



Gosford Parish

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.

The astounding moment in today's Gospel takes place on a mountain, as do the very dramatic events in the first reading, which come from the book of Genesis. In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus takes some of his friends and followers away from the activity, noise and busyness of the market place. As he had done on his own before, he takes them to the mountain so that they can experience something wonderful and powerful. While they are there, something out of the ordinary happens - before their very eyes, Jesus is transfigured. He is changed. And then they hear these words from God: 'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.'

What are we to make of this event? What does it mean for us today? The call, invitation and challenge of Lent are that we are to be transformed and changed. God calls to each of us and says, 'Come back to me with all your heart.' During this sacred season, we are called to look honestly and humbly at our daily lives, at how we treat others, how we speak to them and how we behave. We are invited to ask ourselves, is there anything in my own daily life that needs to change and be improved? How are we meant to be transformed during Lent before we celebrate the new life of Easter?

Speaking of change, I would like to remind you that from next weekend (ie 7th March) the Sunday morning Mass times will be 7.30 am and 9.30 am. I would also like to encourage you to register for our parish retreat, which will take place on the weekend of 20-21 March. The numbers are limited, so it is very important to register now to ensure you are able to attend. Maybe this will be an opportunity for the transformation you have wanted for yourself this Lent. Maybe this will be your mountain experience!

Last Sunday, our parish held the first gathering of our families and couples group. It was very successful, with around 70 people in attendance. The next gathering will be on Sunday 14th March at 12 pm. More details can be found in this parish bulletin. I would like to take this moment to say thank you to all of the leaders and those who helped us to organise this event. Thank you also to all of our catechists, who will be commissioned at each Mass this weekend, for their commitment and dedication in spreading the Good News to children at the public schools in our area. I encourage even more of you to join this ministry if you can spare 2 hours of your time each week to go and teach children about God.

Today we have a special collection to support our Salvatorian seminaries in Poland and the Philippines. I thank you in anticipation for your financial support and your prayers which nourish and encourage these young men in their formation.

I will be away from 1-12 March to visit my sister and Salvatorian community in Perth. Fr Paul will join me there from 8th March for our annual Salvatorian retreat. Please pray for us during this time that we can both gain even more spiritual strength and be renewed by God's grace... and also rest before the very intense time of Easter!

I would like to wish those who celebrate their birthdays and special occasions this week an abundance of God's love and blessings. - God Bless you.

"This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him."



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

"Put forth every effort and be very zealous to promote the knowledge of truth. "To enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Put your *Hope* in God! 

Psalm 42:5



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

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All bookings must be made through the parish office.

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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, 9:30am & 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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SALVATORIAN SEMINARIES COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND FEBRUARY 27 / 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. This 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:



CWF 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 still 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
\$18,700 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.

PAYROLL GIVING | CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Easy, pre-tax giving to your favourite causes.

Contributions to the Diocese of Broken Bay Charitable Works Fund are now available through Payroll Giving.

Payroll Giving as a very simple and effective way to donate. It's a secure way for employees to make regular or one-off donations via their salary. Those who donate in this way instantly receive their tax-deduction.

Many employers also offer generous donation matching eg: a gift of \$30 per month is matched by the employer and your donation becomes \$60.

Many well-known companies offer the scheme – such as Westpac, NAB, Australia Post, PwC, St George, NRMA, Toyota, Sydney Water, Citibank, Macquarie Bank – and many others. Details of such matching schemes will be available from your employer.

One of the first Diocese of Broken Bay parishioners to use the scheme made a generous donation of \$2,400 that was matched into \$4,800 for CWF.

SETTING UP PAYROLL GIVING IS EASY.

The first step is to contact your employer's HR or Payroll team who can set it up. CWF is registered with www.good2give.ngo who facilitate Payroll giving scheme.

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.

NEW MASS TIMES ON SUNDAYS FROM NEXT SUNDAY 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.

COMMISSIONING OF ALL CATECHISTS

THIS 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

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 in two sessions, 11.30am & 2pm.**

Application Forms and Information sachets available:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford/sacraments/confirmation>

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 Mar at 7:00 pm for Mass in the Church followed by Lenten Reflection in the Jordan Room. Come and Join us!

SIXTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

TOM AND MARY BROWN



On your diamond anniversary, we send you all our love on this very special day, Sixty years of giving happiness, love and loyalty to each other must not go unmarked. We wish you many more years of Gods blessings, love and good health together.

Fr Paul will perform a Nuptial blessing at 9:00am Mass on Thursday 4.

