

# 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.



## RECOGNITION OF THE MIRACLE

### ATTRIBUTED TO FR. FRANCIS JORDAN

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has authorised the promulgation of the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of Father Francis Mary of the Cross (in secular life John Baptist) JORDAN, Founder of the Salvatorians.

### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Father Francis Jordan was born on 16 June 1848 in Gurtweil, a small town in the archdiocese of Freiburg (Germany). After ordination to the priesthood on 21 July 1878, he was sent to Rome, where he spent most part of his life. Motivated by the apostolic zeal and desire to make Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, known and loved by all people, everywhere, he founded the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) in 1881 and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Sisters) in 1888. He also organized groups of lay people to take part in the Church's mission of evangelisation using all ways and means. He died on 8 September 1918 in Tifers in Switzerland.

### THE MIRACLE

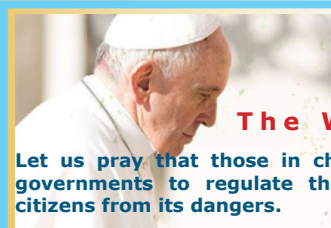
A young couple that was expecting a baby in 2014 in Jundiai (Brazil), was informed by several medical doctors and specialists that their unborn child was suffering an incurable bone disease (skeletal dysplasia). Being members of a group of Lay Salvatorians, the parents began to pray through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Francis Jordan, inviting other members of the Salvatorian Family to join them. The child was born in a complete healthy condition on 8 September 2014, the day of Fr. Francis Jordan's death anniversary. After the required canonical procedures had been successfully completed, the Holy Father, Pope Francis declared that this miraculous healing was worked by God through the



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

intercession of Fr. Francis Jordan.

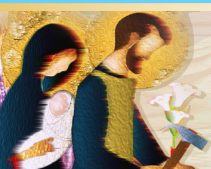
Towards the beatification The declaration of the Pope on 19 June 2020 finishes the process on the miracle and opens definitely the way towards the beatification of Fr. Francis Jordan. As soon as the date and place of the beatification ceremony will be determined by the Holy See, we will announce it. For more information about Fr. Francis Jordan and the Salvatorians, the website [sds.org](http://sds.org) can be consulted.



### POPE FRANCIS' MAY 2021 INTENTION

#### The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



### YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021



### FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"O Love, give me love, increase your love in me!"

SD - I/120.



## 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

### SALVATORIANS

### 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

Email: franceshanna@yahoo.com

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

Email: saintpatscdd@acs.net.au

Wed: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Thurs: 9:30am – 1:30pm

**Youth Ministry:** Jaimi-Lea Andrews

Ph: 0452 480 112 Email: jaimilea.andrews@gmail.com

**Media Coordinator:** Tom Croll

Thursday: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Email: tcroll@photom.com.au

Phone: 0411- 962 122.

### VOLUNTEER ROLES

**Office Admin:**

Friday: Denise Jay 9:00am – 3:30pm

**AV Presentation:** Peter McLean

**Caretakers:**

**Baptism Co-ordinator:**

All bookings must be made through the parish office.

**Gardeners:**

**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

### 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

## SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

### HILARY POPE

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## CATECHIST CORNER

### AN INVITATION TO YOU

We now have Catechist teaching positions available Thursdays for Year 5/6 classes, Gosford PS @ 8.55 am and East Gosford PS @ 12.30 pm, this is a great age group for our Ministry, the Children are engaging and are eager to learn about our Faith.



We also 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.

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.

Pax Vobiscum

Raelene O'Connor

Catholic SRE Coordinator

## 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.**

## 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 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.

**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

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will be available live from the Telepace Catholic TV channel at the link below.

