



GOSFORD PARISH

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



LETTER FROM FR GREG

My dear parishioners,


As we approach the end of the financial year, I would like to take this opportunity to express just how grateful I am to all of you for your financial contributions and generous stewardship of the parish over the last year. Because of you, we have been able to not only pay our everyday bills but also complete many evangelisation projects, renovations and improvements in our church and the surrounding property.

I am still in shock that we were able to pay for and install the air conditioning so quickly, which we are certainly enjoying now with the cold days of winter! In addition, our parish has raised the full amount of the CWF quote that was asked of us, and then some! You are very caring and generous, and I want to say a huge THANK YOU to each and every one of you!

The beginning of the new financial year is an opportunity for us to renew our planned giving, direct debits and commitment to the financial support of our parish for the year 2021-2022. This weekend in the foyer you will find planned giving envelopes and in the parish bulletin are direct debit forms. Colleen, our parish secretary, and I are constantly searching for new opportunities to cover the costs of the parish's projects, and we continue to apply for funding from the government when applicable. However your help is still needed. We would be very grateful for your ongoing regular contributions which will assure us that we can continue to cover these expenses in the future.


- We already know of many expenses that will be required this year, for example:
- Renovation/replacement of all of the doors in the church which are in a bad condition and slowly falling apart;
- Renewing the phone and internet system in the parish office as there have been problems with people trying to contact us, and
- Our annual insurance for all of the properties, which is around \$28,000.

The full list is very long ... and very expensive!



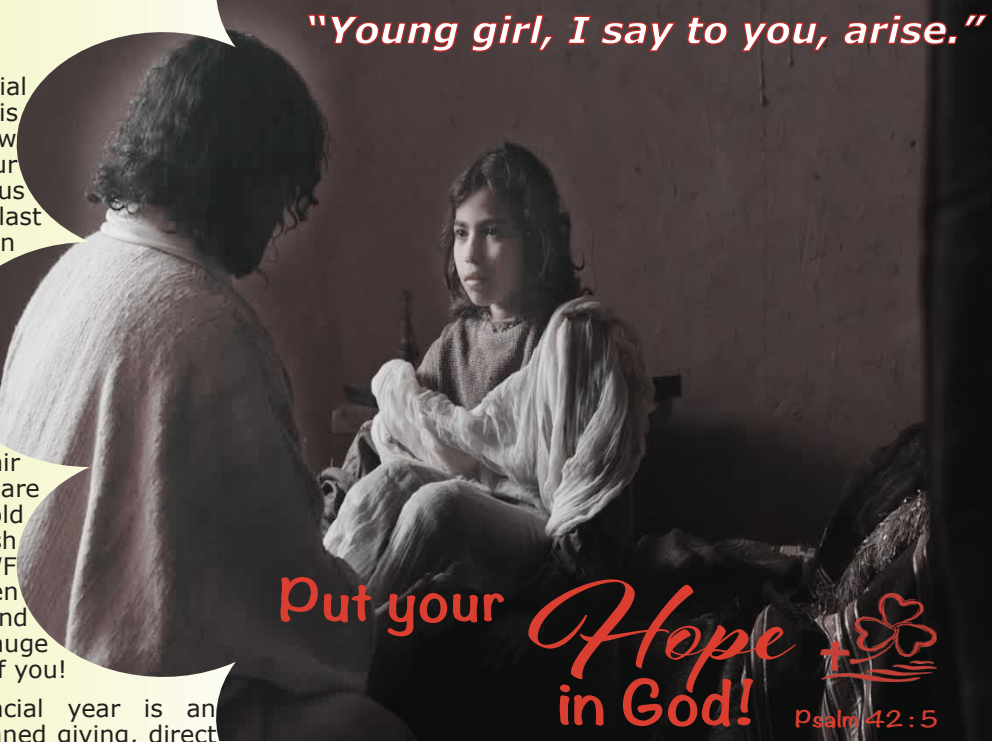
POPE FRANCIS' JUNE 2021 INTENTION
The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021



"Young girl, I say to you, arise."

Put your Hope in God!

Psalm 42: 5

Let us continue to keep our parish alive, welcoming, caring and vibrant, so that all people who come here may continue to have multiple opportunities to know and love Jesus Christ our Saviour.

