



# Gosford Parish

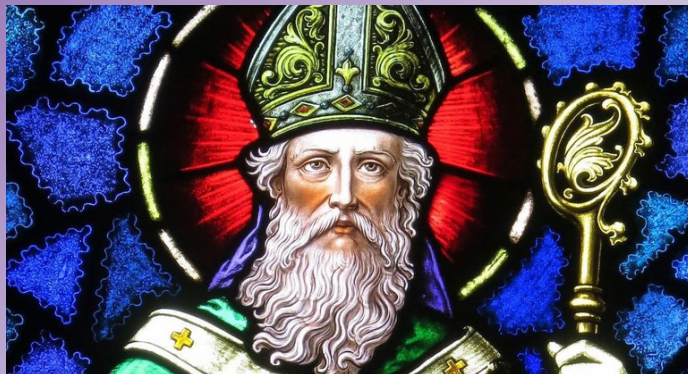
The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosford,  
St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer  
Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the  
care of the Salvatorians.



## LETTER FROM FR GREG SDS

Today in our parish, we venerate St Patrick, the patron of our church. His feast day will officially occur on Wednesday 17th March, but as we gather today as a parish community, we pray through his intercession for all of our needs and especially for all members of this community.

St Patrick spent his life proclaiming the Gospel and bringing Christ to huge numbers of people. In amazement at what God had done through him, he asked, "How then does it happen in Ireland that a people who in their ignorance of God always worshipped only idols and unclean things up to now, have lately become a people of the Lord and are called children of God?"



He was amazed at how much God had done through him, all the more so because he was very aware of his failings and weaknesses. At the beginning of his Confessions, he says, "I am imperfect in many ways." St Patrick knew that he was a mixture of wheat and weed, like the field in the Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30). In the parable, the owner of the field does not despise it because darnel was to be found among the wheat. He was happy to allow both to grow together, knowing that they would be separated at harvest time. When the Lord looks upon us, He looks beyond our failings to the good that is within us. St Patrick did not allow this awareness of his imperfections to hold him back from doing what he knew God was calling him to do. He tells us: "When I came to Ireland... I used to pray many times during the day... My faith increased... the Spirit was burning in me." St Patrick's story reminds us that the Lord is with us when we find ourselves in such wilderness places. Our brokenness can provide the opening for the Lord to enter our lives. St Patrick says in his Confessions: "I cannot be silent... about the great benefits and graces that the Lord saw fit to confer on me in the land of my captivity." When we are brought low, the Lord will be as generous with us as he was with St Patrick, and if we seek the Lord in such times, as Patrick did, the Lord will not only grace us, but He will grace many others through us. Let us, therefore, entrust ourselves and our whole parish community to his intercession, that we all may be faithful to God by following his example.

I would like to, again, encourage you all to register for our parish

**"God sent His Son into the world that we might be saved through Him."**



retreat next weekend. It will be a great opportunity to renew our faith, trust and love for God. Also, thank you for all of your prayers during this week when Fr Paul and I attended our annual retreat in Perth. It was a very fruitful time for both of us and for the whole Salvatorian Community.

Happy birthday to all of you who are celebrating this special occasion this week. I keep you all in my prayers.



## POPE FRANCIS' MARCH 2021 INTENTION

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



## FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

*"Pray all the time with deepest humility and greatest confidence. Let nothing keep you from it."*

SD II/2

Put your *Hope* in God! 

Psalm 42:5



## YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

76 York St East Gosford NSW 2250

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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

### PASTORAL CARE

**Fr Grzegorz [Greg] Skulski SDS**  
Parish Priest  
Email: greg@sds.org.au  
**Fr Paul Tran SDS**

Assistant Priest  
email: paulduongsds@gmail.com  
**SALVATORIAN**



### Society of the Divine Saviour

<http://www.sds.org.au>

#### PARISH OFFICE

**Secretary:**  
**Colleen Kirk** Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 4:30pm  
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**Bursar:** Darren Fitzgibbon  
**Sacramental Programme Coordinator:** Frances Mathey  
Email: franceshanna@yahoo.com  
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Phone: 0411- 962 122.