## WATCH ON-LINE

### 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

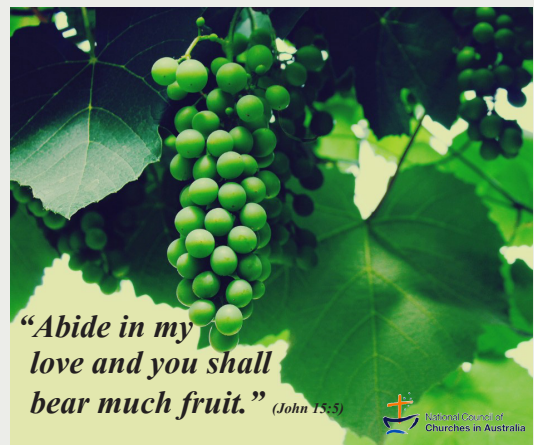
A Mass of thanksgiving for the new Blessed Francis Jordan is scheduled at St Peter's Basilica Rome at 11pm, Sunday, 16 May 2021.

All times are Sydney local time.

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

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

16-23 May 2021



## 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.](#)

**PLEASE WEAR  
A MASK IN  
CHURCH THIS  
WEEKEND  
IT IS STILL  
MANDATORY TO  
DO SO.**





# Faithful Counseling

## FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S

**AVAILABLE FROM 7 JUNE, 2021**

Professional Counsellors offer a caring approach to a range of issues, including:

- Depression and or anxiety
- Grief and loss
- Parenting support
- Relationship – couple and family issues.

Provided with a faith-based perspective in mind.

Extensive experience from clinically trained professionals.

Free, fully confidential and available to parishioners:  
adolescents

- Adults
- Couples and families.

The service is commencing June 7.

To register, please contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMILIES, ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES

*Talk:*

### JESUS AND THE CALL TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF FAMILIES IN THE NEW EVANGELISATION

**SUNDAY, MAY 30  
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

- 12.00pm Lunch (please go to the link below for more details)  
1.00 pm Talk / children activity  
2.30 pm Family Mass  
3.15 pm Afternoon tea/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/BRIBK> ✉ [Gosford.Families@gmail.com](mailto:Gosford.Families@gmail.com)

Let's bring a plate to share and enjoy this Sunday together!

## Salvatorian Call & Purpose

The kindness and love of God for humanity have appeared in Jesus Christ.



In Him, the one true Saviour of the world, all people are called to union with God and one another to form the People of God.



Inspired by the Holy Spirit and out of concern for the salvation of all Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan founded the Society of the Divine Saviour and gave it the apostolic purpose to announce to all people that Jesus is the Saviour.



*The Constitution  
of the Society*

"Always do everything out of love for God"

"Love one another in the Holy Spirit. Let your charity be manifested to all"

Fr Francis Jordan

**BB35**  
CELEBRATING  
35 YEARS  
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



**THE YEAR  
OF ST JOSEPH  
& THE FAMILY  
2021**



Salvatorians invite you to join them for a

# MASS OF THANKSGIVING



Celebrating the Beatification of Fr Francis Jordan,  
60th Anniversary of Australian Region &  
140th Anniversary of Salvatorian Order

**6 pm Friday 18 June**  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
1 Keenan St, Mona Vale

Main Celebrant  
Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL  
Bishop of Broken Bay

Mass will be followed  
by a light supper



Register your attendance at  
RSVP: [www.trybooking.com/BRIFX](http://www.trybooking.com/BRIFX)  
by 10 June 2021 or the  
Parish Office on 4325 1042

## 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/BRETX](http://www.trybooking.com/BRETX)  
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!**

## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

### APPEAL 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR

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

31,759.70  
30,000

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

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



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

## Salvatorians in the World

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Albania        | Italy         |
| Australia      | Mexico        |
| Austria        | Montenegro    |
| Belarus        | Mozambique    |
| Belgium        | Philippines   |
| Brazil         | Poland        |
| Cameroon       | Romania       |
| Canada         | Russia        |
| Colombia       | Scotland      |
| Comoros        | Slovakia      |
| Congo          | Spain         |
| Czech Republic | Sri Lanka     |
| Ecuador        | Suriname      |
| England        | Switzerland   |
| Germany        | Taiwan        |
| Guatemala      | Tanzania      |
| Hungary        | Ukraine       |
| India          | United States |
| Ireland        | Venezuela     |



