

St Patrick's Parish Gosford



Put your
Hope
in God!
Psalm 42:5

St Patrick's Year of Hope

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.

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST JOSEPH"

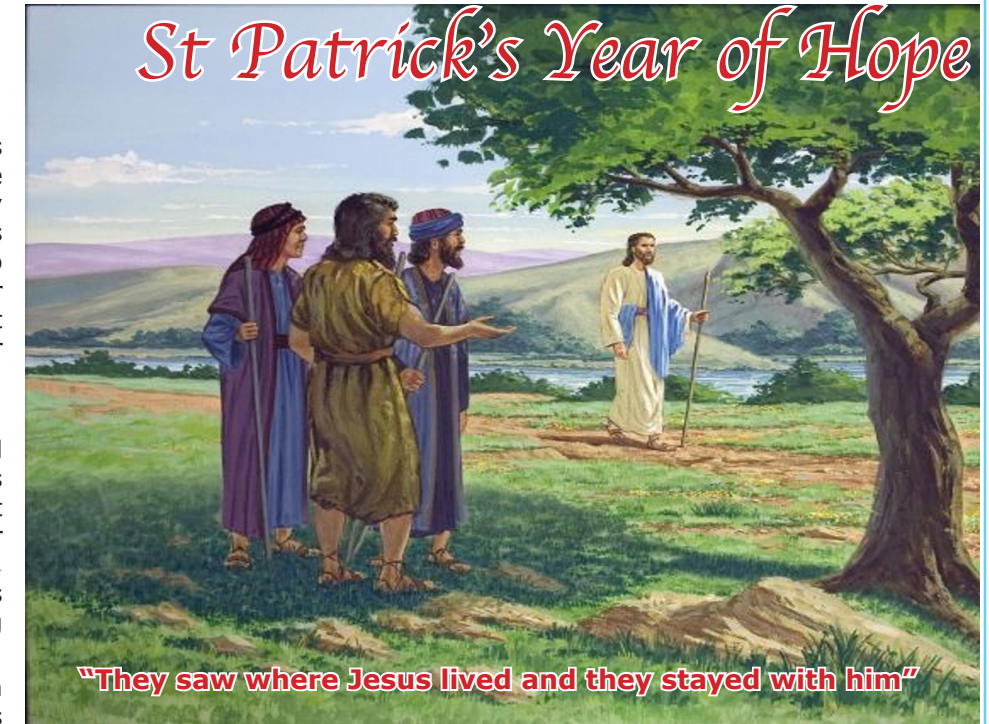
With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

By Vatican News

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled Patris corde ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius

IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. The Holy Father wrote Patris corde against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."



"They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him"

To see the full Letter from Pope Francis go to:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>



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.

Pope Francis goes on to say how St Joseph was:

- A beloved, tender, obedient father
- Welcoming the will of God
- A creatively courageous father, example of love
- A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work
- A father "in the shadows," centred on Mary and Jesus

Table of Movable Feasts

2021	
The Epiphany	3 January 2021
Baptism of the Lord	10 January 2021
Ash Wednesday	17 February 2021
1st Sunday of Lent	21 February 2021
Palm Sunday	28 March 2021
Good Friday	2 April 2021
Easter Sunday	4 April 2021
Ascension Sunday	16 May 2021
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



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Our task is to live as much as possible in the spirit of Jesus Christ and to follow the holy apostles as closely as possible!"

JT 1898/12/09



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All bookings must be made through the parish office.
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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

School Principals

St Patrick's Primary: Mrs Cheryl Walsh 4325 1159
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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
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SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD

Sat Vigil: 5:30pm

SPENCER, 4,200 WISEMANS FERRY RD

4:00pm 2nd Saturday of Month

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"
Wednesday	11:05am to 11:30am
Fridays	11:35am to 12:00pm
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
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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 2021.
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

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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OFFICE HOURS BACK TO NORMAL

THIS COMING WEEK

Monday, 18th from 9:00 AM the office will be open with normal operating hours following the well earned break for Colleen Kirk.

