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in God!
Psalm 42:5

St Patrick's Year of Hope

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OFFICE HOURS:

THIS COMING WEEK

Monday, 11 and Friday 15 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 pm.

If you require a Priest at other times during this week please ring the office number 4325-1042, which will be automatically redirected to a Mobile phone that is with the priests.

CONGRATULATIONS

John and Babara Malicki on their 50th wedding anniversary, this Sunday, January 10, Fr Greg will bless them and their marriage at 6:00 pm Mass. We wish them well and pray for many more years together.

WE ARE HIRING

CATECHIST COORDINATOR

Reporting to: Parish Priest

The primary purpose of the Catechist Coordinator (CC) is to lead and support the catechists of the Gosford Parish (Parish) who provide Special Religious Education (SRE) to the Catholic Students in State Schools within the Parish.

To achieve this, the CC works under the direction of the Parish Priest and with the Parish team to provide coordinated support services to enhance the SRE ministry within the Parish.

Those interested should contact the Parish Office or talk to Fr Greg. A copy of the Position Description will be sent to you.



POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY 2021 INTENTION

Human fraternity

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.



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"You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

Table of Movable Feasts

2021

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| The Epiphany | 3 January 2021 |
| Baptism of the Lord | 10 January 2021 |
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| 1st Sunday of Lent | 21 February 2021 |
| Palm Sunday | 28 March 2021 |
| Good Friday | 2 April 2021 |
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| Pentecost Sunday | 23 May 2021 |
| Trinity Sunday | 30 May 2021 |
| Corpus Christi | 6 June 2021 |
| Sacred Heart of Jesus | 11 June 2021 |
| Christ the King | 21 Nov 2021 |
| 1st Sunday Advent | 28 Nov 2021 |
| Holy Family | 26 Dec 2021 |

**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY, 17 2021**

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. MT 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING

IS 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 28:1-4, 9-10, R. V.11

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord in his holy court.

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever.

(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING

ACTS 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come

to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SEE MK 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MK 1:7-11

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist 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.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God..

COMMENTARY

BY MARK O'BRIEN

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

The first reading from the book of Isaiah is the first of four so-called 'servant songs' that modern study of the book has identified in chapters 40-55. As has already been outlined in earlier commentaries, it is believed these chapters of the book of Isaiah are an addition to the prophecy of Isaiah of Jerusalem (First-Isaiah), who operated in the 8th century BCE. Isaiah 40-55 (Second-Isaiah) prophesies the return from the Babylonian exile and this took place in the second half of the 6th century BCE. Isaiah 56-66 is regarded as a post-exilic addition that seeks to explain why the promises of First- and Second-Isaiah have not been realised - it is due to

division among the people and infidelity to God. The four 'servant songs' are in 42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-9 and 52:13-53:12. The servant is introduced to the audience of the book in our reading and his mission is outlined - it is to bring God's justice to the nations. In the second part of our reading God addresses the servant personally and informs him of the mission.

In the second song, the servant provides as it were an initial 'report' on his mission and the difficulties encountered. But one needs to remember that this is a prophecy of something that will take place in God's good time. In this passage the servant is identified as Israel (49:3). In the third song the servant reaffirms his unswerving commitment to the mission whatever difficulties and rejection is encountered and in the final song a witness (a prophetic voice) tells (that is, 'prophesies') how this innocent and loyal servant's death is perceived by the nations to have been on their behalf. He dies for the sins of many and thereby justifies the many. One can see why New Testament writers saw Jesus as the one who fulfils this mission of Israel among the nations.

Psalm 28:1-4, 9-10

The responsorial psalm 28, according to a number of commentators, reflects a temple liturgy. The first stanza would have been sung as the liturgical procession approached the temple. There is the initial call to all ('sons of God') to acknowledge the Lord, in particular God's glory and power. The visible sign of this may well have been the temple that was being approached. As the procession entered the temple there is the call to proclaim the glory of God's name. The one who revealed his name to Israel is present in the temple ('his holy court'), invisibly enthroned above the cherubim. Once the name has been pronounced or shouted, the formal part of the liturgy commences with the congregation bowing in adoration ('adore the Lord'). The second stanza celebrates God's creative power, evoked in this psalm in the command (voice) that controls the teeming waters (a common Ancient Near East image of primeval chaos over which the creator god establishes order). Within the context of the temple liturgy, the evocation of the divine voice was presumably 'answered' in some ritual form (thus 'the God of glory thunders'). In response the congregation hails God as the eternal glorious king. This is presumably modelled on an earthly royal court where the cry is 'hail the king'.