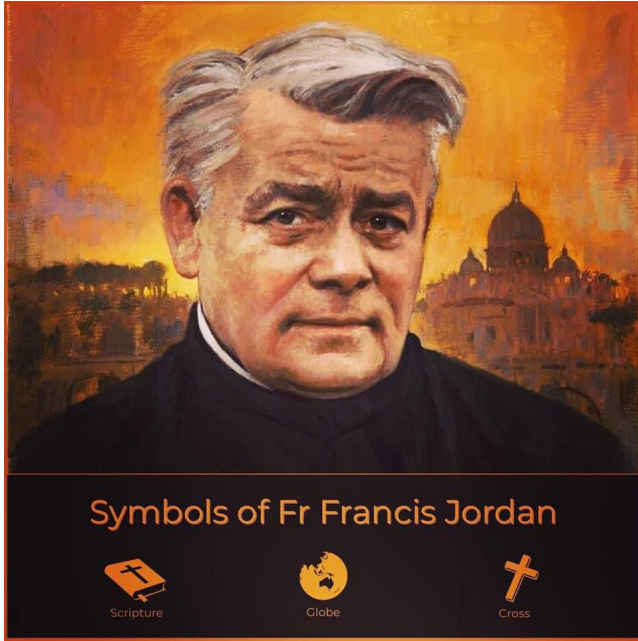
And he said to them, "Go out to  
the whole world; proclaim the  
Good News to all creation"

Mark 16:15

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## FR JORDAN? - SYMBOLS

The scriptures, the Cross and the globe. It states that "in his formal portraits, he is often pictured with one or more of these symbols."



Symbols are a representation of something. These three symbols show what were important in Fr Jordan's life. He held tight to the scriptures and the message of Good News they give us. He cared about all people and desired to share that message with all the world. And He treasured the Cross, the means by which we are saved and the One who died to achieve this.

## DO YOU KNOW WHO SHE IS?



She is the child Livia Maria Cardodo Silva, who through the intercession of Father Jordan, God has worked in her life.

Her parents received the news of her birth in 2014, but due to difficulties during pregnancy, they undergo several tests.

After one of them, made in Suo Paulo, Brazil, they tell him that the mother would have a tumor in the placenta and that the girl would be born with dwarfism. Pray with their group to Father Jordan and girl Livia is born perfectly healthy on September 08, feast of the birth of the Virgin and Easter of Father Jordan.

This was the miracle approved by the Holy See for the Beatification of Jordan.



## Salvatorian Family

### The Society of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorians)

community of religious priests, deacons and brothers, founded in 1881 by Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan

### The Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorian Sisters)

founded in 1888 by Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan and Blessed Mary of the Apostles (Therese von Wullenweber)



Fr Francis Jordan  
Bl Mary of the Apostles

### The International Community of the Divine Saviour (Lay Salvatorians)

men and women, married or single, inspired by Father Jordan's vision, living Salvatorian identity, charism and mission with a public commitment



# BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN LITANY

Lord, have mercy on us, Lord, ....  
Christ, have mercy on us, Christ, ....  
Lord, have mercy on us, Lord, ....

Christ, hear us, Christ, graciously hear us.  
Compassionate Father in heaven, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Savior of the world, have mercy on us.  
Holy Spirit, fire of Love, have mercy on us.  
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Mary, Mother of the Savior, pray for us.  
Mary, Queen of the Apostles, pray for us.  
St. Joseph, pray for us.  
St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.  
All Holy Apostles, pray for us.  
All angels and saints, pray for us.  
Blessed Mary of the Apostles, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, servant of God, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, imbued with love for Christ, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, devoted to Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, faithful to the Church, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, instrument in God's hands, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, founder of the Salvatorians, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, yearning for the salvation of all, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, zealous missionary, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, herald of the Gospel, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, promoter of the Catholic press, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, advocate of lay action, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, fostering the faith of youth, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, calling all to be apostles, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, trusting in divine providence, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, aspiring to holiness, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, strengthened by daily Eucharist, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, constant in prayer, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, full of confidence in God, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, imitating the saints, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, living in the shadow of the Cross, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, begging for guidance and strength, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, faithful to the will of God, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, courageously enduring suffering, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, grateful for graces and blessings, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, simple, humble and patient, pray for us.