See page two under PARISH OFFICE for the operation hours.

CONGRATULATIONS

John and Margaret Burg on their 50th wedding anniversary, this Saturday, January 16, Fr Greg will bless them and their marriage at 10:15 am Mass this Sunday. 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.

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

SENIORS GROUP

MORNING TEA AND ACTIVITIES

Every 1st Tuesday of the Month in the Jordan Room. All seniors are welcome to join us. After 9:00 am Mass

SOME WONDERFUL NEWS

It is with great joy that, on behalf of Bishop Anthony who is currently on annual leave, I share the news that Bishop Anthony has received three new students in 2021 for formation in Holy Orders in the Diocese of Broken Bay:

Matthew French, from the Parish of Woy Woy, who will enter the Propaedeutic Year of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush in early February 2021.

Rosan Mathew, (formally a student of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga), who has completed his studies at Vianney College Wagga Wagga, and who will be appointed to the Parish of Lower North Shore, effective 29 January 2021.

Aditya Sugiarto, (formally a student of the Archdiocese of Sydney), who has almost completed his studies at Good Shepherd Seminary Homebush, and who will be appointed to the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby, effective Friday 29 January 2021. Fr David Ranson VG

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY, 17 2021

**THIS LENT
A NEW EXCITING
LENTEN PROGRAM
LENTEN REFLECTIONS BOOKLET
FOLLOW ALONG EACH DAY IN YOUR
HOME.
BOOKLET WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR GREG

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LEAFLETS, PRAYER CARDS OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL IN THE FOYER OR PIETY STALL WITHOUT FR GREG'S PERMISSION.

Fr Greg is trying to keep the foyer tidy and welcoming and would like to reduce the clutter. If necessary we may provide a special place for some material.

If you have been leaving material in the past, please reconfirm with Fr Greg before placing material in the Foyer in future.

NEW - COUPLES FAMILY GROUP

COMING SOON - MORE INFORMATION IN UPCOMING BULLETINS

AUSTRALIAN DAY MASS

JANUARY 26TH 2021

Mass will be held at 9:00am to celebrate Australia Day. What better way to start celebrating our national day, than to come to Mass and pray for our Great Southern Land.



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

It was welcome news over the weekend that the Northern end of the Northern Beaches were officially out of lockdown on Sunday 10 January, meaning Pittwater Parish was able to open again and join the rest of Greater Sydney with the restrictions put in place on 2 January.

The following measures for Greater Sydney (including Wollongong, Central Coast and Blue Mountains) were effective from 2 January.

Face masks are mandatory in the following indoor settings: shopping (retail, supermarkets and shopping centres), public/shared transport, indoor entertainment (including cinemas and theatres), places of worship, hair and beauty premises.

Places of worship and religious services limited to 1 person per 4sqm up to a maximum of 100 people per separate area. Congregational singing is not to be encouraged. However, music provided by an organist and a cantor is recommended. Weddings and funerals limited to 1 person per 4sqm up to a maximum of 100 people.

Please remember, that each time the restrictions are altered, we must update our COVID-19 Safety Plan to reflect the changes.

As always, we will keep an eye of the situation and if restrictions change, we will let you know.

Thank you once again to all our parishes, especially those on the Northern Beaches that were unable to celebrate Christmas as a community. It has been the most trying of times, and we appreciate your patience and being able to adapt at short notice to the ever-changing restrictions.

SPARE THE LEFT-OVERS



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN –

The season of joy and gluttony. By the time Christmas day is over, our refrigerator will be filled with yummy, delectable left-overs.

Unfortunately, not all left-overs are so delicious. Too often in a marriage, instead of our best selves, we serve up the less than appetising left-overs. We give the best of ourselves to our job, our children, our community commitments or our recreational passions... and our marriage gets the dregs. Sometimes even the television and social media get more of our time and attention than our spouse.

What are your priorities?

