

St Patrick's Parish Gosford



Put your
Hope
in God!

Psalm 42:5

St Patrick's Year of Hope
and the Year of St Joseph



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.

FR GREG'S LETTER FOR THE WEEK.

Today as we celebrate the first Sunday of our Lenten journey for this year, we should remember that we are not setting out on this journey on our own. God is with us, walking by our side every step of the way. When we are tempted, we need to follow the example of Jesus. He did not rely on his own strength. Instead, He turned to God and asked for help, which he then received. We can't walk the Lenten journey on our own. We need to realise that, like Jesus, we too need God's help, support, guidance and protection. Whenever we feel tired or ready to give up or give in, we need to turn to God for encouragement. We know that God will be with us during Lent, just as He was with Jesus when he was in the desert. God will never leave us alone.




"He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.."

As you are probably aware, the current COVID-19 restrictions now allow us to have more people in places of worship. This permits us to have up to 260 people in St Patrick's church. With this in mind, I have made the decision to change the Mass times on Sunday mornings. When the church was reopened after lockdown, we added an extra Mass to ensure everyone could attend despite the limitations on numbers of people permitted in the building. This has placed more pressure on those involved in different ministries. For example, we are struggling to have enough senior altar servers and musicians for some Masses. Also, children's liturgy has been affected as families with children are coming at different times in the morning, and it has been difficult to arrange one time for children to learn more about God. I do appreciate that having three Masses in the morning was more convenient for many of you, and I would have been more than happy to continue this way if not for the reasons I have mentioned above. I am very grateful to those who have helped by giving even more of their time and talents during this period.

Therefore, from 7th March we will have two Masses on Sunday mornings at 7.30am and 9.30am. The other Masses on Saturday and Sunday evenings will remain the same. If the restrictions change again, we may go back to three Masses in the morning again. I would like to encourage you all to follow our parish Facebook page or provide your email address to our parish office so you can receive updates of any future changes or information.

I wish many blessings for those parishioners who will celebrate their birthdays or special anniversaries this week.

Fr Greg Skulski SDS
Parish Priest

POPE FRANCIS' FEBRUARY 2021 INTENTION

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Let us abandon ourselves in everything to the most holy will of God! He knows how to turn everything for the best. MM Letters 1895/07/05"



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ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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Society of the Divine Saviour

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PARISH OFFICE

Secretary:

Colleen Kirk Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

Bursar: Darren Fitzgibbon

Sacramental Programme

Coordinator: Frances Mathey

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Email: saintpatscdd@acs.net.au

Wed: 9:00am – 1:00pm

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Office Admin:

Denise Jay

Friday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

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Caretakers:

Trevor Byrne

Joyce Byrne

Victor Camilleri

Barbara McCarthy

Ph: 4322 0250

Baptism Co-ordinator:

All bookings must be made through the parish office.

Gardeners:

Seniors' Ministry:

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: Mrs Cheryl Walsh 4325 1159

St Joseph's College: Mr Tony McCudden 4324 4022

St Edwards College: Mr Mark Bonnici 4321 6400

St Peter's College: Mr Tim Hilderbrandt 43512344

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

SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD

SPENCER, 4,200 WISEMANS FERRY RD

Sat Vigil: 5:30pm

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 10:30am to 11:00am

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

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!

Salvatorian Collaborators 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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FAMILY MASS NEXT SUNDAY 10:15 AM

ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME WITH 260 NOW ALLOWED IN THE CHURCH

St Patrick's Parish Gosford



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Get your copy at the above link

Or

Scan the QR Code below.



2021

Lenten Program



SALVATORIAN SEMINARIES COLLECTION

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

The Salvatorian Fathers seek your support of the young men studying to become priests in their seminaries around the world. The education of one seminarian per annum is a staggering AUD13,000. Next weekend envelopes will be available for your donations to offer your support of the seminaries housing and educating our future priests.

Or use the QR Code:



CFW APPEAL 2020/2021

The third appeal in this financial year for this 100% tax deductible fund supporting the Charitable Works of the Diocese of Broken Bay [the disabled, distressed families, the sick and dying and Catholic education to children in state schools] doesn't launch until May of this year.