Blessed Francis Jordan, lover of the poor, pray for us.  
Blessed Francis Jordan, man of peace, pray for us.

V: Blessed Francis Jordan, you were inspired to make God known and loved by all people everywhere.

R: Fill us with your zeal and help us always strive to be faithful to the will of God.

Let us pray:

Gracious Father, you have given us the example of Blessed Francis Jordan. Through his intercession help us in all our needs. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN

# Outreach

## CHARITY

PusoSaPuso - Christmas party and education for children from slums of Parola - Philippines



## MISSION

Salvatorian Mission Support



## FORMATION

Novitiate and Postulancy, Seminaries:  
Bagno - Poland,  
Manila - Philippines



## VOCATIONS

Discernment Days,  
Days of Reflection,  
Prayer Days for Vocations



## LAY SALVATORIANS

Spiritual Guidance



## COLLABORATORS

Spiritual Formation,  
Pilgrimages in the Footsteps of Fr Jordan,  
Support and Companionship



## YOUTH

Leadership Training,  
Salvatorian Youth,  
Pilgrimages to World Youth Days, Youth Ministry



## INTERNET

Facebook, Myspace, Twitter,  
Salvatorian Web Pages,  
Web Pages for Church Institutions



## PUBLISHING

Prayer Cards, Calendars,  
Parish Data Management Software, Music CD's



## RETREATS



*Salvatorians*  
Est. 1881

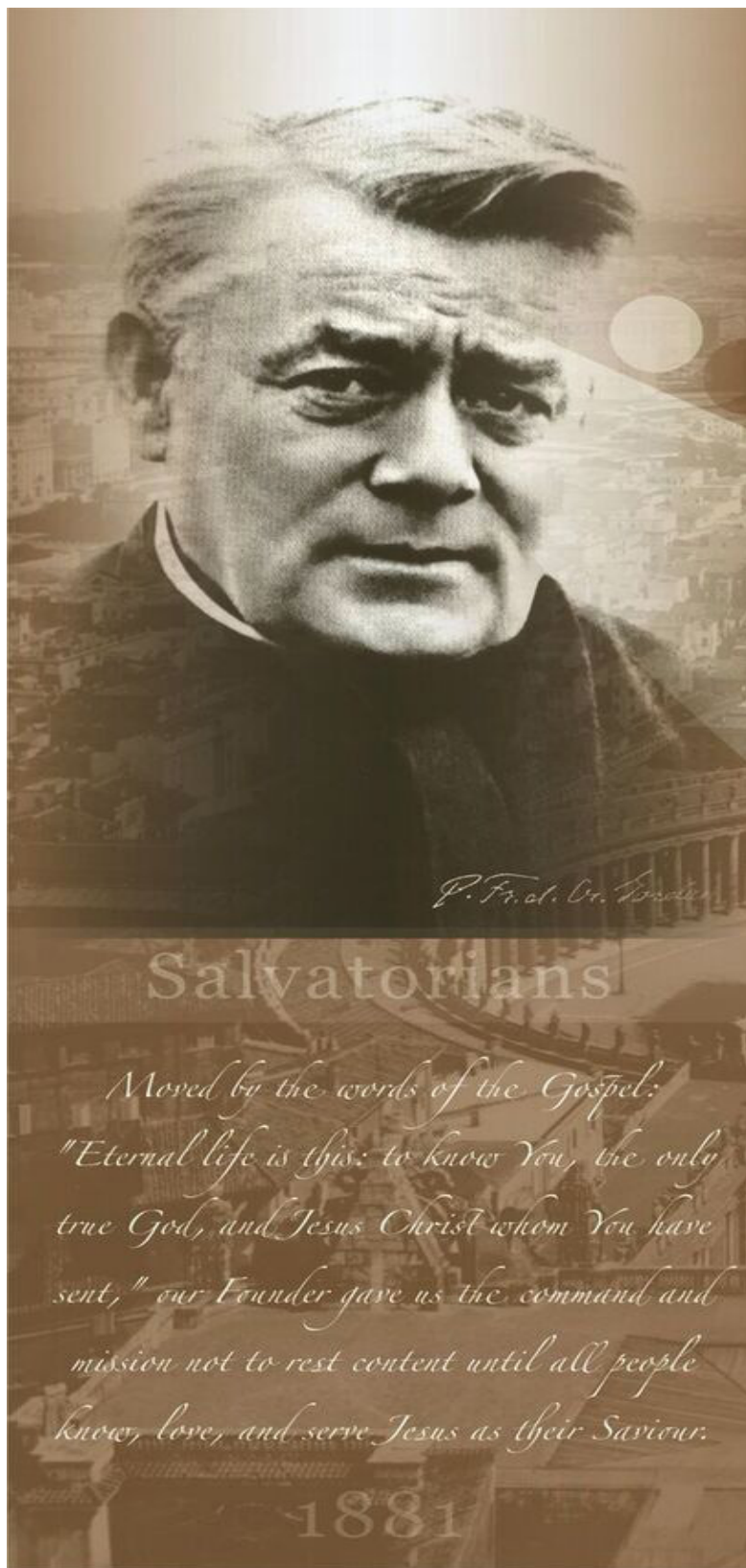
## BEATIFICATION OF SALVATORIAN FOUNDER, FR FRANCIS MARY OF THE CROSS JORDAN

When we want to celebrate, we usually gather in one place with our family and friends to share our joy and to let others know about the wonderful thing that has occurred. The COVID-19 pandemic has made this challenging. However, in the same way that the pandemic did not stop them sharing the excitement of a presbyteral ordination last year, in May this year the Salvatorians will be celebrating the beatification of their founder, Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. This is a living demonstration of their charism of using all ways and means to spread the Good News, overcoming all barriers and hurdles.