Make no mistake; these other things are all excellent pursuits and are worthy of our time and attention. The issue is not whether or not we have these other interests, but where they sit in our priorities.

The reality is there are limits to our resources. Try as we might, we can't stretch out the day to capture more hours and we can't give our 100% attention to more than one person or activity at a time.

Most of us treat our homes as the place where we can collapse in an exhausted heap at the end of the day; a place to relax and re-energise. A home is like a welcome refuge, the place where we don't need to perform or excel.

We also do the same with our marriages. However, like our home, our marriage requires care and maintenance to be able to provide this support base.

Choice Cuts or Soggy Left-Overs?

We're all guilty of taking the other's support for granted, of living off the goodwill of our spouse and family without reciprocating enough of ourselves. When life gets really busy, in our goodness we start to forgo sleep and healthy eating, medical checks and haircuts as we down prioritise them in order to meet some of our family obligations.

It's a great intention, but again, it's not our best. We're serving up soggy left-overs instead of the choice cuts. Other things are still getting the better part of us.

And after a while, the neglect of these basics erodes our capacity to be at our best even more. Sleep deprivation and fast eating, neglected health and poor grooming make us an unattractive, grumpy presence.

Christmas present for your spouse

New Year, New Priorities

Christmas and New Year is a wonderful wake-up call that invites us to re-evaluate our priorities. The humble simplicity of the Christ in a stable can help us refocus on enduring values.

Do we really need all that stuff, all that activity, all that distraction? And while anytime is a good time to make a new start on a worthy program of transformation, a New Year gives added energy to the task.

So resist the tendency to live in a soggy left-over marriage and instead, give your spouse the best part of you – it's surely the best kind of Christmas present you could ever give. <https://smartloving.org/spare-the-left-overs/>

VOX POPULI -

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The first Vox Populi message of 2021 comes from Peter Rodrigues. Peter is a parishioner at St Agatha's Church, Pennant Hills along with his wife Marilyn and their children, Naomi, Hannah, Joachim, Jacob and Isaac. Peter and Marilyn also both work for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

THE PEOPLE WHO BRING US TO JESUS BY PETER RODRIGUES

Growing up in a traditional Catholic family, I always felt a strong affinity for my patron saint, St Peter. I liked that I had been named after the one that was first among the apostles, the one Jesus gave the keys of the kingdom to, to lead the Church.

But at Masses with my family when I was young I wasn't so keen on hearing the stories about how he betrayed Jesus, how Jesus once called him 'Satan', and having to listen to St John crow about how he was "the one that Jesus loved" (presumably, the best!). I wanted St Peter to be the best, always right and perfect, the first among the apostles in every way.

This weekend we hear St John's account of the calling of Andrew and Simon (Peter). In this story St Peter is honoured, but he's not doing anything especially great. It's Andrew who responds to Jesus' invitation to "Come and see", with great enthusiasm, and immediately seeks out his brother Simon and takes him to Jesus.

It doesn't matter to me now that St Peter wasn't always the first and best. I know now, as he learnt, what is more important than always being right or a success in the eyes of the people around me.

How did I find out? It took a while of searching as a young adult. University was eye opening, and that world challenged me. I was hungry for information that would somehow justify my faith and my beliefs which deep down I knew to be true, but struggled to explain to others.

Marilyn, who had already begun to find some answers to her own search for authentic faith, invited me with some others from our parish young adults group to a retreat run by a Discalced Carmelite priest at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville.

From that weekend, a friendship developed with the order and especially the founders of its reform St Teresa of Avila and St John of the Cross. These saints taught that life as a Catholic Christian is ultimately grounded in a real friendship with God. A God who, through our baptism dwells within us.

Through them I realised what I was actually looking for. It wasn't "what", but "who". Just as Andrew took his brother Simon to Jesus, these people brought me to Jesus. They helped me to realise that great prowess in evangelising others wasn't what I needed. I needed to experience the total love of God, who dwelt in me, and was waiting for me to respond more fully every day to his invitation to friendship.