However, the quota St Patrick's Parish is levied is \$31,795.70 per annum and to date we are about \$13k short of the target. We are hopeful that you may help us reach this target with donations at any time, not just in the coming May. At the same time we acknowledge and thank those who already give monthly to this appeal which is a great help.

31,795
30,000
25,000
20,000
15,000
\$13,000 Raised to Date

To the left you will see a graph which we'll keep in the Bulletin so that you can readily see how your parish is faring. As you can see we have a long way to go to meet our allotted target.

COMMISSIONING OF ALL CATECHISTS

ON THE WEEKEND OF 27/28 FEB AT ALL MASSES

Fr Greg has decided this will occur after the homily. "Catechists" include anybody associated with spreading the Gospel and instructing others (SRE teachers in State schools, Sacramental programme, Children's liturgy, RCIA & RCIC, teachers, etc)

Thanks & blessings, Alain

OUR NEW CATECHIST COORDINATOR

Hello, My name is Raelene, I am the new Catechist Coordinator for Saint Patrick's Parish. I am excited to be serving my Parish community in this role, as well as working with the wonderful Parishioners who spread God's Good News to his Children within our Parish's State Schools.



My husband and I along with our four teenage children attend Sunday's 6.00 pm Youth Mass. Anyone interested in joining our Catechist team, please feel free to see me anytime after Mass or email me direct saintpatscdd@acs.net.au

Pax Vobiscum

Raelene O'Connor

PIETY STALL

REOPENING SOON!

A small amount of work needs to be completed but hold tight, the Piety Stall will be reopening soon!

In the meantime, coordinator Kelly Paget is looking for helpers to assist. Please contact Kelly Paget by email to stpatspiety@gmail.com or the parish office the Parish Office if you are interested and we will arrange a meeting/training day shortly.

CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

IS NOW OPEN

Enrollment applications are available this weekend from the foyer of the church, via our website, or following the link on your Bulletin, for children in Year 3 to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation which will be conferred by Bishop Anthony Randazzo on June 6, 2021.

Please lodge completed applications and all relevant documents, together with the fee, at the Parish Office prior to the closing date of March 29, preparatory to the Parents Information Evening on April 28.

MENALIVE STARTING UP AGAIN!

AS LIFE BEGINS TO RETURN TO SOME FORM OF NORMALITY.

Every 1st Tuesday of the Month the men of menAlive will meet For Mass followed by other activities.

*First meeting Tuesday 2nd Feb at 7:00 pm for Mass in the Church followed by Lenten Reflection in the Jordan Room. **Come and Join us!***

NEW MASS TIMES EACH SUNDAY FROM 7TH MARCH

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A MESSAGE FROM MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO

BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

16 February 2021

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The Season of Lent is upon us once again as tomorrow is Ash Wednesday. Strangely, it is one of my favourite times in our liturgical year because of the potential that is hidden within the Season. There is a simplicity to our prayer and worship during Lent that seems to unclutter life and liberate us from the grind of a fast and furious world.

While I love the dimensions of prayer and fasting, I particularly appreciate the call of Jesus who gave his disciples a new commandment of Christ, "even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34). Charity means loving as Jesus loved. In the community of the Church, we seek to be witnesses to caritas Christi – the charity of Christ. It is more than simply doing good or registering as benefactors for worthwhile projects. The foundation to our charity, especially during Lent, is the example of Christ, who laid down his life for our salvation and for the salvation of the world. No greater love has any man or woman than this (cf John 15:13).

While the mission of the Church is understood to be spiritual in nature, we also embrace all the temporal aspects of human life. This Lent, I ask how might we do this with hearts and minds filled with the charity of Christ? How might we live and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all people, without exception, might know and feel the loving embrace of God? As the community of the Church of Broken Bay, how can we acknowledge, respect, and love the poor, the oppressed, the marginalised, and those who find themselves burdened by adversity, vulnerability, or powerlessness?

Inspired by the Word of God and nourished by the sacraments, I invite you to join with me as together we strive to bring to bear the charity of Christ which gives authentic witness to the faith we profess. The practice of charity reveals the "new commandment" which makes known to the world the new life of the children of God.

May the power of the Holy Spirit, who reveals the charity of Christ, strengthen us in our resolve to be disciples of Jesus in the world. The charity of Christ urges us!

