



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.



YEAR OF THE FAMILY

As the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" approaches, Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church will dedicate more than a year to focusing on the family and conjugal love.

During his Sunday Angelus address Dec. 27 2020, Pope Francis commemorated the feast of the Holy Family and said that it served as a reminder "of the example of evangelizing with the family" as highlighted in his exhortation "Amoris Laetitia".

Beginning March 19, he said, the year of reflection on "Amoris Laetitia" will be an opportunity "to focus more closely on the contents of the document."

"I invite everyone to take part in the initiatives that will be promoted during the year and that will be coordinated by the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life," he added. "Let us entrust this journey, with families all over the world, to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to St. Joseph, the devoted spouse and father."

According to the dicastery's website, the "Amoris Laetitia Family" year "aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations."

The dicastery said that the goals of the celebration include sharing the contents of the apostolic exhortation more widely, proclaiming the gift of the sacrament of marriage and enabling families to "become active agents of the family apostolate."

The "Amoris Laetitia Family" year will include forums, symposiums, video projects and catechesis as well as providing resources for family spirituality, pastoral formation and marriage preparation.

The commemoration will conclude June 26, 2022, "on the occasion of the World Meeting of Families in Rome," the dicastery said.

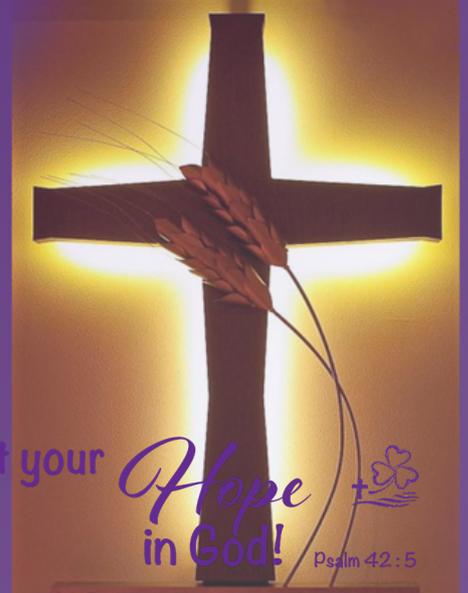
Francis already had declared a year of St. Joseph, which began Dec. 8 and ends Dec. 8, 2021.

In his Angelus talk, the pope said that the Holy Family is a model in which "all families of the world can find their sure point of reference and sure inspiration."

Through them, he said, "we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit; it must be founded on

*If a grain of
wheat falls on
the ground and
dies, it yields a
rich harvest*

Put your *Hope*
in God! 
Psalm 42:5



the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope."

Families can experience sincere communion when they live in prayer, when forgiveness prevails over discord and "when the daily harshness of life is softened by mutual tenderness and serene adherence to God's will," he added.

"I would like to say something to you: If you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace," the pope said. "And do you know why? Because cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous. It does not help."

Francis also reflected on the theme of forgiveness during his Angelus address on the feast of St. Stephen Dec. 26.

Recalling St. Stephen's martyrdom, the pope said that although it may seem that his death was in vain, among those who witnessed and consented to his stoning was St. Paul, who eventually became "the greatest missionary in history."

Stephen's example "was the seed" of Paul's conversion, he said. "This is the proof that loving actions change history: even the ones that are small, hidden, every day."

Christians, he added, can become witnesses of Christ through their everyday actions, "even just by fleeing the shadow of gossip" or refusing to speak ill of others.

"When an argument starts at home, instead of trying to win it, let's try to diffuse it," and forgive one another, Francis said. Small efforts and gestures, he said, "change history because they open the door, they open the window to Jesus's light." [Click here for more information](#)



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.

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35 YEARS
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021



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Seniors' Ministry:

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

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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, 9:30am & 6:00pm
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SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD

SPENCER, 4,200 WISEMANS FERRY RD

Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	4:00pm 2nd Saturday of Month
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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
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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!
Youth Group	Sunday, in Jordan room after 6:00pm Mass
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
Pint Sized Paddies	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

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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
In Gosford, the Youth of our Parish will act out the Stations in front of the Altar.

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.

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

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.

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY MASS 9:30 AM

PALMS DURING COVID

I am just writing to both advise you of the palm situation on Palm Sunday due to COVID, and also to ask for your assistance. Around the world the distribution of palms on Palm Sunday is either not taking place or strongly dissuaded and at St Patrick's Fr Greg has decided it would be best if everyone brought their own cutting of a palm branch to have it blessed at the Mass they attend.

