Joseph's College: St Edwards College: St Peter's College:

NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

LEADERSHIP, MONITORING & IMPROVEMENT

STANDARD 1 - COMMITTED LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & CULTURE

Mr Mark Bonnici

KEY ELEMENTS OF STANDARD 1:

ዮ A COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

- PROMOTING A SAFEGUARDING CULTURE Ŷ
- Ŷ SAFEGUARDING POLICIES
- Ŷ CODE OF CONDUCT

CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM. **STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES**

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD								
Mon: 9:00am	Wed: 11:30am Fri: 12:0		12:00pm					
Tue: 9:00am	Thu: 9:00am Sat: 9:00a			9:00am				
Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.								
WEEKEND MASSES INCL CONFESSION 30 BEFORE EACH MASS								
GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET	EAST GOSF	ORD						
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ROSARY								
Mon, & Thu	8:05am	to 9:00am						
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Wednesday	11:05am to 11:30am							
Fridays	11:35am to 12:00pm							
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Cancer Prayer Group	Cancer Prayer After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month,							
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 Colaborators	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							

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Denise Jay 9:00am - 3:30pm Ph: 0416 803 334 Trevor Byrne

A LETTER FROM FR GREG

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

You would have seen in the bulletin that for the last few weeks we have been raising money for a new project in the parish – the installation of air-conditioning in our church.

I am sure that you are more aware than I, that during summer our church gets extremely hot and in winter it gets bitterly cold. We have many elderly parishioners in our community, and my experience here so far has shown that during summer many people became unwell, with some even requiring an ambulance due to the effects of the heat. During winter, many people have shared with me that it is too cold for them while they are sitting and praying in the church. Not only is this uncomfortable and distracting, it has actually resulted in numerous people leaving our parish to look for churches that have air conditioning. After receiving countless comments about this issue, I felt compassion towards you and compelled to do something about it. After a few weeks of raising money for this project I have further seen that there are many of you who are very supportive of this and wish for it to happen. While I acknowledge that some people have been concerned that we are spending a lot of money on one project and not investing it in different ways, I do not believe the before-mentioned situation can not be ignored, and has to be a priority for the comfort and health of our community.

Since the beginning of this project we have investigated different quotes, which have come in between \$38,000 and \$77,000, each having a different system and method of providing warm or cold air. After a few weeks of working on this project with the finance committee, parish council and the air conditioning companies, I have chosen the one which I believe is the most economical and practical option for this parish. This option will cost us \$38,000 including other necessary installation costs such as extension of power and woodwork. Please note that this is much less than was previously advertised in the parish bulletin.

I am incredibly grateful for all the donations and your generosity which has supported this project so far. To date, we have raised more than \$17,500, which is already half of the full amount. Due to the urgency of this situation with summer around the corner, it has been decided that we will cover the rest of the cost using money from our long term saving account with the view to undertake further fundraisers and activities to return the used money to the parish within 12 months. There are already arrangements underway for an activity which will provide us with a new regular income which will be communicated to you shortly. Please be assured that, together with the finance committee, I am working to make sure that we have multiple of sources of income for the parish to support the many projects we undertake. We still greatly appreciate and need your support, prayers and donations. If you wish to contribute towards this project, there are still envelopes at the back of the church or please contact one of our priests or the parish office.

We are also aware that air-conditioning has running costs, so before we install it I wanted to ensure the power bill will not deplete the parish finances and be prohibitive to use. As you may be aware we received a bequest from one of our departed parishioners, and have be keeping this money in our long term deposit account. The interest has not been justifiably profitable and therefore, together with the finance committee and parish council, I have decided to invest some of this money into solar panels. By doing this, we will save between \$5000-\$7000 every year, which means that after 4-5 years it will have paid for itself and will continue to save the parish a significant amount of money into the future, as well as cover the ongoing expenses.

I feel confident that this and other projects in the parish will be very well received by you and you will continue to show the parish your support. All that I do is for you and this parish community to make sure that not just the spiritual needs but also the physical needs of those who are here are met.

Together with the parish staff, we have been working hard to make sure you feel welcome, and the environment is conducive to you encountering Jesus, therefore nourished spiritually.

I ask that you please keep in your prayers the finance committee, parish council and all the parish staff, that we may continue to work together to make this parish community grow more in love for God and for our neighbour.