+Anthony

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Each Friday at 11.30 am prior to the midday Mass & at Somersby, commencing Feb 24, at 6:00 pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm.

Please note that on the 1st Friday of March (Friday, 5 March) confessions will be heard at 11am, Stations at 11.30am and Mass at 12pm.

DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Unfortunately we are at saturation point at the moment and ask that if you have donations of religious items and books please take them to the St Vincent de Paul store as we have no room to take any more at the moment.

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MARKETS COMING TO ST PATS SCHOOL GROUNDS



EAST GOSFORD
MARKETS

LAUNCHING:

SAT 20TH
MARCH

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
EAST GOSFORD

BEHIND ST PATRICK'S PARISH

SENIOR SERVERS MEETING

ESSENTIAL MEETING

*Fr Greg requires all senior servers to attend
a meeting in the Jordan Room next Sunday
28 February at 4:30 pm.*

WOMENS FAITH CIRCLE

A GROUP FOR YOUNG WOMEN WITH SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN.

Meet twice monthly on 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. **Next Meeting 25th February.**

All young mothers of school aged children are very welcome to join in with the group for Mass followed, in the Jordan Room, for fellowship with like minded women.

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PARISH RETREAT

11AM - 4PM

20-21 MARCH

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CENTRE
LUTANA RD, SOMERSBY



2-day Retreat using Spiritual Exercises
Facilitated by Martin Scroope. \$40 per person
Meals and Sunday Mass included
Please register your attendance at
<https://www.trybooking.com/BOSWV>



MONDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

IN THE JORDAN AFTER 9:00 AM MASS

THIS WEEK
REFLECTION ON ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL

CATHOLIC FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMILIES, ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES

Talk:

THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY IN THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEB 21
12:00 MIDDAY

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CENTRE
GOSFORD PARISH
30 LUTANA ROAD
SOMERSBY NSW 2250

CHILDREN WELCOME
(SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN PROVIDED)

COUPLES & FAMILY GROUP

- 12 pm Lunch
- 1 pm Talk / children activity
- 3 pm Family Mass
- 4 pm Picnic (optional) you are more than welcome to stay for fellowship, bring your picnic gear, food & drink



REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL, TRYBOOKING LINK BELOW

<https://www.trybooking.com/BOJED> ✉ Gosford.Families@gmail.com

Enrolling now
for 2022



Kindergarten
Enrolment Information Sessions
Mon. 15th March & Tues. 16th March



15th March
9:00 - 10:00am: Principals Address 9:15am
15th & 16th March
6:45 - 7:45pm: Principals Address 7:00pm

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
http://bit.ly/St_Patricks_Open_Day

INSPIRING YOUR CHILD TO LOVE LEARNING AND BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE

St Patrick's is a close knit, supportive and nurturing community where the wellbeing of your child is pivotal to everything we do and plays a vital part in their learning success. We have a dedicated, talented and professional team who are proud of our commitment to the children's learning. Your child will gain a well-rounded education based on the Catholic values which underpin our curriculum. We offer a comprehensive kinder transition program providing parents with the opportunity to meet other local families prior to your child's commencement at school.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Cnr York and Melbourne Streets, East Gosford, NSW 2250
Phone: (02) 4325 1159 Email: speg@dbb.catholic.edu.au Web: www.spegdbb.catholic.edu.au

All families looking for a faith-based education for their child are welcome to apply

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR GREG PARKING IN FRONT OF THE JORDAN ROOM

Please note that the area bordered by the church, the admin centre and the Jordan Room is not a parking place but a drop off zone. Cars parked there create problems for both bus exit and entry and also must be kept clear in case an ambulance is required.

We thank you for your cooperation.

PROJECT COMPASSION

COLLECT YOUR ENVELOPE FROM THE FOYER

Caritas Australia has helped over 16,000 people across Australia find peace of mind, through its partner supported program Red Dust Healing.

Barry is a Gamilaroi man originally from western NSW, who has transformed his life. Barry remembers his early years as a time of enormous hardship, fraught with poverty and despair. He didn't have a stable home or support network and his upbringing by grandparents all contributed to his vulnerable position.

Barry became a father in his late teens, suddenly facing responsibilities for which he wasn't ready. He began to drink heavily, mimicking behaviour he'd witnessed previously.



SALVATORIAN FORMATION DONATION CODE.