May God bless you all — Fr Greg

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| • Hope is so much better for you and your family | • Hope is the way home. | • Hope is the best thing you can have. |
| • Hope is the best way for me to do this life | • Hope is the only thing I need | • Hope is good news for you and your family |
| • Hope is the first thing that I have | • Hope is that the sun will not go away | • Hope is there |
| • Hope is the best way to find the perfect place | • Hope is the way | • Hope is the greatest gift |
| • Hope is still available tomorrow | • Hope is your next step forward | • Hope is good news |
| | • Hope is the most important thing to be. | |


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CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH & THE FAMILY 2021



BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Through Him, the Crucified, in Him, the Crucified, with Him, the Crucified, begin, proceed, persevere in working for the glory of God and the salvation of souls."

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ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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PARISH OFFICE

Secretary:

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Denise Jay

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Tim Mara

Baptism Co-ordinator: Maisie Tenev

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All bookings must be made through the parish office.

Gardeners:

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS LEADERSHIP, MONITORING & IMPROVEMENT

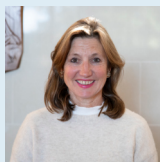
STANDARD 1 – COMMITTED LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & CULTURE

Key Elements of Standard 1:

- † A Commitment to Safeguarding
- † Promoting a Safeguarding Culture
- † Safeguarding Policies
- † Code of Conduct

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

HILARY POPE



IF YOU SEE ANY ACTIVITIES INVOLVING CHILDREN OR VULNERABLE ADULTS THAT CONCERNS YOU, PLEASE EMAIL HILARY POPE, OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICER AT HILARY.P1@OPTUSNET.COM.AU.

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CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

Mon: 9:00am **Wed:** 11:30am **Fri:** 12:00pm

Tue: 9:00am **Thu:** 9:00am **Sat:** 9:00am

Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

WEEKEND MASSES INCL CONFESSION 30 BEFORE EACH MASS

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

Sat Vigil: 5:00pm **Sun:** 7:30am, 9:30am & 6:00pm

SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD

SPENCER, 4,200 WISEMANS FERRY RD

Sat Vigil: 5:30pm 4:00pm 2nd Saturday of Month

ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

Before the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

ROSARY

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

Tuesday 8:05am "Right to Life"

Wednesday 10:30am to 11:00am

Fridays 11:35am to 12:00pm

Saturday 8:05am until 9:00am: 1st Priests & Religious
2nd Mothers & Babies
3rd Persecuted Christians

Sunday 7:05am

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL, IN 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.

Women's 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.

COMMISSIONING OF ALL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

This Sunday June 27, all ministers of the Eucharist, old and new, will be commissioned at all Masses.

PLANNED GIVING

COMMENCING THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR

Firstly thank you to all the loyal and generous parishioners currently supporting the parish via planned giving envelopes placed on the plate, or via monthly deductions. Your support is very much appreciated and we look forward to your continuing stewardship. Sadly your parish's giving suffered during COVID, as it did for many others, and we look forward to bouncing back so that we may continue with our programmes into the future.

Don't forget, whilst giving to the parish isn't tax deductible, giving to the CWF is and also assists the parish in meeting its quota so if you would like to have CWF envelopes included in your package of envelopes [or directed monthly], please just complete that section of the application.

NEW ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND

And can be picked up from inside the foyer.

Tax receipts for those giving into tax deductible charities will be available next weekend.

Please find on Page 5, an application to join our planned giving programme [envelopes or monthly deductions] which we invite anyone who isn't yet giving in this way to complete and lodge in the box available in the foyer today.

A COURSE FOR CHILDREN OVER 7 WHO ARE NOT YET BAPTISED

Commencing Sunday July 25 from 4.30pm at the Jordan Room.

This 2 session course is designed to assist the children's understanding of baptism which will take place for them at its completion. If you know anyone who would be interested in this course for their, please contact the Parish Office.

OUR HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAMS NEED YOU!

Sadly COVID also affected our hospital visitation team numbers as many had to withdraw with concerns for their health. Resulting in only fortnightly visits by the Friday team, who gather names for the Sunday visitors. The Sunday visitors take communion to the patients nominated by the Friday team. We would love to go back to weekly visits but need more members to share the load.

NSW Health standards must be met when visiting, which requires completing the relevant Pastoral Education course and the necessary immunisations. The parish will cover course costs upon a commitment to proceed in the ministry. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office.

COVID-19 UPDATE



With the current COVID outbreak in Sydney continuing to grow, Bishop Anthony advises us of the following;

The NSW Government has introduced the following measures, effective immediately, 23 June 2021 (enforceable from 4pm) until 12:01am Thursday, 1 July for the Greater Sydney region which now includes the Central

Coast, as well as Wollongong and Blue Mountains.