Yours in Christ Fr Greg Skulski SDS Parish Priest

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

The students and staff at the 3 Catholic Schools return to school for the final term of the school year. We wish them all well, and pray for their success in the coming term.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING SUNDAY EVENING 7:00PM AFTER MASS. MEETING IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS'

MELBOURNE CUP EVENT

[First in best dressed [excuse the pun!]]. Tuesday November 3 from 11.30am at St Pats in the Jordan Room for lunch, sweeps and the big race! Please book with Barbara on 4322 0250 or Eunice on 0438 272 141. Only 20 spaces available!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK AND ALVIRA

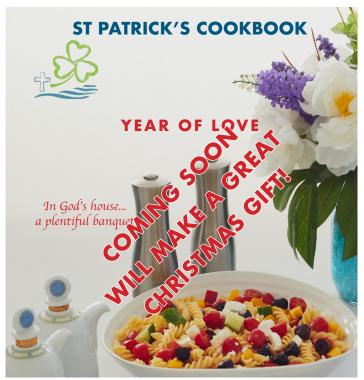
This Saturday at Mass Fr Greg will perform a blessing over the Marriage of Mark William Bennett & Elvira Bennett. We all wish them well on the occasion of this wonderful blessing.

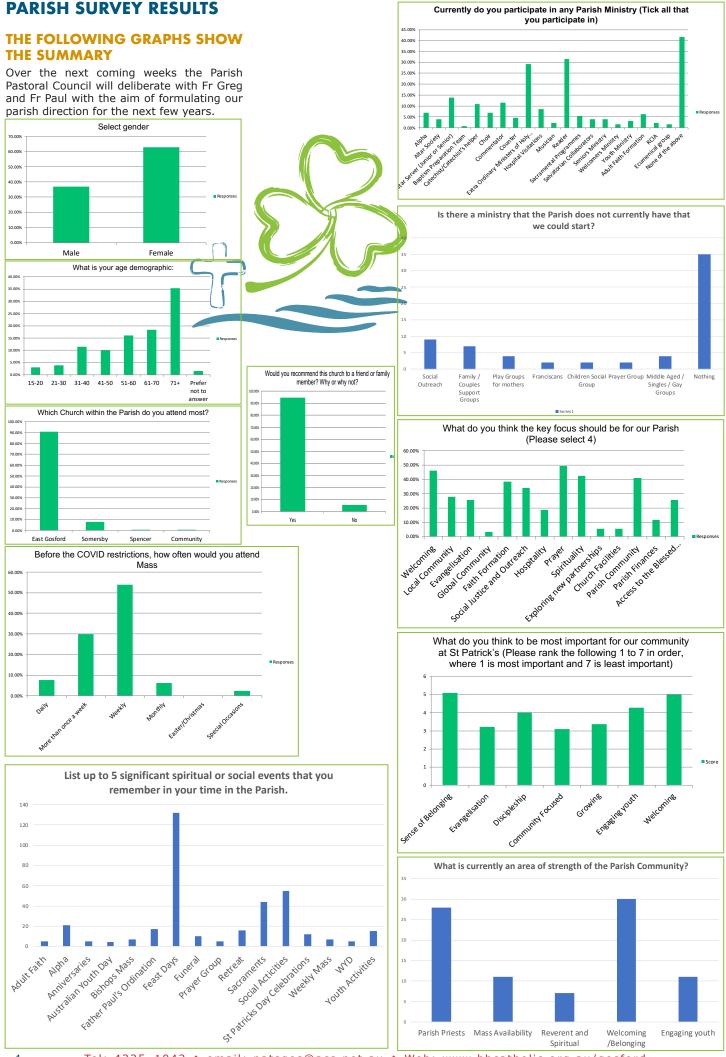
THE LEBANON COLLECTION

The Lebanon collection totalled \$1,005 – which will be forwarded on your behalf to Aid to the Church in Need. **Thank you**!

THANK YOU

To Mark Bennett for his great work cleaning the concrete in front of the presbytery. Mark is such a wonderful worker and has done a magnificent job. See Marks advertisement on the back page, he is an awesome brick and block layer.







Who:

Young Adults (aged 18-35) What:

Freely, Fully, Faithfully and Fruitfully: A **Conversation on Catholic Marriage**

Guest Speaker:

Deacon Adrian Gomez

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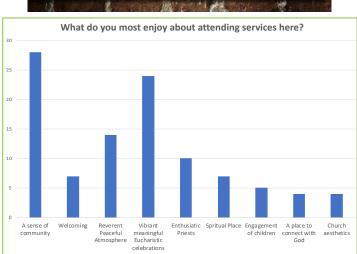
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A growing

families.

