

also preparing for the second coming of Christ at the end of time. In fact the word "Advent" means "coming." During this season, we are reminded that Christ is coming back, and we look forward to that time with great anticipation and hope as we prepare to be ready.

There are many things happening in our parish as we approach Christmas this year, and I would like to share them with you in this letter and in the one next week.

This weekend, with a short video at each Mass, we will launch the parish Welcoming Committee. I would like to thank all of you who accepted the

invitation to join the committee. Let us pray that our parish is a place that welcomes everyone who wishes to encounter Christ in their lives, and that they feel at home in our church and our community.

'Make straight the paths of the Lord."

**FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS** 

"Jesus proclaims momentous Good News and unabatingly

pursues us with his call to union with him and with each

and all." SD II/98

I would like to invite all parishioners who are involved in different ministries in our parish to join Fr Paul and me on Friday 11th December at 7pm for a Thanksgiving Mass offered for our volunteers. Regrettably, this year we will not be able to gather for supper after the Mass because of the COVID-19 restrictions, but please don't doubt that we are very grateful to all of you for your support and hard work to make our parish and our Eucharistic celebrations more beautiful. Please join us on this night!

As you have probably already noticed, our piety shop has a new and fresh look. In the near future it will have new items in stock and next year it will have new fittings. With many changes and expectations from the diocese I have had to make the decision that our parish will now take on the responsibility for the running of the piety shop. I have

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER 2020 INTENTION Artificial Intelligence We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind..

therefore met with the St Vincent de Paul leaders in our parish and offered them permanent and, I believe, more beneficial financial support. In addition our parish will commit to supporting all of their appeals throughout the year and much more. Parishioners who were helping at the piety shop in the past will be asked to come at the beginning of next year for a meeting and will be invited to help in the future. Our new piety shop will be operating in a new way and will be connected with both our welcoming and fund-raising committees. I am aware that changes and new projects always bring many concerns and questions, but I would like to assure you that all of the decisions about future innovations in our church and ministries are always thoroughly discussed and prayerfully discerned with the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee.

We want to build up our parish as a place where all generations will be welcomed and feel at home. Let us entrust our parish and all future projects to the intercession of our patron, St Patrick, that in this Year of Hope our parish community will be a place for many to discover Jesus in their lives as the only true HOPE of this world.

To conclude this message, I would like to wish many blessings to all of you who celebrate birthdays or other special occasions this week. God bless you!, Fr Greg

#### 76 York St East Gosford NSW 2250



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> > Denise Jay 9:00am – 3:30pm

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Office Admin: Fridav: AV Presentation:

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Caretakers:

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#### **SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

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School Principals

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## NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

Mrs Cheryl Walsh 4325 1159

Mr Tony McCudden 4324 4022

Mr Tim Hilderbrandt 43512344

4321 6400

#### **LEADERSHIP, MONITORING & IMPROVEMENT**

Mr Mark Bonnici

STANDARD 1 - COMMITTED LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & CULTURE

#### KEY ELEMENTS OF STANDARD 1:

ዮ A COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

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

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

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| <b>Mon:</b> 9:00am                    | Wed: 11:30am Fri:  | 12:00pm            |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Tue:</b> 9:00am                    | Thu: 9:00am Sat:   | 9:00am             |  |  |  |  |
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|                                       | ROSARY   |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Mon, & Thu                            | 8:05am to 9:00am   |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday                               | 8:05am "Right to Life"   |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday                             | 11:05am to 11:30am   |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Fridays                               | 11:35am to 12:00pm   | insta O. Dalisiana |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday                              | 8:05am until 9:00am: 1st Priests & Religiou<br>2nd Mothers & Babie<br>3rd Persecuted Christian |                    |  |  |  |  |
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| ST PATR                               | ICK'S GROUPS MEETI   |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Cancer Prayer<br>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<br>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<br>Christian Unity        | 9:30am 3rd Monday of the Month   |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Prayer Group DVDs                     | 9:30am 1st Monday of the Month   |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Prayer Group &<br>Bible Discussion    | 9:30am 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday of the Month  |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Bible Study -<br>Monday night         | 7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday, in the Jordan Room, all are welcome!                                  |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Bible Study -<br>Wednesday<br>Morning | 10:00am, Wednesdays in the Jordan Room.<br>Will recommence in 2021.                            |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Salvatorian<br>Colaborators           | After 9:00am Mass, 1st Thursday of the month, in the Jordan room.                              |                    |  |  |  |  |
| Womens Faith<br>Circle                | 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month in the Jordan Room 9:00am to 11:00am                         |                    |  |  |  |  |