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

1. Church Capacity is subject to the 1 person per 4 Square metre rule. This will reduce your current capacity by 50%. Please ensure thorough check in records or QR codes are used.
2. 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.
3. Masks need to be worn by all who are present in the church as has been our experience in the past, as well as any gathering outside. Priests or deacons who are presiding may remove their mask whilst engaging in presidential prayers. Please note that masks are also compulsory inside other non-residential buildings in the parish, including the parish office.
4. Social gatherings after Mass should be limited to avoid mingling, so as to be careful not to put our most vulnerable at risk.

Please continue to be aware of COVID-Safe behaviours such as the practice of good hand hygiene, Physical distancing and QR code check ins which continue to keep our communities safe. Encourage anyone with symptoms of COVID-19, even mild symptoms, to get tested at a COVID-19 testing clinic and not leave their home until a negative test is received. This includes people who have visited a confirmed COVID-19 case location in NSW or interstate during a specific time period.

Finally, please remain vigilant to information from NSW Health, particularly in relation the locations of current COVID-19 cases. We will continue to monitor the situation and will share further details as required.

1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH LUNCH IS CANCELLED DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS.

The Lunch in the Jordan room which normally follows the Anointing of the sick Mass has been cancelled.

— No Lunch on Friday 2nd July 2021 —

IMPROVING OUR SOUND SYSTEM

Some work has been completed this week with the installation of additional speakers and fixing of some cables. Thank you again for your stewardship.

NEW RCIA PROGRAM

Anybody interested in, or know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic please contact the Parish Office to register your interest in joining the RCIA program.

Office Phone # 4325-1042.

DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS?

CONSIDER ADVERTISING IN OUR BULLETIN

Our bulletin now has the ability to reach thousands of people every week. A Minimum of 350 are printed and distributed from the Church. We email a very large number of the electronic version and also put a copy onto Facebook and the Parish Website.

We also ask parishioners to consider using those businesses who advertise in the bulletin, after all these businesses help our parish grow, by their financial contributions.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

This annual appeal commences at St Pat's next weekend, June 26 & 27 and the Society looks forward to your usual generous support.

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

The screenshot shows the St Vincent de Paul Society website with a navigation bar including 'About', 'News', 'Publications', 'Events', and 'Contacts'. Below the navigation bar are links for 'Find Help', 'Our Impact', 'Get Involved', 'Shops', 'DONATE', and 'DONATE GOODS'. The main content area features a large image of a man and a young girl walking, with the headline 'HELP RESCUE A CHILD FROM HOMELESSNESS THIS WINTER'. Below this is a donation form with four preset amounts: \$74 (blankets and clothing), \$137 (remove threat of hunger), \$251 (place to sleep), and \$929 (roof over head). There is a field to enter a custom amount, buttons for 'Once' and 'Monthly' frequency, and a 'NEXT STEP' button.

ANNOUNCEMENT – APPOINTMENT OF CHANCELLOR & EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO THE BISHOP



Kelly Paget at the Priest Conference last week.

In March 2021 I wrote to you all to mark the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of our Diocese. While we commemorate the past it is important that we continue to direct our gaze to the future with a particular focus on our mission as a community of disciples of the Lord.

At the service on this focus on mission, I have recently realigned some of the structures and roles within the Chancery. The initial stage in that realignment included reshaping the team of Evangelisation Broken Bay and the appointment of a Diocesan-wide Director of Communications. It has also included the appointment of a Pastoral Facilitator to support a process of pastoral discernment on the Central Coast as recently announced.

Throughout this time I have also turned my mind to aligning the Office of the Bishop. Amongst my priorities is an outward focus of my own office with strong collaboration and unity between Parishes, the Chancery, Catholic Schools Broken Bay and CatholicCare Broken Bay.

To this end, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Kelly Paget has been appointed to the new role of Chancellor & Executive Officer, Office of the Bishop. Well known to you, Kelly has assisted me since my installation as the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay and has already been instrumental in supporting me as my Executive Officer and as a key advisor since that time. I am most appreciative of the enormous support she has provided me. Kelly's dedication to the community of the Church of Broken Bay as well as her own personal faith commitment to the Catholic Church is something to be much admired.

While the new role includes the canonical responsibilities of the Chancellor the role also has responsibility for leading and coordinating the Office of the Bishop staff, liaising with internal and external parties, assisting with public relations as well as managing various projects. In her new role, Kelly will have an even stronger and collaborative working relationship with the Vicar General, the Director of Evangelisation Broken Bay and the Director of Communications, as well as the Executive Director of CatholicCare Broken Bay, Director of Catholic Schools Broken Bay and all the Chancery Directors, as together they assist me to lead and implement the pastoral priorities of the Diocese.