Fr Francis Jordan was born John Baptist Jordan on 16th June 1848 in Gurtweil near the Black Forest in Germany. Despite his poor education (which almost stopped him from becoming a priest), he completed his studies with efficiency in over 40 languages. He was known to spend much time in private prayer, and his time as a painter and decorator showed him the vast material and spiritual needs of the people. All of these things would influence his life and the development of the Salvatorian charism. After his ordination in 1878 he had thoughts of uniting all Catholics to spread and defend the faith. His vision was for a society of clergy, religious and laity working together for this mission. During a tour of the Middle East, Fr Jordan had a profound experience while on Mount Lebanon. The words of John 17:3 - "This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the One whom you sent, Jesus Christ" - came to him. He returned home determined to make his ideas a reality. The pre-Vatican II Church, however, was not ready for this and encouraged him to start a religious order instead. Therefore, on 8th December 1881 three priests, including Fr Jordan, made their vows to what we now know as the Society of the Divine Saviour. Exactly 7 years later the congregation of sisters was founded. Fr Jordan died on 8th September 1918 in Tafers, Switzerland and his remains were transferred to the Motherhouse in Rome in 1956.

The Second Vatican Council called for religious communities to return to the vision of their founders, and it was at this time that the Salvatorians were able to include the laity in their family. Today, spread over more than 40 countries, there are over 3000 Salvatorians (clergy, religious and laity) not resting content until all know, love and serve Jesus as their saviour. Using all the ways and means that God inspires in them, they too are motivated by those same words of scripture from John 17:3. Salvatorians work through a number of apostolates such as parishes, pastoral care, aged care, youth work and as missionaries. Through this work the vision of Fr Francis Jordan is becoming more and more of a reality.