## **SAFEGUARDING OFFICER HILARY POPE**

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## PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES - BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

| ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SOMERSBY |                          |                     | Bookings Open from 7:00pm Sunday 6/12/20 |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| 5:30 pm                       | Family Mass              | Chapel (fully open) | https://www.trybooking.com/BNKCP         |  |  |
| St Patrick's Gosford          |                          |                     |  |  |  |
| 5:00 pm                       | Family Mass              | In the church       | https://www.trybooking.com/BNKAR         |  |  |
| 7:00 pm                       | Family Mass              | In the Church       | https://www.trybooking.com/BNKAV         |  |  |
| 8:45 pm                       | Youth Mass In the church |                     | https://www.trybooking.com/BNKBK         |  |  |
| 10:30 pm                      |                          | In the Church       | https://www.trybooking.com/BNKBW         |  |  |
| Midnight                      |                          | In the Church       | https://www.trybooking.com/BNKBY         |  |  |
| 7:30 am                       |                          | In the Church       | https://www.trybooking.com/BNKCD         |  |  |
| 8:45 am                       |                          | In the church       | https://www.trybooking.com/BNKCE         |  |  |
| 10:15 am                      |                          | In the church       | https://www.trybooking.com/BNKCH         |  |  |
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PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2020 @ GOSFORD PARISH

The latest announcement from the NSW government hasn't been released as a public health order as yet. The current public health order states, the number we are allowed in a church which is 130 according to the 4m2 rule, however, it has allowed that we may have up to 500 outdoors.

We all know that there is a greater presence at Christmas Masses and a decision on how we approach accommodating extra numbers had to be made and below you will find our Mass times and beside an indication of the location at both Somersby and Gosford.

What should be noted is that if a 2 per m2 is brought in, ALL Masses will be in the church. If the situation remains static, we will have some Masses outdoors [and pray for good weather] and some indoors, and we will announce whether bookings will need to be made through Trybooking. See the links above.

Christmas Cupcakes and Glices

**ON SALE AFTER EACH MASS** 



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Food Parcels: Please bring your food parcels into the Church next weekend or before.
- St Patrick's School Mass in the School Grounds 15th December at 10:30 am
- 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 17th December at 7:00 pm in St Patrick's. Also at Woy Woy on 16th, Kincunber on 21st and Wyoming on 22nd.

## MASS OF THANKSGIVING

## FOR ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS -

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 11 @ 7PM

Unfortunately there is no opportunity for our usual post Mass celebration but we are hoping that you all come along for our Mass offering our prayers of thanksgiving for your devotion to service in the parish.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALONE

#### DECEMBER 25 FROM 12NOON.

If you would like to attend the Christmas Lunch for the lonely at St Patrick's Hall on Christmas Day please book by calling the Parish Office. Due to COVID we are restricting numbers to 20 only so it is very important to book.

If you won't be attending but would like to assist with costs by making a small donation, please just pop some money marked Christmas Lunch and place it in the receptacle available at any time.



hamper appeal organised by Fr.Greg, on our behalf. For those parishioners who traditionally help with monetary donations, appeal envelopes will be on the seats next week and be available for the following 2 weeks.



## A NEW METHOD FOR COLLECTIONS BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND

To keep in line with other parishes and as our collections have decreased considerably we will be reintroducing collections via the 'plate' but this time it will be a bag which will be passed in front of you via a pole so that you don't have to touch something that someone else has touched. We hope that you will react favourably to this in support of your parish.

We are aware that many people have converted to monthly planned giving via their bank, or even direct giving which is our preferred method of giving and we thank them sincerely. If you would like to give in either of these ways please simply contact the parish office to arrange it.

Tap n Go is also available in the foyer.

## IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE

## DIGITAL CHECK IN NOW MANDATORY

#### **EFFECTIVE MONDAY NOVEMBER 23.**

The NSW Government has introduced mandatory digital registration from Monday November 23 via two methods:

For those who have a smart phone please download the Service NSW app to allow you to hover your app over the QR code which will be displayed in the foyer.

If the app is downloaded and you are registered it will be a very quick process to check in.