CONGRATULATIONS



2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION AT ST PATRICK'S - 25TH MARCH 7:00 PM

We will advise the dates and times of the 2nd rite of reconciliation at the surrounding parishes as soon as we have the information available.

Triduum



SERVICES OF THE EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY :

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm at Gosford

GOOD FRIDAY:

Stations of the Cross: 9.30 am at Gosford & Somersby
Passion of the Lord: 3 pm at Gosford & Somersby

EASTER SATURDAY:

Blessing of the Easter Foods: 10 am
Easter Vigil: 7 pm at Gosford and Somersby.

Note: There is no morning Mass on Easter Saturday

EASTER SUNDAY:

Masses at Gosford only: 7.30 am, 9 am, 10.30 am & 6 pm.

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.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARRIAGE BREAKDOWN IS A TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THOSE CONCERNED.

The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

The Broken Bay Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information, please phone the Tribunal Office on 9307 8309 or email tribunal@bbcatholic.org.au

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.

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 CHURCH today 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 11th March.**

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.

PUT YOUR
hope
IN GOD

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>



DVD MONDAY

**IN THE JORDAN AFTER 9:00 AM MASS
EXPLAINING THE FAITH – WHY THE CATHOLIC
FAITH HAS THE FULLNESS OF TRUTH
TEACHING THE MASS (PART 1)**

CATHOLIC FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMILIES, ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES

Talk:

IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD



SUNDAY, MAR 14
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 (please go to the link below for more details)
- 1 pm Talk / children activity
- 2 pm Stations of the Cross (planned outdoors)
- 3 pm Family Mass
- 4 pm Picnic (optional) you are more than welcome to stay for fellowship, bring your picnic gear, food & drink

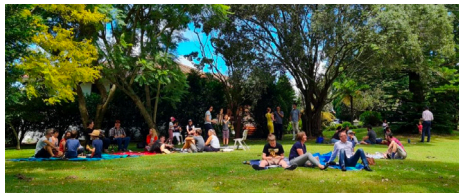


REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL, TRYBOOKING LINK BELOW

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

To fill in the table regarding lunch: <https://tinyurl.com/ym4bm8ky>

Table Booking for Lunch
Please follow the QR Code link or web address below
And fill in the Smartsheet Form.
<https://tinyurl.com/ym4bm8ky>



Images of our last hugely successful Couples and Family Group gathering at St Francis of Assisi Centre, Somersby.

Make sure you follow the links and book your spot for the next gathering on Sunday March 14 at 12 noon.



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

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

SENIORS GROUP

1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH GET-TOGETHER

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

Come along to the Jordan Room on **NEXT** 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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

FIRST READING

GEN 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The Word of The Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name.

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

ROM 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SEE MT 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

MK 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

MT 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. A

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The first reading, frequently called 'The Sacrifice of Isaac', would be better named 'The Testing of Abraham', for the text states that 'God put Abraham to the test' and

Isaac is never really sacrificed. The very name Abraham, which means 'father of a multitude' (cf. Gen 7:15), designates his destiny. By offering his son as a sacrifice, his very identity is put to the test. Is Abraham willing to jeopardise his own personal meaning and relinquish hope for a future? His actions demonstrate that his devotion (fear of God) is beyond reproach. He relinquished his natural claim on the child of promise, and he is blessed with a promise of more children than he can count.

The constancy of his faith enabled the psalmist to speak of his ordeal. Before he could open his heart in thanksgiving, he had to deal with the apparent contradiction that suffering often presents. Is it really a sign of God's displeasure? Must it always be seen as a consequence of sinful behaviour? The psalmist clearly asserts that misfortune and culpability are not to be equated. The relationship between the psalmist and God is strikingly characterised in the metaphors 'servant' and its parallel 'son of your handmaid'. The psalm moves from faithfulness in the face of distress, through release from servitude by God, to public celebration of thanksgiving for this deliverance.

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones, who will condemn them, and who will justify them? Paul argues that the sovereign God is on our side and so regardless of what can be mustered against us, it is nothing in comparison to God's power and compassion. If God was willing to make the supreme sacrifice of handing over this beloved son for our sake, surely God will not deny us whatever other trivial things we might need. After all that God has done for us and given to us, would God condemn us? It seems unlikely. Having sacrificed himself for the sake of others, Jesus now sits at God's right hand, pleading on our behalf.