Of course we will still decorate the church accordingly, and are concerned that some people will forget to bring their palm so will have a limited number of palm crosses available in a way that is COVID friendly. For that to happen though we are hoping that there are some of you who may have palm trees in their backyards who would be happy to donate some branches so that these may be made. Of course, if you know how to make them already, please feel free to drop in the finished product!

If you could let me know and deliver the branches to the Parish Office by the end this week, that would be an amazing help.

SPRING CLEANING FOR EASTER 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.

THE FILIPINO MASS TO RESUME AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, EAST GOSFORD.

ON SUNDAY, 11 APRIL 2021, 12.00NOON

Fellowship will follow after the mass to be held in the Jordan Room.

500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

TUESDAY 16 MARCH

A service commemorating 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines at Our Lady of Dolours Parish where Bishop Anthony Randazzo was the main celebrant and His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana delivered the Homily.



BB35 – CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Thirty five years ago, the Diocese of Broken Bay was established and this anniversary is an opportunity to look back and remember the story of our Diocesan journey with hearts of gratitude, so that we might look forward to the future in hope.

In the Universal Church, Pope Francis has also proclaimed a year for St Joseph and the Family for 2021. The combination of these three themes allow us to approach our activities and mission this year with renewed depth of faith in what God is calling us to be in the community of the Church of Broken Bay.

For more information about BB35, [see here](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford).

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CLERGY HOME VISITS BEGINNING AGAIN.

FROM MARCH 24

Now that we are returning to some level of normality, our clergy would love to visit the sick and isolated in their homes before Easter. If you would like to be visited and have the opportunity for reconciliation, holy communion or anointing, please contact the Parish Office to book a time for the visit.

Also, it would be wonderful to pass this information on to someone you know so that they could also take advantage of a Priestly visit.

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

We recently received a small bequest from a parishioner. We are so grateful to be remembered in this way and to know that improvements in the parish are the result of a former parishioner's generosity.

May we take this moment to ask you, too, to consider leaving a bequest in perpetuity of your love for your parish. In the foyer today, we have booklets, 'Sharing God's Light', published by the Diocese of Broken Bay, which you may take home to give you further food for thought, or you may prefer to have a chat with Fr Greg.

COVID UPDATE

FROM THE BISHOPS OFFICE

For celebrations and gatherings in our local communities, both liturgical and pastoral in nature, now we should endeavor to return to normal practices as much as possible, while remaining vigilant to the public health instructions provided through the most recent COVID-19 Safety Plans. Over the past 12 months, we have all become quite adept at reading and applying health orders; I ask that you continue to do so. The following guidelines now take the place of any earlier COVID-19 guidelines provided by my office over the past 12 months.



For our liturgies, we remain limited with a cap on the number of people able to be welcomed, according to the 2sq metre principle. However, after clarification from NSW Health this principle applies to the total space of gathering in a church not just the area of the pews.

For the time being we will continue to refrain from a physical Sign of Peace and sharing the Chalice during the celebration of Mass. Until the Government provides new guidelines, we are also to remain limited in congregational singing. However, it is important that our choirs do sing the parts of the Mass and such elements as the Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation.

With an understanding of the COVID-19 regulations, it is quite possible to host parish events and gatherings, with slightly amended practices, **ensuring that food is prepared in individual serves, buffet serving is avoided, and those serving wear gloves and are masked.** This is especially the case for events such as morning teas or parish dinners.

THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

IS HOSTED BY THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY INSTITUTE.

Registration is now OPEN for the FREE Theology of the Body Virtual Conference 2021. We are thrilled to return to the conference as speakers. We invite you to join us on April 30 - May 2 by clicking on the link below to register and to see the full speaker list. Please stay tuned for more details on our presentation! This conference is so needed today, so please share far and wide!

Interested in upgrading your FREE registration to an all Access Premium Pass?

Purchase a Premium Pass for the following benefits: Extended Access to all Talks After the Conference Ends

- Additional Bonus Talks
- Recordings of the Live Q&As
- Discounts on Resources

You can purchase an all access pass through our affiliate link below. The premium package is currently discounted \$69.99 USD and will jump to \$130 USD on the last day of the conference so if you are interested please take advantage of the discounted rate today. 50% of the sale will go towards our work of providing relationship courses and resources through our ministries SmartLoving, The Marriage Resource Centre and CathFamily.