If you do not have a phone to download the app you will check in in the usual way but please print clearly as

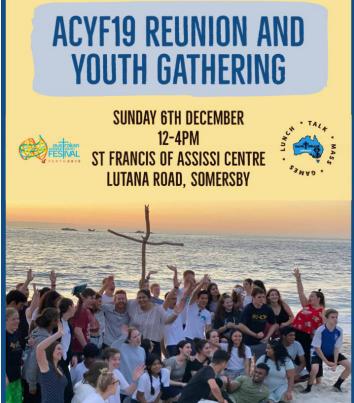
your information has to be transferred onto a digital registration platform by the Parish Office.

Below is the QR code to commence your registration today!



## CHRISTMAS CLEANING OF OUR CHURCH

Mark your calendars! Tuesday December 22 following the 9am Mass. Our delicious morning tea will still be on offer though we may have to be separated to enjoy it.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Today, in our liturgical calendar, we remember St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions. In 1988, Pope John Paul II canonised 117 martyrs who had died for the faith at various times in Vietnam. It is a rather remarkable group of the faithful. Of the 117 people, 96 were Vietnamese, 11 were Spaniards, and 10 were French. Apart from the variety of nationalities, this group of martyrs comprised eight bishops, 50 priests, and 59 of Christ's lay faithful. There was also one seminarian. I am constantly reminded by this commemoration that testimony to the faith is part and parcel to the Christian vocation. The ultimate testimony is to shed one's blood. In John's Gospel, Jesus lays out the pattern for discipleship, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:12-14) Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and the Vietnamese martyrs are a marvellous example of putting the words of Jesus into action. Throughout our community of the Church, there are many Catholics, from Vietnam, and from other nations around the world where the freedom of Religion is under threat. Many individuals and families have suffered and have living memory of those sufferings, and yet they continue to make a vital contribution to the mission of the Church in our local community. Suffering is always a challenge, and yet these martyrs encourage us not to be engulfed by the burden of pain or hopelessness. Their example of faith is the encouragement that I believe we need in uncertain times. This week, I would like to offer a word of gratitude to the many people in our community of the Church, who, despite their suffering offer us encouragement and hope. Martyrdom can be lived in so many ways, through many little deaths in life. Ultimately our faith helps make sense of them, and with a sense of hope in Jesus, each one of us can be inspired to offer our lives in testimony to the Good News of Jesus Christ. We take inspiration from Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, my brothers and sisters, so that we may never lose hope.

Blessings on your week,+Anthony



The Salvatorians invite you to a

## IGIL MASS

**TO CELEBRATE** THE SALVATORIAN FOUNDATION DAY AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE FUTURE BEATIFICATION OF **FR FRANCIS JORDAN** AND THE EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENT OF **BISHOP KAROL KULCZYCKI SDS** 

**MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 6PM ST PATRICK'S EAST GOSFORD PARISH** [76 YORK ST, EAST GOSFORD, NSW]

unfortunately unable to gather together for dinner after the Mass



## PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUPS

## **DVD SCREENING AND PRAYER GROUP**

First Monday of every month a screening of a Religious / Faith inspired DVD followed by discussion. This month:

The last of Fulton Sheen DVD......The Woman I Love.

#### **BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP**

Second, fourth and fifth Monday of the month, after the 9.00 am Mass. Readings of Luke's Gospel as reflected on by Father Dolindo Ruotolo.

## PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Third Monday, of the month 9:30 am in the Jordan Room.

#### **CANCER SUPPORT PRAYER GROUP**

Last Tuesday of each month, after the 9.00 am Mass in the Jordan Room, for those who are suffering from Cancer, (or any other illness) and/or friends and family. An opportunity to talk about their illness if desired, Scripture reading and prayer. Approximately 1/2 to 1 hour.

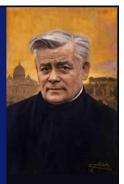
## **GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT PRAYER** GROUP

First Thursday of each month, at 2.00 pm in the Jordan Room, for anyone grieving who would like the opportunity to talk, pray and have a cuppa. Approximately 1 hour

## SALVATORIAN COLLABORATORS.

First Thursday of each month, after the 9.00 am Mass, in the Jordan Room.

Prayers for the Salvatorian Family and for Vocations, especially to the Priesthood; education from writings of Venerable Father Francis Jordan; discussion re areas where help can be given to Priests in their pastoral work and initiatives.



