



# 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

### DEAR FRIENDS,

Mother's Day is a special day. Each year we pause at this time to think about our mothers and those who have shaped our lives. We give thanks to God and share memories as we think about those of our mothers who have gone before us. We give thanks to God and reach out in love to our mothers who are present in our lives today. We give thanks to God and celebrate those who, like mothers, have shaped our lives. We give thanks to God and celebrate those who are mothers, or like mothers, to those that we love.

It is a blessing to have either a mother or someone like a mother in our lives. Mother's Day is a time to pause, remember, give thanks to God, and share our gratitude with these special people in our life. Take some time on this day to intentionally be with your family. Let them know that you love them and thank God for them, especially for your mother! This weekend at all the Masses in our parish we will also do this by praying for all mothers, and at the end of each Mass there will be a special blessing and gift for each mother present!

This weekend after each Mass there will also be Mother's Day cookies available in the foyer as a fundraiser for the Parish. Happy Mother's Day!!

Next Saturday 15th May Salvatorians around the world will be celebrating an incredibly special moment for their religious order – the beatification of Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, founder of the Salvatorians. It is a time of great joy, but at the same time an opportunity to give thanks to God for the example and life of Fr Francis Jordan. His life inspires many men and women around the world to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! To celebrate this special occasion, next weekend in our parish we will pray at all Masses through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan and the 9.30am Mass will be offered as a Thanksgiving Mass for his beatification. After the Mass everyone is invited to join us in the Jordan Room for a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of a special cake! Please pray through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan for your private intentions but also for all Salvatorians around the world and for new vocations to the order.

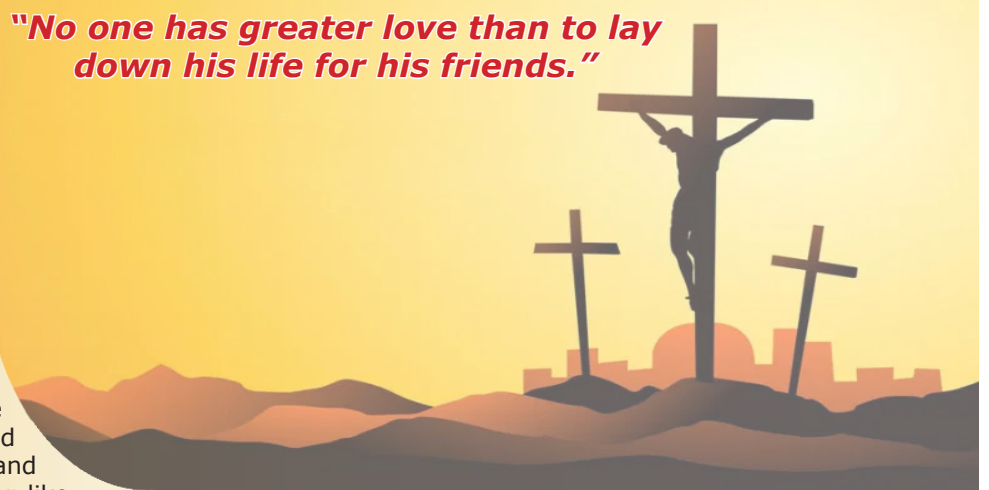
I wish many blessings for those of you who celebrate your birthdays and other special occasions this week.