#### VOLUNTEER ROLES

**Office Admin:** Denise Jay  
Friday: 9:00am – 3:30pm  
**AV Presentation:** Peter McLean  
Greg McBride  
Ron Begg & Tim Mara  
Maisie Tenev  
Ph: 0416 803 334  
**Caretakers:** Trevor Byrne  
Joyce Byrne  
Victor Camilleri  
Barbara McCarthy  
Ph: 4322 0250  
**Baptism Co-ordinator:** Hilary Pope  
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

<b>Mon:</b> 9:00am	<b>Wed:</b> 11:30am	<b>Fri:</b> 12:00pm
<b>Tue:</b> 9:00am	<b>Thu:</b> 9:00am	<b>Sat:</b> 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

<b>Mon, &amp; Thu</b>	8:05am to 9:00am
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:05am "Right to Life"
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:30am to 11:00am
<b>Fridays</b>	11:35am to 12:00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	8:05am until 9:00am: 1st Priests & Religious 2nd Mothers & Babies 3rd Persecuted Christians
<b>Sunday</b>	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

<b>Cancer Prayer Group</b>	After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month, in the Jordan room.
<b>Craft Group</b>	9:30am to 12:00pm Every Friday of School Terms
<b>Grief &amp; Loss Support</b>	2:00pm 1st Thursday of the month, in the Jordan room.
<b>MenAlive</b>	7:00pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Mass followed by meeting in the Jordan room.
<b>Prayers for Christian Unity</b>	9:30am 3rd Monday of the Month
<b>Prayer Group DVDs</b>	9:30am 1st Monday of the Month
<b>Prayer Group &amp; Bible Discussion</b>	9:30am 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday of the Month
<b>Bible Study - Monday night</b>	7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday, in the Jordan Room, all are welcome!
<b>Youth Group</b>	Sunday, in Jordan room after 6:00pm Mass
<b>Salvatorian Collaborators</b>	After 9:00am Mass, 1st Thursday of the month, in the Jordan room.
<b>Womens Faith Circle</b>	2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month in the Jordan Room 9:00am to 11:00am
<b>Pint Sized Paddies</b>	2nd & 4th Friday of the month during School Terms. In the School Hall 7:00 pm

## 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

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



**MORNING TEA IN THE JORDAN ROOM  
AFTER 9:30AM MASS TODAY**



**IN  
CELEBRATION  
OF ST  
PATRICK'S  
DAY**

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

At Wyoming on Tuesday 23 March at 6pm.

At Terrigal on Wednesday 24 at 7 pm

At Woy Woy on Friday 26 March at 7 pm

# 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.

**EASTER ROSTER FOR LITURGICAL  
MINISTERS**

For those who have not received/responded to the recent email, there is a sheet in the sacristy to indicate which Easter Ceremonies and or masses you are available for rostering.

**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](mailto:stpatspiety@gmail.com) or the parish office the Parish Office if you are interested and we will arrange a meeting/training day shortly.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  
3:00AM SUNDAY, 4 APRIL 2021**

**CHARITABLE WORKS FUND**

**APPEAL 2020/2021  
FINANCIAL YEAR**

31,759.70
30,000
25,000
<b>\$19,381.69</b> Raised to Date

Progress towards meeting our allotted amount to go to the charities:

As you can see we have a considerable amount to be raised to meet our allotted target by June 30.

**SPRING CLEANING IN AUTUMN**

**THURSDAY MARCH 25 AFTER THE 9AM MASS.**

Can you help us clean the Church and surrounds ready for the Easter Triduum? Followed by Morning tea in the Jordan Room.

**MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM BARBARA  
AND PETER MILLS**

On behalf of Peter and myself I would like to sincerely thank friends and parishioners of St Patrick's who have been praying for our son Glenn during his long battle with cancer, sadly we lost Glen in February. The love, sympathy, prayers and cards that we have received has been a great comfort to us.

May God bless you all.

Barbara Mills



**FOR CHILDREN ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL**

**PARISH PRIEST'S REFERENCE**

Parents who wish to have their reference form signed by Fr Greg are asked to see him, together with their child, after the Mass they attend at the weekends.

**CONSULTATION FOR WOMEN**

Catholic women are being invited to participate in a national consultation via Zoom on 27 March. The event invites women to articulate and celebrate their contribution to and vision for the mission of the Catholic Church in Australia. The event is being organised by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. Find more information at [www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen](http://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicwomen)



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](mailto: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>

## CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

### IS NOW OPEN

Enrolment 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:

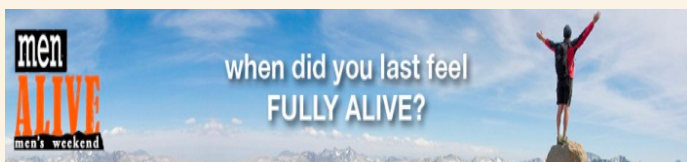
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford/sacraments/confirmation>

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 6th April at 7:00 pm for Mass in the Church followed by lively discussion and prayers in the Jordan Room. Come and Join us!**



## MARKETS COMING TO ST PATS SCHOOL GROUNDS



LAUNCHING:

**SAT 20TH**  
**MARCH**

EAST GOSFORD  
MARKETS

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL  
EAST GOSFORD  
BEHIND ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Contact Details for booking a Stall.  
Browse Events, [jo@browseau.com](mailto:jo@browseau.com)  
Ph: 0400 552 679

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

At Gosford Each Friday at 11.30 am prior to the midday Mass.