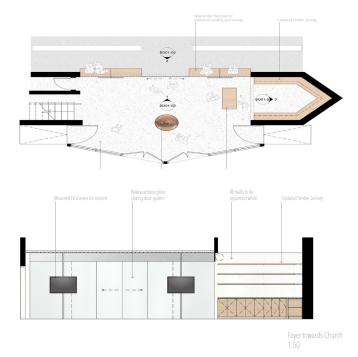
Do not rest content until all know, love and serve Jesus as their saviour.



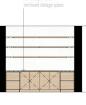
#### **NEW FOYER CONCEPT DESIGN**

The new concept for the foyer is now available to view. Please see the initial consultation concept design on our web site.

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford/our-parish/welcome







Piety Stall toward Street 1:50





These designs and images are samples to show the look and feel of the proposed new fover.

The final design will include the existing etched glass and other bequeathed and donated items.



#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

#### CF. IS 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## **FIRST READING**

#### IS 40:1-5. 9-11

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

## Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes."

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### PS 84:9-14. R. V.8

#### (R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

#### (R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

#### (R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

grant us your salvation.

#### SECOND READING

#### 2 PT 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

#### We wait for new heavens and a new **REFLECTION** earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### LK 3:4.6

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

#### MK 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

#### Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

#### BAR 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to vou from God.

#### **BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA**

In the wilderness God's salvation comes to a broken people. In the midst of what is seemingly an impossible situation, hope emerges with vigour. In this context, hope is an openness to surprise, the surprise that God is in no way limited to the imaginings of human minds and the consequences of human history. This is the kind of hope that is proclaimed in the wilderness by John; it is the kind of hope that trusts that from the impossible, God can work a new creation.

There is something of a time warp in Christianity. What is future is made present. The prophetic oracle announces the future as if it is already happening. This sense of the future-present prompts new ways of living. As the future takes root in human lives, the present is transformed into a new creation and the Day of the Lord appears.

God's future comes through the wilderness into the broken city and inspires a brokenhearted people. The contrite heart is a broken heart, an emptied-out heart, a hope-filled heart. It is a heart that is unencumbered by the past and that lives currently in the passing of time and the fragility of being alive. The contrite, broken heart can be filled only by what is promised in the future. This is the paradox of Advent. In the middle of the wilderness, God works the impossible in those whose hearts are ready for the surprise of hope.

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#### THIS WEEK

#### **MONDAY 07/12**

St Ambrose, bishop, doctor **TUESDAY 08/12** 

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### NEXT WEEKS READINGS

| 1st:        | ls 61:1-2, 10:11 |
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| <b>2nd:</b> | 1 THES 5:16-24   |
| Gospel:     | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  |



(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and

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| YOUR ROSTER - DECEMBER 13, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B  |  |   |   |  |                  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|------------------|--|
| MASS  | <b>VIGIL 5:00</b>  | 7:30am  | 8:45am  | 10:15pm  | 6:00pm           | Somersby - 5:30  |
| DATE  | 12.12.20   | 13.12.20  | 13.12.20  | 13.12.20   | 13.12.20         | 12.12.20   |
| Audio/Visual  | Robert Biviano   | Ron Begg  | Greg McBride  | Arthur Holland   | Youth            | Michael Xuereb   |
| Acolytes  | Bernie Pannell   | Alan Pont   | Gerard Nicholls   | Alan Dillon  | Ange Stitt       | Altar Society:   |
|   | Peter Young  | Sheila Evans  | Jay Sutton  | Katrina Pratt  | Patrick Nicholls | Vicki Muscat   |
| Commentator   | Hilary Pope  | Josie McGuinness  | John Miller   | Liz Malik  | Youth            | Joanne Comensoli                                       |
| Lectors   | Jacob Curcio   | Chris Golden  | Frances Mathey  | Wendy Stringer   | Youth            | Peter Chin   |
|   | Val Dibben   | Anne Lovett   | Robyn McBride   | Ellen Antonino   | Kevin O'Donnell  | Alyce Chin   |
| Extraordinary   | Fiona Bolton   | Neryl Tyrrell   | Frances Mathey  | Stephanie Trevenen   | Sherree Sullivan | Jane Azzopardi   |
| Ministers of  |  |   |   | Katie Moss   |                  | + Senior Server  |
| The Eucharist   |  |   |   |  |                  |  |
| Altar   |  |   |   |  |                  | Matthew Xuereb   |
| Servers   |  | ĺ   |   |  |                  | Alex Camilleri   |
|   |  |   |   |  |                  | Flowers:   |
|   |  |   |   |  |                  | Carmel Xuereb  |
|   |  |   |   |  |                  |  |
| COUNTERS<br>7/12/20<br>Gary Smith<br>Fiona Eaton<br>Lyn Beglin<br>14/12<br>Eunice Dal Busco<br>Marie Cradock<br>Diana addis | ALTAR<br>LINEN<br>P/up Dec 7.<br>Thea Dowsett<br>Ret'n by Dec 11 | ALTAR<br>SOCIETY<br>Sat, Dec 5<br>Audrey Morris<br>Thea Dowsett<br>Anne-Marie<br>Nicholls<br>Fran Thompson<br>Barbara Mills | CHILDRENS<br>LITURGY<br>Sunday Dec 6<br>Suzanne Simpkins<br>Jacqueline Hilton | PARISH BUS<br>Dec 06<br>Driver:<br>Sherree Sullivan<br>Helper<br>Pauline Nesbitt |                  | HOSPITAL<br>VISITATION<br>Suspended due to<br>COVID-19 |