The process for the beatification of Fr Jordan commenced in 1943. After collection and assessment of his history and works, Pope Benedict XVI acknowledged the "heroicity of his virtues" (i.e. that he lived a holy life) and declared him Venerable Francis Jordan in 2011. The next step required so that he could be called "Blessed" was the attribution of a miracle. In 2014 a young couple were advised that their unborn child had an incurable disease, skeletal dysplasia. Being Lay Salvatorians, they prayed through the intercession of Venerable Francis



Jordan, and invited their Salvatorian family to join them. On the 8th September 2014, their daughter was born completely healthy. In 2020 Pope Francis confirmed the miracle and set the date for Francis Jordan's beatification, 15th May 2021.

While the celebrations for this beatification may initially look more subdued than those that have occurred before due the current pandemic situation, there is certainly an unquenchable fire burning in the Salvatorians as they look for innovative ways to commemorate this long-awaited event. Whether it be through documentaries, international webinars, national and local celebrations, or the sharing of the "unofficial Salvatorian dessert" of Black Forest cake, Salvatorians worldwide will be united more than ever despite being physically apart. In Australia, NSW Salvatorians will celebrate a thanksgiving Mass for the beatification with their local Bishop, Most Rev Anthony





# Called to PROCLAIM



## Salvatorians

Maybe you have been called by **Christ** to the life of service to **God** and neighbour

if **YES**

then join our Salvatorian mission of proclaiming the goodness and kindness of **Jesus Christ** our **SAVIOUR**

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# Salvatorian Mission

**Called** to follow Jesus Christ as an apostolic community.



**Witness** through our life and service that Jesus is the Saviour of the World.



**Serve** everywhere to all people as the love of Christ inspires.



**Trust** in God's loving providence.



**Proclaim** the values of the Gospel in a contemporary way to people in our times.



**Fulfill** the mission by being one with those we serve so that all may know the goodness and kindness of God our Saviour.



And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17:3

Randazzo, on 18th June. This will be followed by an Australian celebration in Perth with Archbishop Timothy Costelloe on 8th September. These celebrations will also commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Australian Region and the 140th Anniversary of the Salvatorian Order and further strengthen the bond of the Salvatorian family.

Livestreaming of the beatification on Saturday 15th May from the Basilica of St John Lateran, and the thanksgiving Mass from St Peter's Basilica on Sunday 16th May, can be found via <https://telepacenews.it/diretta>.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### ACTS 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

## FIRST READING

### ACTS 1:1-11

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

**Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**The Word of The Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 46:2-3. 6-9. R. V.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

### EPH 1:17-23

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

**He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### MT 28:19. 20

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

### MK 16:15-20

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

**The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.**

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### MT 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

### BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The Ascension was a turning point in the life of the church. It brought closure to the earthly activity of Jesus and launched the apostles on their own ministry. Jesus tells them that the time of fulfilment is approaching. They question him about the restoration of Israel. Since such restoration was considered a sign of the endtime, their question shows that they believed that the endtime had indeed come. Jesus informs them that though he will leave them, they will experience him through the presence of the Spirit. The actual account of the ascension is brief. Jesus is lifted up and concealed by a cloud. The church is now in a liminal state. Jesus has left, but the Spirit has not yet come.

The liturgical celebration described in the psalm is the enthronement of God. This enthronement appears to establish God's sovereign reign. The claim that the Lord rules over all the earth either points to the preeminence of the God of Israel over all other gods or it is an assertion of monotheistic faith. The title 'Most High', was the name given to 'the creator of heaven and earth' (Gen 14:19). Israel applied both the title and all of the attributes associated with it to its own God. In their minds, their God was not only king over all the earth and all the peoples that dwelt there, but was also king over all of the powers of heaven.

The passage from Ephesians 1:17-23 is a prayer for wisdom and revelation, gifts that are necessary for insight and understanding. It acclaims the power of God that raised Christ from the dead and seated Christ in the place of honour in heaven; it made all things subject to Christ and exalted Christ as head of the church. It is this same power that is now called upon. The image of Christ is quite exalted. Having been raised from the dead, Christ now sits at God's right hand, high above all of the other heavenly creatures. Exalted by God, Christ is made the head of the church, which is the body of Christ. As members of this exalted body, believers share in Christ's fullness.