At Somersby, Wednesdays, at 6:00 pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm.

**AWAKE**

ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD PRESENTS

**LIFE + CROSS = LOVE**

*What Jesus' sacrifice continues to mean for us today and how He teaches us to carry our own crosses throughout our lives.*

GUEST SPEAKER: MICHAEL TOBIN  
(ST PETER'S YOUTH COORDINATOR)

IN THE JORDAN ROOM


FRIDAY, MARCH 26 @ 7PM

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18-35


## MONDAY CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP IN THE JORDAN AFTER 9:00 AM MASS

Jesus tells Vassula "I will confer copious blessings on those who seek me."  
Meaning us!!! Come and see how.






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>




Enrolling now  
for 2022

ST PATRICK'S  
**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](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: [spag@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spag@dbb.catholic.edu.au) Web: [www.spegdbb.catholic.edu.au](http://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 April 6 at 10.30am** for morning tea and  
**Fun activities!**

**Gold coin donation.**

**For more information call Barbara on 4322 0250.**

**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 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.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS WHO RESPONDED  
TO OUR CATECHIST RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN**

We are still in need of three additional Catechist to Teach, Assist or Relief within our Five Parish Public Schools.

Anyone else hearing the call of the Holy Spirit to deliver the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ to our Parish Children on a Wednesday or Thursday?

Please email Raelene at [saintpatsccd@acs.net.au](mailto:saintpatsccd@acs.net.au) or call 0499 995 292 for further information.

**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](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=FHE9UKNMLYLQA)

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### CF. IS 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## FIRST READING

### 2 CHR 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

**The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.**

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' "

**The Word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 136. R. V.6

**(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!**

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps.

**(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.

'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.'

**(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

**(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

## SECOND READING

### EPH 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

**When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

**The Word of The Lord**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### JN 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL

### JN 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that

what he does is done in God.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### CF. PS 121: 3-4

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

### BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The commandments provide a sketch of the God with whom the people were in covenant, and they outlined how these covenanted people were to revere their God and live with each other. Deliverance from bondage to Egypt is the basis of conformity to the commandments. Commitment to the one God is the reason the Israelites were forbidden to revere other gods. Since one's name contained something of one's own identity, the vain use of God's name was considered a profanation of God's divine being. Observance of the Sabbath was rooted in the creation of the world. All the commandments are meant for adults, including the one to honour parents. Murder, adultery, stealing, lying and coveting all threaten the social fabric of the group.

Although the general theme of the psalm is praise, its tone is didactic and exhortative. It describes the blessings that acceptance of the law can impart. It both describes the law and persuades the people to embrace it as the will of God and to live in accord with it. The qualities associated with the law found in this psalm are some of the most highly prized attributes of any tradition. Each one of the statements in this psalm identifies the law as belonging to the Lord. The law that is praised here is not just any religious law; it is uniquely Israel's, because in a very specific way it represents the will of the all-holy God of Israel.

Paul criticises the Jews for their demand for signs and the Greeks for their preference for knowledge. He insists that the crucified Christ is the standard against which everything is judged. Though both traditions would reject a humiliated man, he argues that the vulnerable and debased Christ is in fact the power of God; the ridiculous and despised Christ is really the wisdom of God. In this light, it becomes clear that what the Jews and the Greeks rejected as foolishness was actually authentic wisdom, and what they cherished as wisdom was really misguided and folly. Those who are called and who are open to this call will be able to recognise it.

Jesus' actions in the temple are acted-out prophecy and his words are prophetic foretelling. With his actions and his words, Jesus makes a double claim. By driving the merchants out of the temple precincts, he announces that the time of fulfilment has come. Then, identifying God as his Father affirms his right to make such a claim and to act in accord with it. The Jews, most likely the temple authorities, demand that Jesus justify his actions. Playing on a word for temple, he predicts his death and resurrection. This corresponds to the earlier allusion to Zechariah and the replacement of the temple sacrifice by his own suffering. Only after the resurrection will the disciples understand this last saying.