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

Pam O'Malley-Jones, Raie Brady, Judith Wennerbom, Jenny Schrama-Stuart, Pat Low, Patrick Brennan, Peter Harrison, Leonie Barnes, Judy Ryan, Peter Gloss, Marie O'Donovan, Megan McGowan, Kellie Nevin, Charlie Sammut, Rachael Lees, 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.

## **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Alex Iwasaki, Gennaro Coppa, Fabri Ghazi, Barbara Donnelly, Dennis Piggins, Judy Powell.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

James McCarthy, Joseph NG Wah, Jose Bembo.

## **REMEMBRANCES:**

Ric McGuire, Keevers, Knight & Merchant Families, Effie Fernandes.

## **CONDOLENCES:**

Our sincere condolences are extended to the Iwasaki family on the recent loss of husband and father, Alex whose funeral took place at St Patrick's last week. We keep you all in our prayers.



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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----------|------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Date                                  | Mass                           | Intention   |           | Date             | Mass                         | Intention   |
| Sat 05/12                             | 9:00am Gosford &<br>On Line    | Anniversary of Ordination<br>FR DAVID STRONG                  |           | Wed 09/12        | 11:30am Gosford<br>& On Line | Recently Deceased FABRI GHAZI                     |
| Sat 05/12                             | 5:00pm Gosford                 | A Blessed Marriage<br>DEON LE ROUX & LARAVAN ZYL              |           | Thu 10/12        | 9:00am Gosford &<br>On Line  | + Remembrance KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES |
| Sat 05/12                             | 5:30am Somersby                |   |           | Fri 11/12        | 12:00pm Gosford<br>& On Line | + Remembrances<br>EFFIE FERNANDES                 |
| Sun 06/12                             | 7:30 am Gosford                | Prayers for BRIAN PHEMISTER<br>Recently Deceased ALEX IWASAKI |           | Sat 12/12        | 9:00am Gosford &<br>On Line  | Recently Deceased<br>FARIBA GHAZI                 |
| Sun 06/12                             | 8:45 am Gosford                |   |           |                  |                              |   |
| Sun 06/12                             | 10:15 am Gosford               | PARISH INTENTIONS   |           | Sat 12/12        | 5:00pm Gosford               | A Blessed Marriage<br>DEON LE ROUX & LARAVAN ZYL  |
| Sun 06/12                             | 6:00 pm Gosford                |   |           | Sat 12/12        | 5:30am Somersby              |   |
| Mon 07/12                             | 9:00am Gosford &               | + Birthday Remembrance  |           | ,                | ,                            |   |
| On Line                               |                                | RIC McGUIRE   |           | Sun 13/12        | 7:30 am Gosford              |   |
| Tue 08/12 9:00am Gosford &<br>On Line |                                |   | Sun 13/12 | 8:45 am Gosford  |                              |   |
|                                       | and further blessings<br>MARIA |   | Sun 13/12 | 10:15 am Gosford | PARISH INTENTIONS            |   |
|                                       |                                |   |           | Sun 13/12        | 6:00 pm Gosford              |   |