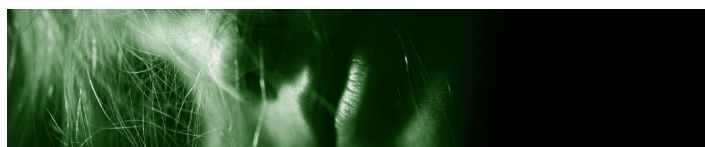
Please join me in congratulating Kelly on her appointment as Chancellor & Executive Officer.

Kelly will commence in her new role on Thursday, 1 July 2021.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

"Young girl, I say to you, arise."



PLEASE CONSIDER FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

If you wish to donate to our Parish, you can donate direct to our Bank Account.

When you do so please indicate in the "Reference" the purpose for the donation.

Bank Account Name
St Patrick's Catholic Parish
BSB:
Account Number:



men
ALIVE
men's weekend

when did you last feel
FULLY ALIVE?

MENALIVE

Every 1st Tuesday of the Month the men of menAlive will meet For Mass followed by other activities.

Next meeting Tuesday, 6 July at 7:00 pm for Mass in the Church followed by dinner.

Come and Join us!

AN INVITATION TO YOU

Our Parish Catechist team, invite parishioners to join our Ministry, in a teaching capacity to replace a team member who has left the Parish area.

For Year 6 @12.10 pm Wednesday at Point Clare.

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

All inquiries please call Raelene 0499 995 292.



**FROM POPE FRANCIS YESTERDAY!
WORTH A READ REGARDLESS OF YOUR FAITH.**



You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you.

Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments.

To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity.

Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank god for every morning, for the miracle of life.

Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us.

To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple.

It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes".

It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry".

It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you".

It is to have the ability to say "I love you".

May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ...

That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom.

And when you make a mistake, start all over again.

For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance.

Use your losses to train patience.

Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure.

Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence.

Never give up Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.

* (Pope Francis).://1drv.Ms/u/s!Attf6stuzarqgdjcp-utkkb0rlnala?E=wdzkdp



FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES AT ST PATRICK'S.

NEXT AVAILABLE – 5TH JULY, 2021

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

- Depression and or anxiety
- Grief and loses
- 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

To register please contact the Parish Office.

Position Vacant

Personal Assistant to the Vicar General

Office of the Bishop

- Permanent, full-time position
- Pennant Hills based

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, serves the People of God in the northern regions of Sydney, North Shore, Northern Beaches and NSW Central Coast.

We are seeking an experienced Personal Assistant to support the Vicar General.

In this role you will provide personal and administrative support to the Vicar General, including providing support for his dual role as Parish Priest.

Your prior experience with providing high level administrative support for a senior executive or similar, with responsibility for diary and event management combined with an understanding of the level of personal support required to assist the Vicar General in balancing his busy work and personal commitments will be crucial to your success.

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to child abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

If you are interested in applying please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au. Applications close Friday 9 July 2021.



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

PS 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

WIS 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. V.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING

2 COR 8:7. 9. 13-15

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his

poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Tm 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MK 5:21-24. 35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

REFLECTION

BY FR MICHAEL TATE

Subverting THE SOCIAL ORDER

Jesus is on his way to fulfil the request of a named male synagogue official who has given voice on behalf of his ill daughter. Jesus is stopped in his tracks by an unnamed voiceless female who has been ostracised from the social and religious life of the town.

Part of her healing is to get her voice back. She tells Jesus everything and he addresses her with the beautiful title, 'daughter'. Imagine the joy of this woman hearing such a term of affectionate relationship. Jesus went on: '... your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease.'

Jesus did not regard this as an interruption to his journey to heal the daughter of Jairus. Stopping was an absolute priority subverting the expectations and power structures of society. The healing presence of Jesus was, and is, radically egalitarian.

Perhaps we could take a moment to pray that we have the courage to touch the hem of our lord's cloak in confession. There we can tell him everything which has left us ill-at-ease in our relationship with god, our fellow human beings and in ourselves. With confidence in his divine power, we can ask him to heal the dis-ease in some part of our personality. Hear him respond: "daughter (or son), your faith has made you whole: go in peace and be healed of your disease". Then, share in the joy of the woman of our gospel story.

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Rev prof Michael Tate graduated in law from the university of Tasmania in 1968, and in theology from oxford university in 1971. He lectured at the university of Tasmania from 1972-78, being dean of the faculty of law in 1977-78. He was a senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being federal minister for justice from 1987-93. He served as ambassador to the Hague and the holy see from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in may 2000 and has been a parish priest in the archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an honorary professor of law at the university of Tasmania where he lectures in international humanitarian law.