The overarching theme of Ephesians 4:1-13 is the unity within the church. It opens with a catalogue of social virtues that foster community harmony and preserve the unity that comes from the Spirit. The body with its many, diverse and interdependent members is an apt image of this living church. Its unity, grounded in membership in the one body of Christ, is expressed in the Christians' allegiance to one Lord, their commitment to one faith, and their practice of one baptism. The diversity within the church need not be threatened by this unity. A church united in its members is an apt manifestation of Christ who, in his exaltation, has matured to his full stature, bestowing grace on all without altering their diversity.

The account of the ascension of Jesus marks a turning point in his relationship with his closest followers. It reports the commission to preach the gospel to all. The salvific nature of this gospel is clear: Those who believe will be saved; those who do not believe will be condemned. Faith in the message of the gospel is crowned by baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Taken from their sight, as exalted Lord, Jesus then takes his rightful place of privilege next to God. The concluding verse succinctly summarises the entire apostolic age: the apostles went into the entire world and preached the gospel; the Lord was with them, confirming their ministry through wondrous signs.

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**THIS WEEK THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**



YOUR ROSTER - MAY 23 PENTECOST SUNDAY						
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:30am	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:30	
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<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Robert Biviano	Michael Lynch	Greg McBride	Samuel O'Connor	<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Michael Xuereb
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					<b>Flowers</b>	Rita Galea
<b>COUNTERS</b> 17/05 Gary Smith Dianna Addis Victoria Milanovic 24/04 Gary Smith Lyn Beglin Neryl Terrell	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b> P/up May 17 Marie Cradock Ret'n by May 21	<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> Thu 20/05 Des Hincksman Mary Brown Pauline Parsons Margaret Dibben Jenny Mewburn	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b> Sunday 23/05 Cheryl Frazer Lucy Frazer	<b>PARISH BUS</b> 23/05 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>	<b>HOSPITAL VISITATION</b> 23/05 Bigi Kon Sheila Evans <i>Don't forget the washing of hands and changing gloves between patients.</i>

## MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

### NEXT WEEKS READINGS - PENTECOST SUNDAY

**1st: Acts 2:1-11**  
**2nd: Cor 12:3-7. 12-13**  
**Gospel: Jn 20:19-23**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

### MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Trish Arnell, 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:

Barabara Higginson, Annamaria Maisano, Shane Jones, John Maidment, Fran Drinan, Jean Newton, Lucy Gammon, Unborn Babies, Glenn Mills, .

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Olga Quinn, Brian Wilkinson, Lloyd Woods, Debora Joy Marquart, David Muir, Bor McGrath, Charlie & Helen Clement, Steven Kim, Effie Fernandes, Anthony Fernandes, Susannah Joo.

### REMEMBRANCES:

Effie Fernandes, Marjorie Caves, Gary Bell's, Joh Van Yzendoorn, Fariba Ghazi, 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.



Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 15/05	9:00am Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance JOH VAN YZENDOORN
Sat 15/05	5:00pm Gosford	1ST Anniversary BOB McGRATH
Sat 15/05	5:30pm Somersby	+ Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI
Sun 16/05	7:30 am Gosford	For the Health of EVELYN NICHOLLS
Sun 16/0	9:30 am Gosford	Beatification of Francis Jordan : Founder
Sun 16/05	6:00 pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Mon 17/04	9:00am Gosford	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue 18/05	9:00am Gosford	COMMUNION SERVICE
Wed 19/05	11:30am Gosford	For the Intentions of MARGARET HENNESSY

Date	Mass	Intention
Thu 20/05	9:00am Gosford	COMMUNION SERVICE
Fri 21/05	12:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrance EFFIE FERNANDES
Sat 22/05	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrances MARJORIE CAVES & MARY RYAN
Sat 22/05	5:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased BARBARA HIGGINSON
Sat 22/05	5:30pm Somersby	+ Remembrance VAL & ERIC NEILSON
Sun 23/05	7:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 23/05	9:30am Gosford	+ Anniversaries OLGA QUINN & BRIAN WILKINSON
Sun 23/05	6:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary NELSON FERNANDES

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