Saturday, 17 October, 6.30PM Where:

St Patrick's School Library, East Gosford

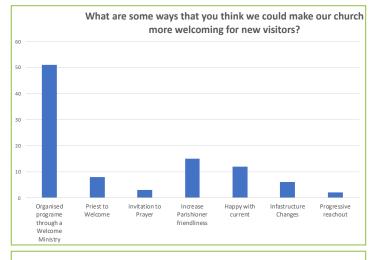


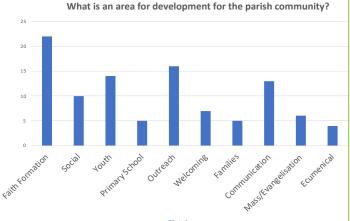
WHAT IF ANYTHING, WOULD YOU CHANGE ABOUT **ATTENDING SERVICES HERE?**

There was very little consistency in the comments related to suggested changes to services.

There was some comment about ensuring that the music remains relevant and engaging allowing parishioners to participate. The Parish is also encouraged to continue to find ways to engage youth in the parish.

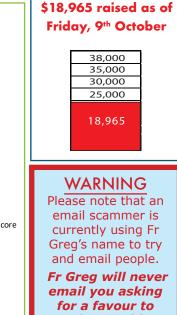
The vast majority of comments indicated that there is no need to change anything and that services are welcoming and engaging.





A Church for the future: Where would you like St Patrick's to be in 10 years? (Please rank the following statements 1 to 8 in order, where 1 is most important and 8 is least important)

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Air Conditioning

Patrick's Primary School

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PS 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

of Israel.

FIRST READING

IS 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 22. R. V.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for THIS WEEK ever and ever.

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord St Teresa of Jesus all the days of my life.

SECOND READING

PHIL 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

But with you is found forgiveness, O God I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION SEE EPH 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MT 22:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Thursday Oct 15 Saturday Oct 17

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

1st: Is 45:1, 4 - 6 2nd: Thess 1:1 - 5 Gospel: Mt 22:15 - 21

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY **BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA**

The passage from Isaiah depicts a scene of permanent victory, abundant feasting and life without end. The setting is a high mountain from which the power and the munificence of God are made manifest, and a sumptuous eschatological banquet is prepared. The rich foods mentioned are symbols of the fullness of life. It is also on this mountain that God destroys death, along with the pall and shroud, symbols of death. This is a time when all promises are fulfilled, a time of ultimate salvation. This eschatological fulfilment embraces not only the entire human race, but the natural world as well. Finally, on that day of eschatological fulfilment, the people acclaim the God to whom they looked for salvation.

The responsorial psalm, one of the most familiar and beloved psalms of the Psalter, paints vivid pictures of carefree existence, peaceful rest, and abundant fruitfulness. Although 'shepherd' suggests a flock rather than merely one sheep, here the focus is on the individual. The magnanimous care shown by the shepherd flows from enduring righteousness rather than from some passing sentiment of the heart. The divine shepherd's tender commitment to the flock, and to each individual within it, is as lasting as is God's covenant commitment. The psalmist claims to be unafraid, for the presence of the Lord is reassuring. In addition to this image, God is characterised as a host who supervises a banquet, and within whose house the psalmist ultimately dwells.

Paul is not referring to the ordinary trials and sufferings of life. He is talking about the tribulations that will engulf all people at the onslaught of the endtime. This suffering, known as the 'birth pangs of the Messiah', stems from the apocalyptic conclusion of this age. The avenue through which Paul enters this time of tribulation is the burdens of the ministry. The help offered by the Philippians was not merely philanthropic assistance. They participated in Paul's ministerial endeavours and his distress, the tribulations of the endtime. Therefore, they are promised a share in the glory of the new age. Paul concludes by praising the glory that has been God's from the beginning and that will continue to be God's from age to age.

Jesus uses a parable to illustrate the severe consequences of refusing the invitation to a royal wedding banquet. The culpable negligence or indifference of those originally called was tantamount to political insubordination. The wedding garment probably represented some aspect of righteousness. The banquet is a metaphor for the delights of the eschatological age of fulfilment (see Is 25:6). The time between the initial invitation and the announcement that the banquet is ready resembles the interim between the invitation to participate in the age of fulfilment and one's entrance into it. Finally, the punishment meted out by the king suggests the final judgment and the distress that will accompany it.