## YOUR ROSTER - MARCH 21, 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:30am	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:30	
DATE	20.03.21	21.03.21	21.03.21	21.03.21	Function	20.03.21
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Anna Jung	Peter McLean	Greg McBride	Rayden Gomez	<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Michael Xuereb
<b>Acolytes</b>	Robert Biviano Peter Young	Eunice Dal Busco Sheila Evans	Jay Sutton Katrina Pratt	Peter Forbes Kevin O'Donnell	<b>Altar Society</b>	Nai Herford
<b>Commentator</b>	Terry Cooke	Ron Begg	Emily Rudd	Youth	<b>Commentator</b>	Michael Monaghan
<b>Lectors</b>	Val Dibben Bridget Sharp	Regina Fong Anne Lovett	Keith Quinn Emily Rudd	Youth Penny Gomez	<b>Lectors</b>	Charlene Xuereb Antoinette Xuereb
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist</b>	Nicole Murphy	Regina Fong	Katie Moss	Rick Liige	<b>Cleaning</b>	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b style="color: red;">MASKS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED IN CHURCHES.</b> Until Further Notice!				<b>Altar Servers</b>	Dylan Xuereb
					<b>Flowers</b>	Nai Herford
<b>COUNTERS</b> 15/03 Eunice Dal Busco Margaret Hunter Neryl Tyrell 22/03 Gary Smith Ron Begg Marie Cradock	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b> P/up Mar 15 Josie McGuinness Ret'n by Mar 19	<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> Thu, Mar 18 Maree Nolan Anna Neale Pauline Nesbitt Ros Moriarty Margaret Pratt	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b> Sunday Mar 21 Joanne Ford Katie Moss	<b>PARISH BUS</b> Mar 21 Driver: Brian Jay Helper Ellen McNally	<i>We need more people to help with Children's Liturgy Roster for 9:30 am Sunday Masses. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.</i>	<b>HOSPITAL VISITATION</b> 28/03 Nora Koleszar Michael Lynch <i>Don't forget the washing of hands and changing gloves between patients.</i>

### THIS WEEK

#### THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT FRIDAY 13/03

St Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary.

### NEXT WEEKS READINGS

#### 2RD SUNDAY OF LENT

**1st: Jer 31:31 - 34**

**2nd: Heb 5:7 - 9**

**Gospel: Jn 12:20-33**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Nancy Fitzgerald, 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:

Ron Reynolds & Sheila Radcliffe McGloughin, Edward Bradley, Archie King, Judge Tony Garland, Bishop Bede Heather, Kevin Parish, Patrick O'Sullivan.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Anne & Arnold Van Ross, Henry Harding, Val & Eric Neislon, Laurence Pope, Gladwyn Williams, Charlie Sammut, Margaret O'Donovan, Joh Van Yzendoorn.

### REMEMBRANCES:

Neil & Joscelyn's Relatives, Members Of Foss & Harold Stringer, John, Grahame & Dianne Stansfield, Effie Fernandes, Pam & Randy Jezylo, Fariba Ghazi

## MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 13/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Anniversary JOH VAN YZENDOORN	Wed 17/03	11:30am Gosford & on line	+ Rem: NEIL & JOSCELYN'S RELATIVES
Sat 13/03	4:00pm Spencer	+ Remembrance PAM & RANDY JEZYLO	Wed 17/03	Spencer 6:00pm	+ Rem: RIC COMENSOLI
Sat 13/03	5:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrance EFFIE FERNANDES	Thu 18/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	Recently Deceased GLENN MILLS
Sat 13/03	5:30pm Somersby	+ 1ST Anniversary CHARLIE SAMMUT	Fri 19/03	9:00am St Joey's	Rec Dec: EDWARD BRADLEY
Sun 14/03	7:30 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS		12:00pm Gosford & on line	Rec Dec: RON REYNOLDS & SHEILA RADCLIFFE MCGLOUGHIN
Sun 14/03	9:30 am Gosford & on line	Recently Deceased BISHOP BEDE HEATHER	Sat 20/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance VAL & ERIC NEISLON
Sun 14/03	6:00 pm Gosford	+ Remembrance JOHN, GRAHAME & DIANNE STANSFIELD	Sat 20/03	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary LAURENCE POPE
Mon 15/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	1ST Anniversary GLADWYN WILLIAMS	Sat 20/03	5:30pm Somersby	+ Anniversary HENRY HARDING
Tue 16/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI	Sun 21/03	7:30am Gosford	Return to Health PATRICK SMITH
Wed 17/03	9:00am Gosford School Mass	+ Rem: MEMBERS OF FOSS & HAROLD STRINGER	Sun 21/03	9:30am Gosford & on line	+ Anniversaries ANNE & ARNOLD VAN ROSS
			Sun 21/03	6:00pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS



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