Thank you for your support.

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CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

31,759.70
30,000
25,000
\$21,949.70 Raised to Date

APPEAL 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR

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

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

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY SURVEY 2021

We invite you to complete the CWF 2021 Survey. It will only take about 2-3 minutes of your time.

Listening to our parish community is important. We would love to know more about you and what you value most about CWF. Your feedback will help us better serve the community, plan our priorities, and communicate with you more effectively.

The survey is open to all parishioners in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay. The closing date for responses is Wednesday, 7 April 2021.

The CWF survey is found online here - www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWF2021

We take your privacy seriously, and please be assured your answers are confidential. If you require a physical copy of the survey, please call David Armstrong 02 8379 1664 with your contact details.

Your support and generosity are gratefully appreciated and makes a huge difference to those we serve. May Christ be with you during the Lenten season.

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

Reflection on Luke's gospel

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



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



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.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

- Men:** *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love;
To you returned with trust.*
- Women:** *Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families to maybe places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the gospel and small domestic churches.*
- Men:** *Holy Family of Nazareth may families never again experience violence, rejection and division;
My all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing.*
- Women:** *Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sadness and inviolability of the family, and it's beauty in God's plan.*
- Together:** *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.
Glory be to the father and to the son and the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*

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 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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

JER 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of The Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 50:3-4. 12-15. R. V.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

HEB 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source

of eternal salvation.

The Word of The Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JN 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

JN 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.

But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

Jeremiah's oracle of salvation contains a message that is both inspiring and challenging. At the heart of its eschatological vision is the promise of a new covenant for a people who, because of their infidelities, had been chastened for a time but who would ultimately be restored. This new covenant is made with a sinful people. There is no mention of their repentance or reform, only of God's mercy and generosity. The technical covenant formula, 'I will be their God and they will be my people', marks the specificity and exclusivity of this relationship. God's words possess performative force; what God says, actually comes to be. The hope envisioned for the future begins to take shape in the present.

The penitential psalm consists of a plea for mercy in the face of guilt. Although it pleads that God might be gracious in view of the psalmist's transgressions, its primary focus is on God's goodness. The psalmist invokes God's covenant loyalty and compassion. This is followed by a prayer for inner renewal. Having previously rebelled and violated the covenant bond, the psalmist now begs for an intimate connection with God. The passage ends with a promise to teach other transgressors about God's loving-kindness and merciful love. As with most biblical laments, it begins with sentiments of distress and helplessness, moves through expressions of trust and confidence, and ends with declarations of thanksgiving for having been heard.

The second reading is confessional in nature. Each one of its three verses offers a slightly different view of biblical Christology. By taking on flesh, Jesus took on human limitations and weaknesses as well. His anguished prayer is probably an example of a righteous person's impassioned prayer. Though Son of God, Jesus learned what every human has to learn, namely, acceptance of God's will in the circumstances of life. Having learned it himself, he can now teach others to do the same. The surest way to learn this lesson, though perhaps the hardest, is through suffering. All of this becomes comprehensible when we examine Jesus' role as mediator of salvation. It was through his suffering that he saved us.

The gospel opens with the approach of some Greeks. Neither Jesus himself nor any of the disciples went out to them; they came on their own initiative. Mention of Greeks suggests the inclusion of the Gentile world in the salvation brought by Jesus. The 'hour' is the time of Jesus' anguish and also the hour of his exaltation. References to death and subsequent fruition apply not only to Jesus' situation but also to that of his followers. They too must be willing to die in order to live. The interior struggle that Jesus endured is revealed in his prayer. He prays that God's name might be glorified, even though this will be accomplished through his own death and exaltation.