THIS WEEK

Monday – St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

Tuesday – Sts Peter & Paul, apostles.

Saturday – St Thomas, apostle

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st: Ezek 2:2-5

2nd: 2 Cor 12:7-10,

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6



YOUR ROSTER — JULY 4, 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM	SOMERSBY - 5:30 PM	
DATE	26.06.21	27.06.21	27.06.21	27.06.21	FUNCTION	26.06.21
Audio / Visual	Johann Fernandes	Ron Begg	Greg McBride	Thomas Werner	Audio / Visual	Michael Xuereb
Acolytes	Johnson Fernandes Bernie Pannell	John Ryan John McCrae	Peter McLean Katrina Pratt	Ange Stitt Kevin O'Donnell		
					Altar Society	Nai Herford
Commentator	Terry Cooke	Gerard Price	Emily Rudd	Barbara McCarthy	Commentator	Dakota Xuereb
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					Flowers	Carmel Xuereb
COUNTERS 28/06 Eunice Dal Busco David Slingsby Neryl Tyrell 05/07 Eunice Dal Busco Fiona Eaton Lyn Beglin	ALTAR LINEN Pick-up 28/06 Marie Cradock Return 02/07	ALTAR SOCIETY Thu 04/07 Eunice Dal Busco Kerryl McGrath Mabel Kan Rita Chao	CHILDREN'S LITURGY 27/06 Family Mass	PARISH BUS Driver 27/06 John Moriarty Helper Ros Moriarty	We need more people to help with the HOSPITAL Roster. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.	HOSPITAL VISITATION 04/07 Robyn McBride Nora Koleszar <i>Don't forget the washing of hands and changing gloves between patients.</i>

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Maree Nolan, Carlos Llenado, Jim Dibben, William Parkhouse, Anne Holohan, Brent Senger, Oliver Senger, Christopher Michael Graham, 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:

Trish Arnell, Christopher Lucey, Rita Agius, Marie Stokes, Tereso Ave Jr, Theresia Edwin, Elaine Arthur, Jim Reilly, Liliانا Walter, Annamaria Maisano, John Burg, Ruth Dickson.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Eric Fitzgibbon, Ines Bembo, Marget Richter, Elaine Murphy, Angelina Comensoli, Thomas Dodd, Irena & Jan Tomporowski, Tim Garnsey, Magdalen McZoffa Then, Stephen & Edward Blow, Angelo & Josephine

Vella, Paddy Holohan, Yvonne White, Tim Keogh, Ian McGuinness, Nelson Fernandes, Olga Quinn, Brian Wilkinson, Lloyd Woods, Debora Joy Marquart, David Muir.

REMEMBRANCES:

Mr Sammut, Foss family members, For all the Souls of the Vaz family, Kevin Boland, Fariba Ghazi, Mary Anne Dwyer, Gary Bell, John & Doris Bourke, Effie Fernandes, Marjorie Caves, Joh Van Yzendoorn, Fariba Ghazi, Colleen Cartner.

CONDOLENCES:

Our sincere condolences to all those who have recently lost family members or friends. May their souls rest in the peace and glory of our Lord.



Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 26/06	9:00am Gosford	+Remembrance KEANU CAMPBELL	Thu 01/07	9:00am Gosford	+ 2nd Anniversary MARY EMMA MIDDLETON
	4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth		Fri 02/07	12:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary MICAEL MURTAGH
Sat 26/06	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary INES BEMBO	Sat 03/07	9:00am Gosford	THANKSGIVING TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Sat 26/05	5:30pm Somersby	+ Remembrance MARY JANE BUHAGIAR		4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth	
Sun 27/06	7:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 03/07	5:00pm Gosford	ALL HOLY SOULS
Sun 27/06	9:30am Gosford	Birthday Blessings JAMES MATHEW	Sat 03/07	5:30pm Gosford	+ Anniversary SR MARIE PAUL CHANEL
Sun 27/06	6:00pm Gosford	Health & Wellbeing ANTONIA ALVARADO	Sun 04/07	7:30am Gosford	'THE CLASS OF '55'
Mon 28/06	9:00am Gosford	Recently Deceased PATRICK HILBERT	Sun 04/07	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Tue 29/06	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversary SEAN KYRAN DEVINE	Sun 04/07	6:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrance RONALD FREEMAN
Wed 30/06	11:30am Gosford	+ Anniversary BARBARA HEMPHILL			

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