

St Patrick's Parish Gosford



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in God!
Psalm 42:5

St Patrick's Year of Hope

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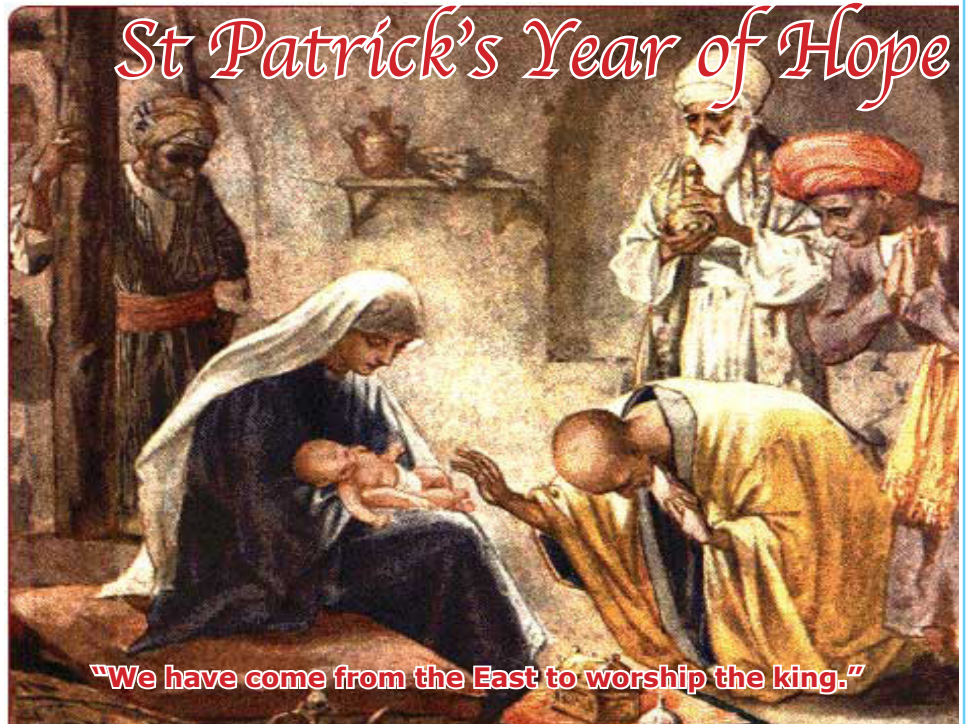
ADVERTISEMENT – POSITION VACANT

CATECHIST COORDINATOR, GOSFORD PARISH

Part Time Role: 8 hours per week

The Catholic Parish of Gosford requires a committed person to lead the Special Religious Education (SRE) ministry in the Parish. This involves supporting the catechists; coordinating classes and resources; communicating with the various stakeholders at the schools, Parish and Chancery; and looking after the administration of the ministry in the Parish.

The successful applicant should be enthusiastic for the work of SRE, and be able to inspire and direct the catechists in their implementation of classroom programs and the organisation of activities beyond the classroom, in the spirit of the Parish Pastoral Plan.



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"We have come from the East to worship the king."

SELECTION CRITERIA

As the successful candidate you will have the following skills and attributes:

1. An understanding of the Catholic Church, its mission and the sensitivities and nuances of dealing with various stakeholders;
2. An understanding of Catholic SRE, Scripture, Tradition and contemporary SRE ministry programs;
3. Sound experience as a Catechist or Religious Education teacher;
4. Excellent interpersonal and communication (both written and oral) skills, including negotiation, consultation and the ability to facilitate collaborations between the parish and public schools;
5. High level skills in contemporary computer applications including the Microsoft office suite;
6. Excellent organisational skills and the ability to reprioritise and reorganise priorities.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: JANUARY 29, 2020

Applications should be emailed to patsgos@acs.net.au and include:

- Cover letter
- Statement addressing the selection criteria
- Resume

The successful applicant must be eligible to work in Australia; hold a current unrestricted driver's licence; and will be required to undertake a pre-employment National Police History Check and WWCC.



**POPE FRANCIS'
JANUARY 2021
INTENTION**

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May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Everyone should carry the other's burden and ease the other's load as far as possible... Do not make life burdensome for one another."
JT 1898/12/31



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. MAL 3:1; 1 CHR 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

FIRST READING

IS 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. SEE V.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

(R.)

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

(R.)

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

(R.)

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING

EPH 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MT 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. MT 2:2

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

This is the first of four passages (49:1-

6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12) traditionally known as the servant songs. They are unique poems wherein God identifies this mysterious figure as 'my servant'. The servant has been endowed with God's own spirit and empowered to act within the community in some unique fashion according to the particular needs of the community. Here the servant has been called to bring forth justice to the nations, a justice that is a source of consolation. This mission is clearly determined by God, not by the servant himself. The passage describes the deliverance of the whole world, not merely the rescue of Israel from its particular bondage. The universalism here cannot be denied.

The hymn of praise describes the Lord as sovereign over the heavens and the earth. Unlike most psalms of this kind, the call is addressed to heavenly not human beings. The scene is the celestial court when the divine council (the Hebrew reads 'sons of God') assembles. They are there in attendance, and they are called on to render honour to God. God's sovereignty is further manifested in the power that God exercises over the forces of nature. God did not need a heavenly army to quell the chaotic waters. God's commanding voice was powerful enough. All who are present in the heavenly court praise God with the joyous acclamation: 'Glory!' God reigns supreme forever as king of heaven and earth.