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NEXT WEEKS READINGS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

1st: Sam 3: 3 - 10, 19
2nd: Cor 6: 13 - 15, 17 - 20
Gospel: Jn 1: 35 - 42

| YOUR ROSTER - JANUARY 17, 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| MASS | VIGIL 5:00 | 7:30am | 8:45am | 10:15pm | 6:00pm | Somersby - 5:30 |
| DATE | 16.01.21 | 17.01.21 | 17.01.21 | 17.01.21 | 17.01.21 | 16.01.21 |
| Audio/Visual | Cheryl Parry | Bernie Pannell | Greg McBride | Tom Croll | Lee Sullivan | Michael Xuereb |
| Acolytes | Peter Young Anna Jung | John McCrae Alan Pont | Gerard Nicholls Peter Cho | Katrina Pratt Peter McLean | Patrick Nicholls Kevin O'Donnell | Altar Society: Vicki Muscat |
| Commentator | Bridget Sharp | Eunice Dal Busco | Frances Mathey | Emily Rudd | Chris Golden | Joanne Comensoli |
| Lectors | Val Dibben Jan Blanch | Sheila Evans Ron Begg | Keith Quinn Peter O'Neill | Ellen Antonino Liz Malik | Barbara McCarthy Nora Koleszar | Judy Grenfell Mary Luci |
| Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist | Jan Blanch Maisie Tenev | Pam McCrae | Frances Mathey | Katie Moss Emily Rudd | Rick Llidge | Peter Chin + Senior Server |
| Altar Servers | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f0ff;"> <p>FROM MIDNIGHT JANUARY 2ND 2021.</p> <p>MASKS ARE MANDATORY IN CHURCHES.</p> <p>Until Further Notice!</p> </div> | | | | | Dakota Xuereb Natalia Luci Flowers: Nai Herford |
| COUNTERS 18/01 Eunice Dal Busco Marie Cradock Joyce Byrne 25/01 Gary Smith Trudi Hiep David Slingsby | ALTAR LINEN P/up Jan 18. Marie Cradock Ret'n by Jan 22 | ALTAR SOCIETY Thu, Jan 14 Marie Nolan Anna Neale Pauline Nesbitt Ros Moriarty Margaret Pratt | CHILDRENS LITURGY Sunday Jan 17 School Holidays | PARISH BUS Jan 17 Driver: Sherree Sullivan Helper Pauline Nesbitt | HOSPITAL VISITATION Suspended due to COVID-19 | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Judith Wennerbom, Marie O'Donovan, John Burg, Frank McGuinness.

As is the usual practice we have trimmed names from the sick list at the beginning of the year. Should you require names to be added back to the list, please advise the office.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Caterina Randazzo, Raie Brady, Paul Sheeran, Pauline Howard.

ANNIVERSARIES:

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

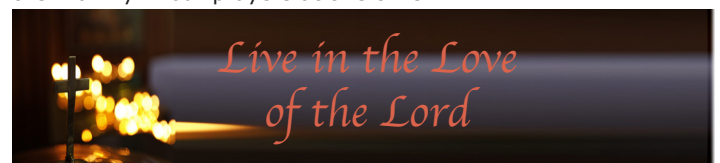
REMEMBRANCES:

Ric & Laura McGuire, Wally and Nancy Kirk, Moore & Maher Families

CONDOLENCES

To Bishop Anthony and his family on the recent passing of his mother Caterina. Bishop Anthony was unable to travel to Brisbane to attend Caterina's funeral service due to COVID-19 restrictions. Last Wednesday a Bishop Anthony Randazzo celebrated a Requiem Mass for Caterina Di Losa Randazzo at Broken Bay Cathedral. Father Greg and other priests attended the Requiem.

We ask you to continue to keep Caterina, Bishop Anthony and their family in our prayers at this time



MASS INTENTIONS

| Date | Mass | Intention |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sat 09/01 | 9:00am Gosford & on line | Recently Deceased Bernard Thompson |
| Sat 09/01 | 5:00pm Gosford | |
| Sat 09/01 | 5:30am Somersby | |
| Sun 10/01 | 7:30 am Gosford | |
| Sun 10/01 | 8:45 am Gosford | PARISH INTENTIONS |
| Sun 10/01 | 10:15 am Gosford & on line | |
| Sun 10/01 | 6:00 pm Gosford | |
| Mon 11/01 | 9:00am Gosford & on line | |
| Tue 12/01 | 9:00am Gosford & on line | |
| Wed 13/01 | 11:30am Gosford & on line | + Birthday Blessings LEJAN JAMES |

| Date | Mass | Intention |
|-----------|----------------------------|--|
| Thu 14/01 | 9:00am Gosford & on line | |
| Fri 15/01 | 12:00pm Gosford & on line | Birthday Remembrance Anthony Fernandes |
| Sat 16/01 | 9:00am Gosford & on line | |
| Sat 16/01 | 5:00pm Gosford | |
| Sat 16/01 | 5:30am Somersby | |
| Sun 17/01 | 7:30 am Gosford | |
| Sun 17/01 | 8:45 am Gosford | Anniversary + JOYCE LITTLEMORE + BRIAN WILKINSON |
| Sun 17/01 | 10:15 am Gosford & on line | |
| Sun 17/01 | 6:00 pm Gosford | |

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