The transfiguration of Jesus knits together traditions of Israel's past, insights into Jesus' identity, and a glimpse into eschatological fulfillment. The seventh day could be an allusion to the Sabbath, the day set aside for encounter with God. Both Moses and Elijah (representing the law and the prophets) are associated with mountains (cf., Exod 19; 1 Kgs 19), and both underwent a kind of transformation (cf., Exod 34:29-35; 2 Kgs 2:11). The voice from heaven identifies Jesus as the beloved Son, reminiscent of Isaac, who was also a beloved son (cf. Gen 22:2). The three tents recall the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews built temporary dwellings during their sojourn in the wilderness. That feast eventually took on messianic undertones (cf. Zech 14:16-19). The transfiguration is, then, a prefigurement of such fulfillment.

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THIS WEEK

THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT FRIDAY 05/03

Autumn Ember Day, Special Day of Prayer and Penance.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

2RD SUNDAY OF LENT

1st: Ex 20:1-17
2nd: 1 Cor 1:22 - 25
Gospel: Jn 2: 13 - 25

YOUR ROSTER - MARCH 7, 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:30am	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:30	
DATE	06.03.21	07.03.21	07.03.21	07.03.21	Function	06.03.21
Audio/Visual	Cheryl Parry	Ron Begg	Johann Fernandes	Thomas Werner	Audio/Visual	Michael Xuereb
Acolytes	Bernie Pannell Sam Giddings	Sheila Evans Alan Pont	Johnson Fernandes Peter Cho	Lee Sullivan Kevin O'Donnell	Altar Society	Mary Luci
Commentator	Jan Blanch	Eunice Dal Busco	Liz Malik	Youth	Commentator	Michael Bigeni
Lectors	Nicole Murphy Maisie Tenev	Regina Fong Isobel O'Neill	Ashleigh Donnelly Nicole Mead	Youth Rick Llige	Lectors	Marissa Xuereb Mary Luci
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Terry Cooke	Cecilia Coughlin	Anita Fernandes	Nora Koleszar		Nina Lentini
Altar Servers	<b style="color: red;">MASKS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED IN CHURCHES. Until Further Notice!				Cleaning	Jessica Xuereb
					Flowers	Doris Vassallo
COUNTERS	ALTAR LINEN	ALTAR SOCIETY	CHILDRENS LITURGY	PARISH BUS		HOSPITAL VISITATION
01/03 Gary Smith Fiona Eaton Diana Addis 08/03 Eunice Dal Busco Trudi Hiep Lyn beglin	P/up Mar 1 Almee Sands Ret'n by Mar 5	Thu, Mar 6 Eunice Dal Busco Kerryl McGrath Mabel Kan Rita Chao	Sunday Mar 7 Viola Kim Michelle Brack	Mar 07 Driver: John Moriarty Helper Ros Moriarty		14/03 Bigi Kon Sheila Evans. Don't forget the washing of hands and changing gloves between patients.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bishop Bede Heather, 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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE: BISHOP BEDE HEATHER

With sadness, we advise of the death, last week, of Bishop Emeritus, Bede Heather. Bishop Bede was a parishioner at our parish for many years, only relatively recently moving to be closer to family. During his time with us, we grew very fond of him and his peaceful presence. May he rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 27/02	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI	Wed 03/03	11:30am Gosford & on line	+ Anniversaries ZOE & ANNETTE PATTEN
Sat 27/01	5:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrance RONALD FREEMAN	Thu 04/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	60TH Wedding Anniversary TOM & MARY BROWN
Sat 27/02	5:30pm Somersby	Recently Deceased CARMEN BAJADA	Fri 05/03	12:00pm Gosford & on line	Thanksgiving to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Sun 28/02	7:30 am Gosford	+ 20TH Anniversary ANTHONY O'MALLEY JONES	Sat 06/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance HOLY SOULS
Sun 28/02	8:45 am Gosford	+ 1ST Anniversary JUDITH GRAHAM	Sat 06/03	4:00pm Spencer	
Sun 28/02	10:15 am Gosford & on line	+ Recently Deceased VERONICA [BONNIE] BIRD	Sat 06/03	5:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased GEORGETTE KATCETIS
Sun 28/02	6:00 pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 06/03	5:30am Somersby	Recently Deceased ARCHIE KING
Mon 01/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance FRIQUET FAMILY	Sun 07/03	7:30 am Gosford	Recently Deceased JUDGE TONY GARLAND
Tue 02/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	COMMUNION SERVICE	Sun 07/03	9:30 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Tue 02/03	7:00pm Gosford	Rec Dec: KEANU CAMPBELL	Sun 07/03	6:00 pm Gosford	Birthday Blessings JARED KIRK

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