God bless

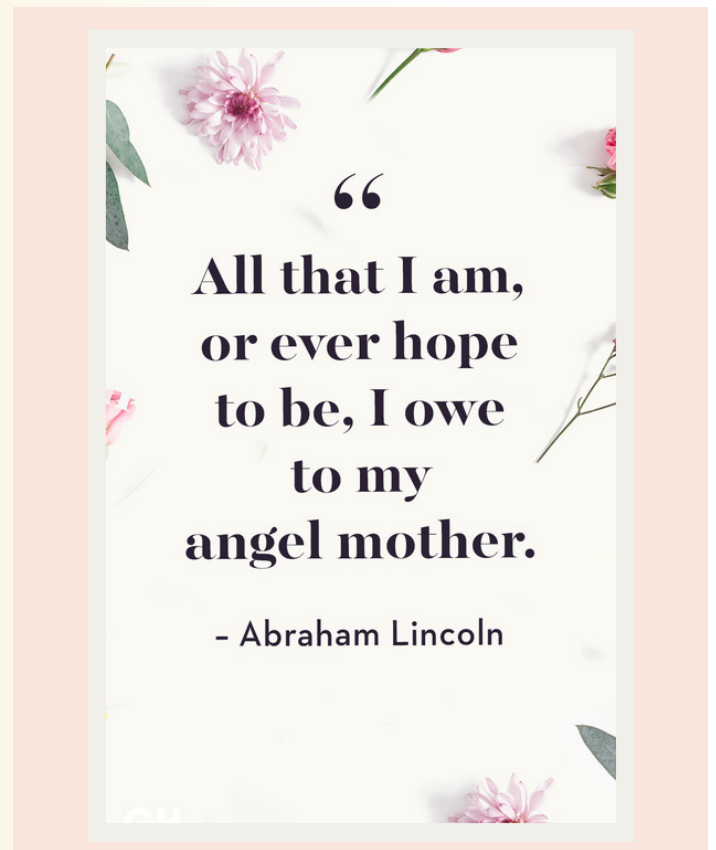
Fr Greg



***"No one has greater love than to lay down his life for his friends."***



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



## FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS



*"The life of those who join this work is the apostolic life, or the imitation of the Holy Apostles..."*

FJ – Rule of the Apostolic Teaching Society 1882.



## 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

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### SALVATORIAN

### Society of the Divine Saviour

http://www.sds.org.au

### 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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**Catechists' Coordinator:** Raelene O'Connor

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Wed: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Thurs: 9:30am – 1:30pm

**Youth Ministry:** Jaimi-Lea Andrews

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**Media Coordinator:** Tom Croll

Thursday: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Email: tcroll@photom.com.au

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### VOLUNTEER ROLES

**Office Admin:**

Friday: Denise Jay 9:00am – 3:30pm

**AV Presentation:** Peter McLean

**Caretakers:** Greg McBride

**Baptism Co-ordinator:** Ron Begg & Tim Mara

Maisie Tenev Ph: 0416 803 334

**Gardeners:** Trevor Byrne

Joyce Byrne

Victor Camilleri

Barbara McCarthy Ph: 4322 0250

**Seniors' Ministry:** Hilary Pope

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

If you see any activities involving children or

vulnerable adults that worries you, please email

Hilary Pope, our Safeguarding Officer at

hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au

### School Principals

St Patrick's Primary: Mrs Cheryl Walsh 4325 1159

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

#### SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD

Sat Vigil: 5:30pm

#### SPENCER, 4,200 WISEMANS FERRY RD

4:00pm 2nd Saturday of Month

### ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

#### Before the Blessed Sacrament

Mon 8:30 - 9:00am Wed 11:00 - 11:30am Fri 12:30 - 3:00pm

Tue 8:30 - 9:00am Thu 8:30 - 9:00am Sat 8:30 - 9:00am

### ROSARY

**Mon, & Thu** 8:05am to 9:00am

**Tuesday** 8:05am "Right to Life"

**Wednesday** 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!

**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 Children, Yrs 5 & 6** 2nd & 4th Friday of the month during School Terms. In the School Hall 7:00 pm

**Family Group** Meet monthly as per details advertised in the Bulletin venue and times may vary to suit the occasion.

## 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

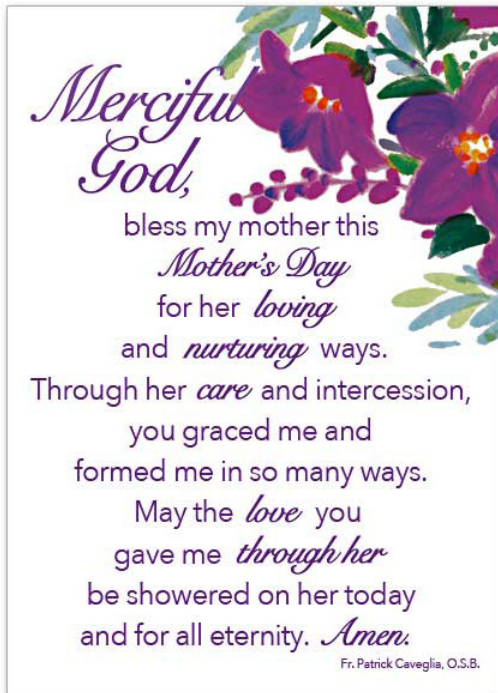
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### HILARY POPE

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hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au

## MOTHERS DAY SUNDAY



### THIS SUNDAY WE WILL BE CELEBRATING MOTHERS DAY

At each Mass over the weekend Frs Greg and Paul will give a special blessing and a small gift to all the mothers.

### MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE RESULTS

#### 1ST Prize:

Mrs Ebeni - Blue ticket Q85

#### 2nd Prize:

Mrs R Butler - Red ticket N89

#### 3rd Prize:

Mrs P Brundrett - Red ticket N14

We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket in support of their parish.

the 4th Sunday. No great floral artistry skills required, but would be a bonus. If you are interested at all please call the Parish Office on 4325 1042.

## COVID-19 - UPDATE

### FOR THIS WEEKEND ONLY

Dear Friends in Christ,

Given a recent outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in Sydney, Bishop Anthony advises us of the following:



The NSW Government has introduced the following measures, effective from midday today, 6 May 2021 (enforceable from 5pm) until 12:01am Monday, 10 May for the Greater Sydney region (including Wollongong, Central Coast and Blue Mountains) (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/covid-19-restrictions-update-6-may>)

visitors to households will be limited to 20 guests - including children

masks will be compulsory on public transport and in all public indoor venues, such as retail, theatres, hospitals, aged care facilities and for front-of-house hospitality staff (except in a hospitality venue when eating or drinking)

drinking while standing up at indoor venues will not be allowed

singing by audiences at indoor shows or by congregants at indoor places of worship will not be allowed

dancing will not be allowed at indoor hospitality venues or nightclubs however, dancing is allowed at weddings with a strong recommendation that no more than 20 people should be on the dancefloor at any one time

visitors to aged care facilities will be limited to two people.

To this end Bishop Anthony places before us for the coming weekend:

Congregational singing should not occur. From the government directive, it seems possible, however, for a cantor or a small choir to sing, provided that they are socially distanced, and it is certainly possible for music, such as an organ or other instruments, to be played. How this might occur will need to be the decision of each parish priest.

Masks need to be worn by all who are present in the church as has been our experience in the past. Priests or deacons who are presiding may remove their mask whilst engaging in presidential prayers.

Social gatherings after Mass should be limited to avoid mingling, so as to be careful not to put our most vulnerable at risk.

We note the restrictions on pastoral visits to aged care facilities.

Please note that there has been no change to the regulations around density: therefore the same number of people currently accommodated in our churches remains unchanged.

Bishop Anthony continues to monitor the situation and will share further details with us early next week should such be required. In the mean-time he reminds us that we have been through such restrictions before and managed them extremely well. Bishop Anthony reiterates that COVID-Safe behaviours such as the practice of good hand hygiene and social distancing continue to keep our communities safe.

Our current situation demonstrates the precariousness of our situation and urges us to act for the protection of everyone in our community.

Bishop Anthony thanks us for our understanding and cooperation,

Fr David Ranson VG

Very Rev Dr David Ranson PP VG

## SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

Following the retirement of Saturday Morning Coffee Shop baristas and organisers, Lucy & Gerard Price & Joscelyn & Neil Murphy after their eight or so years of not only providing a great social occasion for parishioners, but donating their profits to charity.



Fr Greg would like to see this opportunity for parishioners to gather by continuing the coffee shop and would like to hear from people who may be interested in being barista trained and being on a roster to keep it going.

**Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like help.**

## CATECHIST CORNER

### AN INVITATION TO YOU

Our Parish Catechist team, invite parishioners to join our Ministry, in a Relief teaching capacity to support our existing Catechists.

Relief teaching would typically require a once a term commitment. We also have available a teaching position for Year 4 @11.35am Thursday at Kariong.

I look forward to hearing from Parishioners available for this commitment.

All inquiries please call Raelene 0499 995 292.

Thank you for your support of our beautiful ministry.

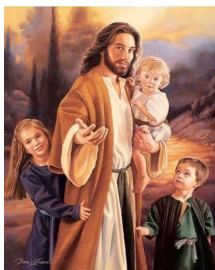
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Raelene O'Connor

Catholic SRE Coordinator

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING AN ALTAR SOCIETY MEMBER?

One of our longest serving Altar Society ladies is desperately hoping to retire and we are desperately looking for her replacement! The commitment is only once a month for



## FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S

AVAILABLE FROM JUNE, 2021



We have been very fortunate to secure the voluntary services of a registered counsellor who is willing to offer her services one day a month for the benefit of those seeking professional counselling, at no cost to the client.