My parents had me baptised and faithfully formed me to the

point that I was able to recognise Jesus when I met him in this deeper way as an adult with responsibility for my own life and faith. Marilyn and I have tried to do the same for our children. We know the most important thing we can do as parents is to bring our children to Jesus Christ to the best of our ability. And we trust, as in our case, that He will take care of the rest

Dear God,
I tried my best, but if today
I lose my hope
please tell me that your plans
are better than my dreams.
Amen.

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GOSFORD A PALACE OF LOVE

SOME HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

SENIOURS GROUP

MORNING TEA IN THE JORDAN ROOM

1st Tuesday of every month
Plus other activities during the year.

ST PAT'S TAKES SAFEGUARDING SERIOUSLY

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

STEP UP AND SPEAK OUT
when we are being hurt,
bullied or treated badly.



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

ROSARY EVERY NIGHT

ON-LINE AT 9:00 PM, JUST GO TO THE EOTHER OF THE LINKS BELOW JUST

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/StPatricksParishGosford>

YOUTUBE

We suggest you Click on the Subscribe "Button"

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg

ST PAT'S YOUTH GROUP

MEET SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER 6:00 PM YOUTH MASS

The program starts again following the Christmas break on Sunday February 7, 2021.

Fun with a spiritual background

Open to all Youth – Youth Festivals, Travel and much more

"LIKE" ST PAT'S ON FACEBOOK!

ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS

Go to our Facebook page
"St Patricks Parish Gosford"
and "Like" it, to get the very latest on news and events



ST PAT'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY IN THE JORDAN ROOM

Monday after 9:00 am Mass

Monday at 7:00 pm

Wednesday at 10:00 am

ST PAT'S CHILDRENS LITURGY

EVERY 1ST, 2ND & 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH DURING 10:15 AM MASS

Teaches small children the bible stories using the likes of drawing and craft skills

ST PAT'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Reconciliation – Postponed due to COVID-19

Confirmation – Sunday June 5, 2021

1st Eucharist – Postponed due to COVID-19

ST PAT'S MASSES FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY

12:00 NOON EVERY 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PS 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING

1 SM 3:3-10.19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. VV. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord, and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I.

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING

1 COR 6:13-15. 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

JN 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

Samuel was a person destined for great

things. There is disarming innocence in his mistaking the voice of God for that of Eli. It is curious that the priest Eli misunderstood, not once but twice. Since the ark was a sign of God's presence in the midst of the people, Eli should have expected an occasional communication from God. The fact that God called the inexperienced Samuel rather than the seasoned priest Eli may mean that something new was happening, that a new period in the history of the people was opening, that a new day was on the horizon.

The psalm response contains thanksgiving for release from some difficulty, dedication to God who is the saviour, and personal witness in the midst of the community. Though in distress, the psalmist waited in expectant hope and with patient trust. After God drew the suffering believer out of the troubling situation, the cry for help was replaced by a grateful song of praise. What appears to be a dismissal of the ritual really indicates that rather than public worship, God requires an interior commitment that will result in a life of righteousness and faithful worship. The psalmist then publicly proclaims the justice or righteousness of God.

Paul contrasts the sanctity of the human body with sexual immorality. According to him, since it is through one's body that union with Christ is possible, this same body is to be revered. Sexual immorality has no place in the kingdom of God, because it defiles the intimate bond that exists between Christ and every Christian. It is through our bodies that we are members of Christ and so joined we become one spirit with Christ. Paul further asserts that our bodies are temples of the Spirit, the same Spirit with whom we are one through our union with Christ. As temples, our bodies should be kept sacred, free from whatever might defile or debase them.