THIS WEEK

THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT THURSDAY 25/03

Annunciation of THE LORD

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

HOLY WEEK PALM SUNDAY

1st: Is 50:4 - 7
2nd: Phil 2:6 - 11
Gospel: Mk 14:1 - 15:47

YOUR ROSTER - MARCH 28, PALM SUNDAY

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:30am	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:30	
DATE	27.03.21	28.03.21	28.03.21	28.03.21	Function	27.03.21
Audio/Visual	Michael Lynch	Bernie Pannell	Arthur Holland	Youth	Audio/Visual	Michael Xuereb
Acolytes	Peter Young Anna Jung	Robert Biviano Alan Pont	Peter McLean Justin Donnelly	Ange Stitt Peter Forbes	Altar Society	Charlene Xuereb
Commentator	Bridget Sharp	Gerard Price	Chris Paget	Kevin O'Donnell	Commentator	Joanne Comensoli
Lectors	Jan Blanch Sharon Bevan	Josie McGuinness Ron Begg	Carol Bailey Frances Mathey	Youth Nora Koleszar	Lectors	Judy Grenfell Mary Luci
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Maisie Tenev	Pam McCrae	Stephanie Trevenen	Jessica Russell		Peter Chin
Altar Servers	MASKS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED IN CHURCHES. Until Further Notice!				Cleaning	Marissa Xuereb & Family
					Altar Servers	Jessica Xuereb
					Flowers	Carmen Galea
COUNTERS 22/03 Gary Smith Ron Begg Marie Cradock 29/03 Gary Smith David Slingsby Joyce Byrne	ALTAR LINEN P/up Mar 22 Marie Cradock Ret'n by Mar 26	ALTAR SOCIETY Thu, Mar 25 Des Hincksman Mary Brown Pauline Parsons Margaret Dibben Jenny Mewbum	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sunday Mar 28 Family Mass	PARISH BUS Mar 28 Driver: Aaron Huckle 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>	HOSPITAL VISITATION 28/03 Nora Koleszar Michael Lynch Don't forget the washing of hands and changing gloves between patients.

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:

Naomi Rutledge, Liz Powell, John Cunningham, Teena Welby, Ron Reynolds, Sheila Radcliffe McGloughin, Edward Bradley, Archie King, Judge Tony Garland.

ANNIVERSARIES:

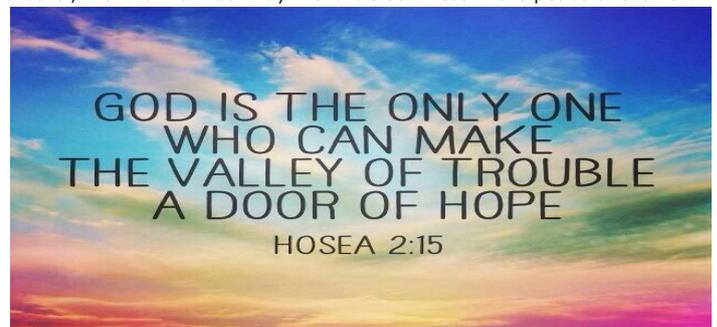
Henry Harding, Mary & Laurie Bigeni, Anne & Arnold Van Ross, Henry Harding, Val & Eric Neislon, Laurence Pope, Gladwyn Williams, Charlie Sammut, Margaret O'Donovan

REMEMBRANCES:

Lorraine Thomson, Youkhana David, Mr & Mrs Nicolas Toma, Neil & Joscelyn's Relatives, Members Of Foss & Harold Stringer, John, Grahame & Dianne Stansfield, Effie Fernandes.

CONDOLENCES:

To Greg McBride and the McBride family on the sudden loss of Greg's brother, Richard McBride. May Richard's soul rest in the peace of the Lord.



MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK AND INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 20/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance VAL & ERIC NEISLON
Sat 20/03	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary LAURENCE POPE
Sat 20/03	5:30pm Somersby	+ Anniversary HENRY HARDING
Sun 21/03	7:30 am Gosford	Return to Health PATRICK SMITH
Sun 21/03	9:30 am Gosford & on line	+ Anniversaries ANNE & ARNOLD VAN ROSS
Sun 21/03	6:00 pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Mon 22/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance YOUKHANA DAVID
Tue 23/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance RIZZO FAMILY
Wed 24/03	11:30am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance MR & MRS NICOLAS TOMA

Date	Mass	Intention
Wed 24/03	Somersby 6:00pm	+ Anniversary MARY & LAURIE BIGENI
Thu 25/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	Recently Deceased JOHN CUNNINGHAM
	12:00pm Gosford & on line	Recently Deceased LIZ POWELL
Sat 27/03	9:00am Gosford & on line	Recently Deceased BISHOP BEDE HEATHER
Sat 27/03	5:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased ARCHIE KING
Sat 27/03	5:30pm Somersby	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 28/03	7:30am Gosford	Recently Deceased GLENN MILLS
Sun 28/03	9:30am Gosford & on line	PRIVATE INTENTION
Sun 28/03	6:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrance LORRAINE THOMSON

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