If this, **fully confidential service**, is something would interest you or someone you know, please contact the Parish Office on 4325 1042 to find out more.

### YOU HAVE OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE!

We have many to thank for their efforts in making this the special parish that it is, and this week we would particularly thank the following:

Firstly, we thank Phil & Grace Russo who not only donated all items necessary for the baking and packaging of a range of delicious cookies for our Mother's Day fund raiser this weekend, but spent many hours baking them as well. We also sincerely thank Charlene Xuereb for her time and baking skills in producing the large cookies which have been bagged and tagged by the rest of the fund raising team. Make sure you buy a selection from both as they will all be delicious and at the same time you will be supporting your parish.

Secondly we thank Kelly Paget for donating her many skills in helping to enhance the celebration of the Beatification of Francis Jordan, founder of the Salvatorian Order which takes place in Rome on May 15, 2021. Please join us May 16 at the 9.30am Mass for our celebration, and morning tea afterwards. If you would like to purchase a Kelly Paget produced candle marking the occasion, please pop along to our Piety Stall.

We have been remiss in not thanking our Fund Raising team members for devoting their time and skills in providing St Patrick's with its own successful stall at the 3rd Saturday markets which gained \$480 in parish funds.

We thank Mary Brown for investing her craft skills and generosity in providing the prizes for the Mother's Day raffle which contributed \$855 towards parish funds.

Finally to Eunice Dal Busco for attending every Mass to sell the tickets for the Mothers day raffle, a stellar effort.



**On March 19, 1999, St. John Paul II prayed at the tomb of Father Jordan**

## THE BEATIFICATION OF FR FRANCIS MARY OF THE CROSS JORDAN



Beatification of Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan

The Beatification ceremony of the Salvatorian founder, the Venerable Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan will take place on Saturday, 15 May 2021 at the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome.

The ceremony will be presided over by Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, Vica General of

His Holiness. The Cardinal serves as the de facto bishop of Rome residing in the Lateran Palace which adjoins the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran.

This event is welcomed joyously by the global Salvatorian community even though the pandemic and associated restrictions have limited celebrations and made it impossible for many to attend events in Rome.

Both the Beatification and a following Mass of thanksgiving will be available live from the Telepace Catholic TV channel at the link below.

### RITE OF BEATIFICATION

The Rite of Beatification is scheduled at the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran Rome at 6:30pm, Saturday, 15 May 2021.

<https://telepacenews.it/diretta/>

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING

A Mass of thanksgiving for the new Blessed Francis Jordan is scheduled at St Peter's Basilica Rome at 11pm, Sunday, 16 May 2021.

All times are Sydney local time.

<https://telepacenews.it/diretta/>

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 16-23 MAY 2021

The week between the Ascension and Pentecost Sunday is dedicated each year to praying for Christian Unity.

This year's theme is: "Abide in my love and you shall bear fruit" (John 15:5).

You may wish to consider an ecumenical outreach during this week, or a joint activity with neighbouring churches.

For resources please visit <https://www.ncca.org.au/fait-and-unity-resources/2021-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

### RESOURCES INCLUDE:

- † Ecumenical Worship Service
- † Reflections for each day of the week
- † Poster and card Universal Prayer

Download the suggested [Universal Prayer for Sunday 16 May here](#).

## WOMENS FAITH CIRCLE

"Women's Faith Circle

An opportunity to explore our Faith, to Reflect, Pray and Build Community.

9am Mass followed by Formation and morning tea in the Jordan Room.

2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month

For Mothers with school aged Children.

School Terms only

Please contact Jane Eager 0417 660 078 for further details"

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

### APPEAL 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR

31,759.70  
30,000

\$24,749.70  
Raised to Date  
Thank You, we are  
getting Closer



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

**\$7,010 to meet our allotted target for June 30.**

**Thank you so much for your generosity.**

## MOTHERS DAY FUNDRAISER

SUN MAY 9

Cookies will be for sale



## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL - FINAL ROUND - COMMENCES NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 8/9

With a levy balance of \$7,100 outstanding, we are hopeful of your full support in the final push to meet our commitment to the Diocese for its charitable works. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND - MAY 2021 APPEAL - THIS WEEKEND

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21. Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities:

- † **Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care** - where Hospital Chaplains and Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our local hospitals.
- † **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** - materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.
- † **St Lucy's School** - serving primary school students with disabilities.
- † **St Edmund's College** - serving secondary school students with disabilities.
- † **Ephpheta Centre** - serving the Catholic deaf community. Please take a moment to watch our heart-warming 'Thank you' video to hear from those you are helping - <https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E>

### Donate to CWF by:

- CWF envelope in your pew
- Online at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/give](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give)
- Or scan the QR code.