The scene in the reading from Acts is the house of Cornelius, a newly converted Roman centurion. Peter, an observant Jew, now realizes that 'God shows no partiality' and neither should he. It was a newly gained insight about God that changed his view of those who did not have Jewish ancestry. Jesus did not relegate anyone to the margins of society as the self-righteous purists might have done. He touched them; he healed them. Like Jesus, Peter was now moving in circumstances (contact with Gentiles) that were considered by some as being unclean. Like Jesus, he disregarded such a judgement and he refused to conform to such a manner of estrangement. Peter was convinced that with God there is no partiality.

The gospel consists of two parts: an identification of the central message of John's preaching; and a description of the baptism of Jesus by John. It is the gist of John's preaching that prompted commentators to label him a precursor. He not only comes before Jesus, but he prepares the people for him. He does this by contrasting himself and the baptism that he performs with Jesus and the baptism that he will bring. He does not hesitate emphasising his own inferiority in comparison with Jesus. John's baptism did not accomplish in Jesus what it might have accomplished in others, namely repentance for sin. It did provide him with what was far more meaningful, a divine affirmation of his messianic identity.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

1st: Is 42: 1 - 4, 6 - 7
2nd: Acts 10: 34 - 38
Gospel: Mt 2: 12 - 12

YOUR ROSTER - JANUARY 10, BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	8:45am	10:15pm	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:30
DATE	09.01.21	10.01.21	10.01.21	10.01.21	10.01.21	09.01.21
Audio/Visual	Anna Jung	Michael Lynch	Greg McBride	Arthur Holland	Required	Michael Xuereb
Acolytes	Peter Young Bernie Pannell	John Ryan Gerard Price	Gerard Nicholls Sheila Evans	Peter Cho Katrina Pratt	Kevin O'Donnell Peter Forbes	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Commentator	Hilary Pope	Ron Begg	Peter O'Neill	Liz Malik	Barbara McCarthy	Michael Monaghan
Lectors	Jacob Curcio Maisie Tenev	Ron Begg Eunice Dal Busco	John Miller Isobel O'Neill	Neil Murphy Wendy Stringer	Nora Koleszar Penny Gomez	Charlene Xuereb Jane Azzopardi
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Patricia Anderson Maisie Tenev	Neryl Tyrrell	Stephanie Trevenen	Liz Malik Tom Croll	Anna Llige	Maria Lentini + Senior Server
Altar Servers	<b style="color: red;">FROM MIDNIGHT JANUARY 2ND 2021. <b style="color: orange;">MASKS ARE MANDATORY IN CHURCHES. Until Further Notice!					Antoinette Xuereb Alex Camilleri Flowers: Carmel Xuereb
COUNTERS	ALTAR LINEN	ALTAR SOCIETY	CHILDRENS LITURGY	PARISH BUS		HOSPITAL VISITATION
11/01 Eunice Dal Busco Lyn Beglin Dianna Addis 18/01 Eunice Dal Busco Marie Cradock Joyce Byrne	P/up Jan 11. Josie Mc Guinness Ret'n by Jan 15	Sat, Jan 09 Audry Morris Thea Dowsett Anita Venn Susan Tabone Fran Thompson Barbara Mills	Sunday Jan 10 School Holidays	Jan 10 Driver: Sherree Sullivan Helper Pauline Nesbitt		Suspended due to 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 Gunnison, Sonia Cummings, Helen Bligh.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Sheeran, Pauline Howard, Angela Vitalie, Tina Luci, Wojciech Pietrzyk, Anthony Obied, Nikola Petrovic.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria & Paul Bigeni, Saverio Pirrottina, Alan Nolan, Grace & Lorenza Attard.

REMEMBRANCES:

Ric & Laura McGuire, Wally and Nancy Kirk, Moore & Maher Families, Lionel & Phyllis Owens, Janina & Adam Sztajner, Francine Luci, Daryl Collins, Magdalen McNamara, Paul Kim, Kung Ram Park, Knight & Merchant Families.



MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 02/01	9:00am Gosford & On Line	Recently Deceased Bernard Thompson	Thu 07/01	9:00am Gosford & On Line	+ Remembrance Francine Luci
Sat 02/01	5:00pm Gosford	50th Birthday Blessing RACHAEL McGRATH		6:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary Amelia Kolodziej
Sat 02/01	5:30am Somersby		Fri 08/01	12:00pm Gosford & On Line	
Sun 03/01	7:30 am Gosford	Birthday Remembrance AMELIA KOLODZIEJ	Sat 09/01	9:00am Gosford & On Line	
Sun 03/01	8:45 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 09/01	5:00pm Gosford	
Sun 03/01	10:15 am Gosford		Sat 09/01	5:30am Somersby	
Sun 03/01	6:00 pm Gosford		Sun 10/01	7:30 am Gosford	
Mon 04/01	9:00am Gosford	Anniversary JOSEPH VAZ	Sun 10/01	8:45 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Tue 05/01	9:00am Gosford & On Line	Personal Intention MATTHEW RICHARD STEPHENS	Sun 10/01	10:15 am Gosford	
Wed 06/01	11:30am Gosford & On Line		Sun 10/01	6:00 pm Gosford	

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