If you would like to support future Salvatorian priests please go to the link. Just scan with your QR Code Reader on your phone.

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=FHE9UKNMLYLQA

SENIORS GROUP

1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH GET-TOGETHER

MORNING TEA & 'PO-KENO' IN THE JORDAN ROOM

Come along to the Jordan Room on Tuesday March 2 at 10.30am for morning tea and a session of Po-Keno games ; it's like Bingo, but different!

Gold coin donation.

For more information call Barbara on 4322 0250.

"I became an alcoholic from about 17 unknowingly, binge-drinking on weekends when I wasn't working." Barry says. "I was still holding onto some of that stuff of being abandoned, losing brothers and sisters, grief and loss. I was masking that all with alcohol, instead of dealing with it."

Thankfully, Barry and others like him, had the opportunity to participate in Red Dust Healing – a cultural healing program encouraging participants to examine their own personal hurt and allowing healing from within.

To donate to Project Compassion visit Caritas Australia's website, www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or call 1800 024 413

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING

GEN 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 24:4-9. R. SEE V.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING

1 PT 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

MK 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

MT 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

After the flood, God made a covenant with Noah, his descendants, all the living creatures, and with the earth itself. In it, God pledged never again to destroy the world by means of chaotic waters. This promise carried more than meteorological implications; it also signalled God's control over primordial chaos. As a fearsome warrior, God fought and shackled these forces. Besides being a beautifully coloured arc proclaiming the end of a violent storm and the return of calm, the meteorological bow came to be seen as the divine archer's weapon, a weapon that was unnecessary once chaos was under control. An eternal sign of a cosmic covenant, the bow is a reminder of the pact made with all of creation, similar to the rest that God took

after creation (Gen 2:2).

The word of the Lord came to Jonah with a message for Nineveh, a city considered one of Israel's mortal enemies. Much to the prophet's chagrin, the Ninevites heeded the message, believed in God, repented and proclaimed a fast. The incongruities of the story are striking. First and most important, God is concerned with the salvation of a nation other than Israel. Second, the city renowned for its wickedness repented of its sins as soon as it heard the prophet's message. Finally, the comprehensiveness of the spirit of repentance was exceeded only by its geographic breadth. All people, great and small, put on the garments of penance. Even the worst sinners can repent and be made new.

Christ's death was like the sacrifices of expiation that were offered daily in the temple, with the blood of the victim being sprinkled on the altar. However, unlike the sin-offerings that were made repeatedly and expiated only the guilt of the individual, Christ's vicarious sacrifice was effective for all time and for all people. By means of it, we have all been brought to God and have access to God's saving grace. Just as Noah saved others from the devastating waters of the flood, so Christ saved others from the ultimate destruction of separation from God. Baptism is not merely a simple cleansing; it is a transformative experience, just as the resurrection was a transformative experience for Christ.

The wilderness, into which the Spirit drove Jesus, was not a romantic place. It had been the place of Israel's testing (cf. Num 10:11-21:34). Forty days held special meaning for the two men who appeared with Jesus. Moses fasted for forty days and forty nights as he wrote the ten commandments on tablets of stone (Exod 34:28). Elijah fasted for the same length of time as he walked to Horeb (1 Kgs 19:8). It was in this same tradition that Jesus fasted. There he was prepared for the ministry that lay ahead of him. The eschatological time of fulfilment (kairós) has arrived. The long-awaited reign of God is inaugurated.