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YOURR	OSTER - (OCTOBER	18 TH , 29	TH SUNDA	Y OF ORDI	NARY TIME
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	8:45am	10:15pm	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	17.10.20	18.10.20	18.10.20	18.10.20	18.10.20	17.10.20
Audio/Visual	Cheryl Parry	Michael Lynch	Greg McBride	Tom Croll	Youth	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Robert Biviano Peter Young	Eunice Dal Busco Sheila Evans	Katrina Pratt Jay Sutton	Peter McLean Peter Cho	Kevin O'Donnell Peter Forbes	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Commentator	Terry Cooke	Josie McGuinness	John Miller	Emily Rudd	Youth	Alyce Chin
Lectors	Val Dibben	Chris Golden	Frances Mathey	Emily Rudd	Youth	Nai Herford
	Maisie Tenev	Anne Lovett	Keith Quinn	Liz Malik	Robyn Nevin	Marisa Xuereb
Extraordinary	Rosemary Lee	Gerard Price	Isobel O'Neill	Stephanie Trevenen	Paul Russotti	Jane Azzopardi
Ministers of				Katie Moss		+ Senior Server
The Eucharist						
Altar						Matthew Xuereb
Servers						Alex Camilleri
						Flowers:
						Jane Azzopardi
COUNTERS 12/10/20 Eunice Dal Busco Neryl Tyrrell David Slingsby 19/10/20 Gary Smith Joyce Byrne Ron Begg	ALTAR LINEN P/up Oct 12. Thea Dowsett Ret'n Oct 16.	ALTAR SOCIETY Sat, Oct 17 Maree Nolan Anna Neale Pauline Nesbitt Ros Moriarty Margaret Pratt	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday Oct 18 10:15 Mass Viola Kim Milen Shuu	PARISH BUS Oct 18 Driver: Brian Jay Helper Ellen McNally		HOSPITAL VISITATION In Recess due to COVID

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Mary Powell, Phillip Halpin, Allan Mathieson, Marie Allman, Kevin Parish, Rae Brady, Paul Sheeran, Anne Lawler, Jenny Schindler-Stuart, Pat Low, Bill Champley, Patrick Brennan, Peter Harrison, Fran Thompson, Leonie Barnes, Judy Ryan, Peter Gloss, Marie O'Donovan, Megan McGowan, 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 Gunnlson, Sonia Cummings, Helen Bligh.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Charlie Clement, Vittorio Erbeni, Mario Astolfi, Bob Martin, Annelise Hiep, Kenneth & Elsie Cooper, Prisintacion Horilla, Dorothy Hunt.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

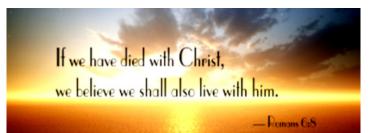
Brian Fitzgerald, Merril O'Toole, Crispina Campilan, Patrick Taggart, Marina Bellato.

REMEMBRANCES:

Beatriz Lajato, Effie Fernandes, Mary Rizzo, Thelma Tate, Sydney Van Ross, Ronald Freeman, Friquet Family, Michael Kokegei.

CONDOLENCE

We offer our condolences to Cliff Fitzgerald, and his family on the passing of Cliff's brother, Brian Fitzgerald. Brian will be sorely missed by all. May God hold them in the palms of hi s hands.



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE								
Date	Mass	Intention		Date	Mass	Intention		
Sat 10/10	9:00am Gosford	Release from Suffering ELIZABETH CORNISH		Wed 14/10	11:30am Gosford	For a Successful Operation CHRIS HUIE		
Sat 10/10	4:00pm Spencer	BEATRIZ LAJATO sford + Recently Deceased MRS ANNE NIXON		Thu 15/10	9:00am Gosford	For Good Health for MURRAY		
Sat 10/10	5:00pm Gosford			Fri 16/10	12:00pm On Line	For a Successful Operation CATH GOUDIE		
				Sat 17/10	9:00am Gosford	Recently Deceased BRIAN FITZGERALD		
Sat 10/10	5:30pm Somersby							
Sun 11/10	7:30 am Gosford	+ Anniversary VITTORIO ERBENI + Remembrances THELMA TATE & SYDNEY VAN ROSS Recently Deceased MARINA BELLATO		Sat 17/10	5:00 pm Gosford	+ 3RD Anniversary ANNALIESE HIEP		
Sun 11/10	8:45 am Gosford			Sat 17/10	5:30 am Somersby	+ 1ST Anniversary CHARLIE CLEMENT		
Sun 11/10	10:15 am Gosford			Sun 18/10	7:30 am Gosford	+ Remembrance MARY RIZZO		
Sun 11/10	6:00 pm Gosford	+ Remembrance EFFIE FERNANDES		Sun 18/10	8:45 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS		
Mon 12/10	9:00am Gosford &	+ 1st Anniversary		Sun 18/10	10:15 am Gosford	Birthday Blessings "KYRIE"		
On Line	DOROTHY HUNT		Sun 18/10	6:00 pm Gosford	+ Remembrances			
Tue 13/10	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversaries ELSIE & KENNETH COOPER				RONALD FREEMAN & FRIQUET FAMILY		