All donations contribute to our parish target.

Many young people and families in our community receive help from these charities. They can arise with new strength and hope because of your support.

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. God Bless.

## ST PATRICK'S IS ALIVE

## Parish Dinner fundraiser

## Saturday May 29th



In celebration of Fr Greg's 10 Year Anniversary to Priesthood and Fr Paul's First Anniversary to Priesthood we welcome all parishioners to join us for a warm hearty soup dinner with friends!

**\$15 - Adults** 15 years +  
**\$10 - children**  
**Under 4 years Free**  
**Family ticket \$50**  
2 adults & 2 or more children

Tickets on sale at  
[www.trybooking.com/BRET](http://www.trybooking.com/BRET)  
Or contact the Parish Office directly.

**Enjoy some good food,  
drinks, entertainment &  
reconnect with friends.**

Following the 5pm Vigil Mass

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



### 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 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

### ACTS 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ.

Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**The Word of The Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 97:1-4. R. SEE V.2

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

## SECOND READING

### JN 4:7-10

**A reading from the first letter of St John**

**God is love.**

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### JN 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

### JN 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### JN 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

### BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The story of Saul illustrates the transformation that the grace of God can effect; even a persecutor can become a disciple. Initially Saul meets resistance from the Christian community, not to his

message but to his claim of conversion. Barnabas (son of consolation, cf. Acts 4:36) intercedes on his behalf, witnessing to the salvific grace of God that transformed Saul into a believer. If God can raise Jesus from the dead, surely God can recreate Saul. Saul's rebirth is a sign of the grace that has been unleashed by the resurrection. Saul's apostolic fervour may not have convinced the Greek-speaking Jews of God's choice of Jesus, but it convinced members of the Jerusalem community of the genuineness of his conversion.

The psalm of thanksgiving mentions the fulfilment of a promise to perform an act of service of God, to make an offering, or to abstain from something as a response to some blessing. The psalmist fulfills this vow in the midst of the congregation. The nature of the vow is not stated, the psalm suggests that it was some kind of meal to which the poor were invited. The circle of devotees moves out from the assembly of believers to all the ends of the earth and to all the families of nations. It also includes future generations. Finally, the scope of God's reign even stretches beyond life into the realm of the dead. The boundlessness of God's blessing is clearly seen.

In the Letter of John, believers are called 'little children' (teknion), a term of endearment, and 'beloved' (agapetoí), an expression of the love that God has for them. This reading links three important theological themes: Christian love; confident belief; and faithful obedience. First, it is not enough to proclaim love for God; it must be demonstrated through concrete action. Second, confidence will be manifested in the way believers turn to God in prayer. Finally, the commandment to love covers all other commandments. From the perspective of Trinitarian theology, we see that the ground of Christian confidence is the great love of God; the focus of Christian faith is commitment to Jesus; the assurance of divine indwelling is the gift of the Spirit.

The allegory of the vine calls to mind the song of the vineyard found in Isaiah (cf. Isa 5:1-7). The prophet condemned his people for their infidelity. In contrast, Jesus is the true vine that faithfully brings forth good fruit. We must be careful about how we understand this passage, lest we perpetuate unacceptable anti-Judaic sentiments. It does not contrast Christian faithfulness with Jewish infidelity. The metaphor characterises the intimate nature of the relationship between Jesus and his followers. Since the life of the vine flows through the branches, Jesus lives in his branches, and his branches live in his life. This metaphor shapes the religious identity of the disciples. This intimacy is offered to all who will live in union. © Dianne Bergant CSA