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THIS WEEK

THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT MONDAY 22/02

The Chair of St Peter, apostle

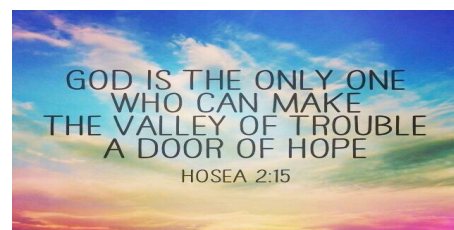
NEXT WEEKS READINGS

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

2nd: Rom 8:31 - 34

Gospel: Mk 9: 2 - 10



YOUR ROSTER – FEBRUARY 28, 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	8:45am	10:15pm	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:30
DATE	27.02.21	28.02.21	28.02.21	28.02.21	28.02.21	27.02.21
Audio/Visual	Michael Lynch	Robert Biviano	Greg McBride	Tom Croll	Youth	Michael Xuereb
Acolytes	Sam Giddings Anna Jung	Eunice Dal Busco John McCrae	Jay Sutton Gerard Nicholls	Alan Dillon Katrina Pratt	Angela Stitt Patrick Nicholls	Altar Society: Michael Monaghan
Commentator	Terry Cooke	Gerard Price	Peter O'Neill	Liz Malik	Kevin O'Donnell	Peter Chin
Lectors	Jan Blanch Val Dibben	Sheila Evans Anne Lovett	Regina Fong Carol Bailey	Ashleigh Donnelly Emily Rudd	Youth Anna Llidge	Judy Grenfell Sarah Xuereb
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Vic Camilleri	Neryl Tyrrell	Isobel O'Neill	Katie Moss	Paul Russotti	Michael Monaghan
Altar Servers	<b style="color: red;">MASKS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED IN CHURCHES. Until Further Notice!					Dylan Xuereb Flowers: Rita Galea
COUNTERS 22/02 Gary Smith Marie Craddock David Slingsby 01/03 Gary Smith Fiona Eaton Diana Addis	ALTAR LINEN P/up Feb 22 Marie Craddock Ret'n by Feb 26	ALTAR SOCIETY Thu, Feb 25 Des Hinksman Pauline Parsons Margaret Dibben Jenny Mewburn	CHILDRENS LITURGY Sunday Feb 28 Family Mass	PARISH BUS Feb 28 Driver: Aaron Huckle Helper Ellen McNally	HOSPITAL VISITATION 28/02 Eunice Dal Busco Nora Koleszar Don't forget the washing of hands and changing gloves between patients.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

John Moriarty, Peter Allman, Peter Gloss, Pat Lowe Maria Keisellis Pam O'Malley-Jones, Megan McGowan, Glenn Mills, Judith Wennerbom, Marie O'Donovan, John Burg, Frank McGuinness.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kevin Parish, Patrick O'Sullivan, Cheryl Tierney, Charles (Pat) Walker, Keanu Campbell, Glenn Mills & Thomas O'Brien.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Sid Dowsett, Manuel Dizon, John Muir, Colleen Cartner,

Josephine & Angelo Vella, Edward Bonnici

REMEMBRANCES:

John Druitt & The Dempster Family, Fariba Ghazi, Effie Fernandes, Joyce Maher

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of Charles (Pat) Walker on the loss of thier father.

Condolences to the family of Kevin Parish, Kevin was a man with a huge heart and gave his time freely to many organisations but we here at St Patrick's and at the Gosford St Vincent de Paul Conference certainly benefitted from it over the many years of his being part of the fabric of this parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 20/02	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Wedding Anniversary Remembrance ANTHONY & EFFIE FERNANDES
Sat 20/01	5:00pm Gosford	'SPECIAL INTENTION'
Sat 20/02	5:30pm Somersby	+ Anniversary MICHAEL ANGELO BUHAGIAR
Sun 21/02	7:30 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 21/02	8:45 am Gosford	+ Remembrance THAM'S HUSBAND
Sun 21/02	10:15 am Gosford & on line	+ Anniversary JEAN [JOHN] KYRAN DIVINE
Sun 21/02	6:00 pm Gosford	Recently Deceased GLENN MILLS
Mon 22/02	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ 3RD Anniversary JOHN HIEP
Tue 23/02	9:00am Gosford & on line	COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY
Wed 24/02	11:30am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrances VALERIE & ERIC NEILSON

Date	Mass	Intention
Thu 25/02	9:00am Gosford & on line	Recently Deceased KEANU CAMPBELL
Fri 26/02	12:00pm Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance JOSEPH SAN FILIPPO
Sat 27/02	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI
Sat 27/02	4:00pm Spencer	
Sat 27/02	5:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrance RONALD FREEMAN
Sat 27/02	5:30am Somersby	
Sun 28/02	7:30 am Gosford	
Sun 28/02	8:45 am Gosford	+ 1ST Anniversary JUDITH GRAHAM
Sun 28/02	10:15 am Gosford & on line	+ Recently Deceased VERONICA [BONNIE] BIRD
Sun 28/02	6:00 pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS

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