Not jealous of his own importance as a preacher and religious leader, John the Baptist identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God and directs two of his disciples to follow him. The designation suggests the Suffering Servant who, though innocent of transgression, gives his life as an offering for the sins of others (cf. Isa 53:7). Jesus is also called Rabbi, meaning religious teacher, and Messiah, a reference to 'The Long Awaited One'. Initially it was John who pointed to Jesus. Then it was Jesus who invites John's disciples to follow him. Andrew is the one who recognises something in Jesus, and Jesus interacts with Peter only after Andrew has brought his brother to him. The faith of another begins his journey to discipleship.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY

St Agnes, virgin martyr

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

3RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

1st: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

2nd: 1 Cor 7:29 - 31

Gospel: Mk 1: 14 - 20

YOUR ROSTER - JANUARY 24, 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	8:45am	10:15pm	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:30
DATE	23.01.21	24.01.21	24.01.21	24.01.21	24.01.21	23.01.21
Audio/Visual	Michael Lynch	Ron Begg	Greg McBride	Arthur Holland	Required	Michael Xuereb
Acolytes	Anna Jung Bernie Pannell	Sheila Evans John Ryan	Katrina Pratt Peter Julius	Peter Cho Alan Dillon	Peter Forbes Patrick Nicholls	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
Commentator	Jan Blanch	Gerard Price	John Miller	Tom Croll	Kevin O'Donnell	Alyce Chin
Lectors	Bridget Sharp Maisie Tenev	Chris Golden Josie McGuinness	Regina Fong Frances Mathey	Neil Murphy Emily Rudd	Robyn Nevin Anna Llige	Sarah Xuereb Peter Chin
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Rosemary Lee	Cecilia Coughlin	Scot Frazer	Molly Holland Stephanie trevenen	Margaret Pratt Stephanie trevenen	Jane Azzopardi + Senior Server
Altar Servers	MASKS ARE MANDATORY IN CHURCHES. Until Further Notice!					Maria Xuereb Dylan Xuereb Flowers: Carmen Galea
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 24 Des Hincksman Mary Brown Pauline Parsons Margaret Dibben Jenny Mewburn	CHILDRENS LITURGY Sunday Jan 24 School Holidays	PARISH BUS Jan 24 Driver: Aaron Buckle Helper Ellen McNally	HOSPITAL VISITATION Suspended due to COVID-19	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Glenn Mills, 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:

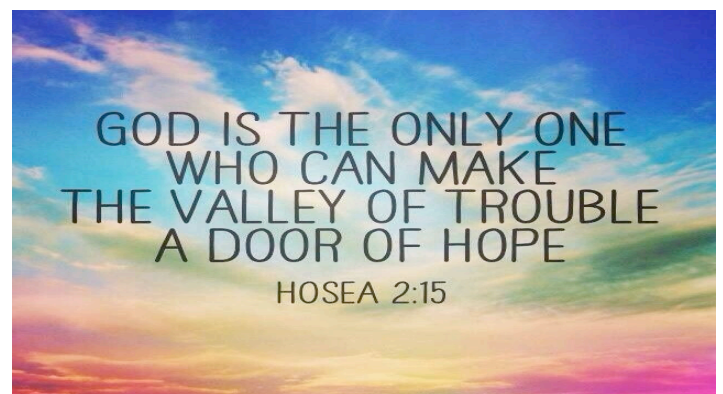
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MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 16/01	9:00am Gosford & on line	Remembrance Mary Jane Buhagiar	Thu 21/01	9:00am Gosford & on line	
Sat 16/01	5:00pm Gosford		Fri 22/01	12:00pm Gosford & on line	
Sat 16/01	5:30am Somersby		Sat 23/01	9:00am Gosford & on line	
Sun 17/01	7:30 am Gosford		Sat 23/01	5:00pm Gosford	
Sun 17/01	8:45 am Gosford	Anniversary Joyce Littlemore and Brian Wilkinson	Sat 23/01	5:30am Somersby	
Sun 17/01	10:15 am Gosford & on line		Sun 24/01	7:30 am Gosford	
Sun 17/01	6:00 pm Gosford		Sun 24/01	8:45 am Gosford	
Mon 18/01	9:00am Gosford & on line	Remembrance The Atkins Family	Sun 24/01	10:15 am Gosford & on line	
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