## THIS WEEK

**THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER**

Fri, 14 St Matthias, apostle

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

**THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER**

**1st: Acts 1:1-11**  
**2nd: Eph 4:1-13**  
**Gospel: Mk 16:15-20**

**YOUR ROSTER - MAY 16 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:30am	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:30	
DATE	15.05.21	16.05.21	16.05.21	16.05.21	Function	15.05.21
<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Cheryl Parry	Ron Begg	Arthur Holland	Abhishek Thomas	<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Michael Xuereb
<b>Acolytes</b>	Anna Jung Bernie Pannell	Eunice Dal Busco John Ryan	Jay Sutton Peter Cho	Angela Stitt Joseph Nicholls	<b>Altar Society</b>	Mary Luci
<b>Commentator</b>	Jan Blanch	Chris Golden	Emily Rudd	Barbara McCarthy	<b>Commentator</b>	Peter Chin
<b>Lectors</b>	Maisie Tenev Sharon Bevan	Sheila Evans Anne Lovett	Avril Julius Liz Malik	Youth Jessica Russell	<b>Lectors</b>	Judy Grenfell Joanne Comensoli
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist</b>	Vic Camilleri	Regina Fong	Patti Beattie	Rick Llige	<b>Cleaning</b>	Nina Lentini
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Taz Parry	Amelia Eager Laura Eager	Yuna Iwasaki Shiho Iwasaki Helen Shiju	Vito De Toffol Remi De Toffol Luca De Toffol Joey Stitt Tommy Stitt	<b>Altar Servers</b>  <b>Flowers</b>	Mia Xuereb  Roseanne Dominello
<b>COUNTERS</b> 10/05 Eunice Dal Busco Ron Begg Marie Cradock <b>Gary Smith</b> Dianna Addis Victoria Milanovic	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b>  <b>P/up May 10</b> Josie McGuinness <b>Ret'n by May 14</b>	<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>  <b>Thu 13/05</b> Maree Nolan Anna Neale Pauline Nesbitt Ros Moriarty Margaret Pratt	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>  <b>Sunday 16/05</b> Cheryl Frazer Lucy Frazer	<b>PARISH BUS</b>  <b>16/05 Driver:</b> Brian Jay <b>Helper</b> 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>  <b>23/05</b> Bigi Kon Sheila Evans  <i>Don't forget the washing of hands and changing gloves between patients.</i>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL**

**MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Shane Jones, John Maidment, Fran Drinan, Jean Newton, Lucy Gammon, Unborn Babies, Glenn Mills, Accamma Mathappan, Clare Wong, Ken Goodworth, Helen Heinrich, Patrick Horan, John Burg.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Debora Joy Marquart, David Muir, Bor McGrath, Charlie & Helen Clement, Steven Kim, Effie Fernandes, Anthony Fernandes, Susannah Joo, Paul Juna, Jim Hastings, Rick McGuire, Eileen Moffat, Kevin Caves.

**REMEMBRANCES:**

Fariba Ghazi, Effie Fernandes, Colleen Cartner, Fabria Ghazi, Keanu Campbell, Val & Eric Neilson.

**CONDOLENCES:**

Our sincere condolences to all the families, and loved ones of the recently deceased. May god keep the souls of those recently deceased in the palm of his hands.

**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 08/05	9:00am Gosford	Recently Deceased SHANE JONES	Wed 12/05	11:30am Gosford	+1st Anniversary EFFIE FERNANDES. 6th Annvrsry ANTHONY FERNANDES. Prayers for Ann of Steven Kim
Sat 08/05	4:00pm Spencer		Thu 13/05	9:00am Gosford	+ 2nd Anniversary STEVEN KIM
Sat 08/05	5:00pm Gosford	'HOLY SOULS'	Fri 14/05	12:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary CHARLIE & HELEN CLEMENT
Sat 08/05	5:30pm Somersby	For her Health EVELYN NICHOLLS	Sat 15/05	9:00am Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance
Sun 09/05	7:30 am Gosford	+ Anniversary DAVID MUIR	Sat 15/05	5:00pm Gosford	1ST Anniversary BOB McGRATH
Sun 09/0	9:30 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 15/05	5:30pm Somersby	+ Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI
Sun 09/05	6:00 pm Gosford	+ Remembrance MAGDALEN MACNAMARA	Sun 16/05	7:30am Gosford	
Mon 10/04	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversaries SUSANNAH JOO & PAUL JUNG	Sun 16/05	9:30am Gosford	Beatification of Fr Francis Mary of The Cross Jordan: Founder of The Salvatorians
Tue 11/05	9:00am Gosford	Comunion Service Only			

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