



# 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.*



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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

### CRY OF THE EARTH AND CRY OF THE POOR

Pope Francis reminds us that encounter, dialogue, and listening with an open heart enable God's transforming love to move more powerfully in the world.

1. Yet when faced with complex interrelated crises – the pandemic, the ecological crisis, the economic crisis, hunger, threats to peace and security – we can find ourselves overwhelmed by information or bogged down in disagreements about details. In the annual Social Justice Statements, we seek to discern the signs of the times and, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, to recognise how God is calling us to respond. As bishops our task is to bring the light of the Gospel to bear as we seek to respond to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth. With Pope Francis, we avoid getting "mired in theoretical discussions" and instead seek to "hear the true stories" of people's experience, look at reality through the eyes of those most affected, and "listen with an open heart to the stories that they tell".
2. Our task is to listen to people, to the earth, and to all of God's creation, since every created thing is interconnected, speaks of the wellbeing of each part and of the whole, and reveals something of the Creator.
3. This Statement draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic social justice teachings and from the wisdom of the world, including insights of the First Nations peoples. All these are placed in dialogue with human experience. This year we offer some theological foundations for a genuinely Christian response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor: creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; the wonder and beauty available to the contemplative eye; and the need for conversion and change of life. Our hope is that these will ground and inspire comprehensive and effective responses not only from the Catholic community but from all who want to care for our common home in this time of great need.

### CRY OF THE EARTH AND CRY OF THE POOR

#### INTRODUCTION

The millennium drought, the 2019-2020 bushfire season, COVID-19, and the 2021 floods have raised questions for many Australians about our common home. In response to these events,

Catholic agencies developed better ways of coordinating emergency help.



#### POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST 2021 INTENTION

##### The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.**



However, planning at the national level for mitigation and adaptation to the changing frequency and intensity of severe weather events, and a just transition to a low carbon economy is also needed. We know that the safety, health, and livelihoods of those who are the poorest and most vulnerable in our communities are usually the most severely impacted. That is why Pope Francis often speaks of responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Social, economic, and ecological issues can only be effectively addressed in an integral way.

[In this Social Justice Statement](#), we offer some theological foundations for our response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. They emerge from Scripture, the theological tradition, our Catholic social justice teachings, and the wisdom of the world - including insights of the First Nations peoples - placed in dialogue with experience. These foundations are: creation in and through the Trinity; sacramentality within

all created things; wonder and beauty; and conversion. We hope that these will ground and inspire faithful and effective responses by the whole Catholic community

Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
President,  
Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

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



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



#### BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Time is rushing by. Death and eternity are fast approaching! Oh Lord, sanctify me and receive me!"

MM Lament 1852 in Poems



## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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## MASSES LIVE STREAMED

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg\\_EKIJUFJpvg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg/live)

### GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

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

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

## WEEKEND MASSES

### GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

Sun: 9:30 am



YEAR OF THANKSGIVING FOR  
**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN**

21st July 2021 - 21st July 2022

SALVATORIANS AUSTRALIA

## ROSARY EVERY NIGHT AT 9:00 PM

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg\\_EKIJUFJpvg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg/live)

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL, IS CLOSED DUE TO COVID LOCKDOWN

### ST PATRICK'S GROUPS MEETINGS

Cancer Prayer Group

Craft Group

Grief & Loss Support

MenAlive

Prayers for Christian Unity

Prayer Group DVDs

Prayer Group & Bible Discussion

Bible Study - Monday night

Youth Group

Salvatorian Collaborators

Women's Faith Circle

Children, Yrs 5 & 6

Family Group



### NOTE:

**ALL ADVERTISED ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO ANY GOVERNMENT COVID RULINGS AND THEREFORE WILL BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED IF "STAY AT HOME" OR "LOCKDOWN" RULES ARE IN PLACE.**

## 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](mailto:HILARY.P1@OPTUSNET.COM.AU).

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW OR DOWNLOAD](#)

[OUR DIOCESAN COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING](#)



## WHY GONG TO CHURCH IS SO IMPORTANT.



[Click here to view on YouTube](#)

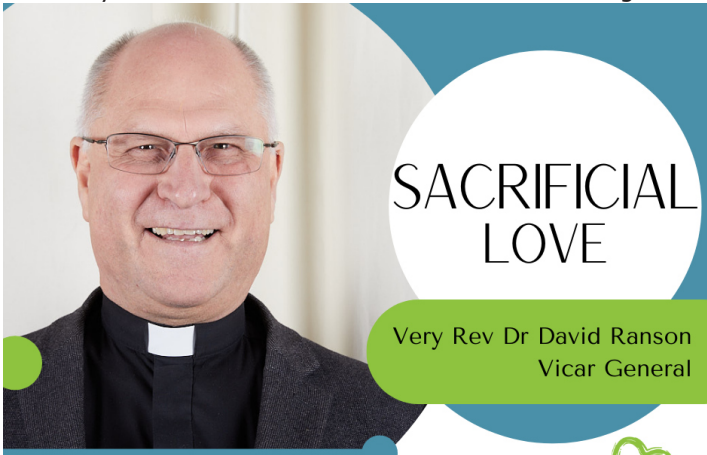
## UP COMING EVENTS

### FAITH FORMATION

#### TOPIC – SACRIFICIAL LOVE

2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER WITH FR DAVID RANSON

Join Very Rev Dr David Ranson in the Zoom Meeting

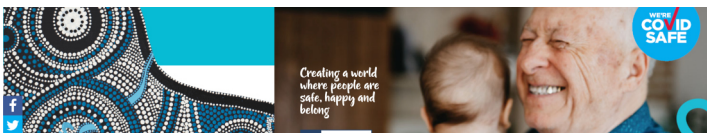


7:30 pm  
Thursday 2 September  
Via Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71242736910?pwd=UHU2OWFuSWFoWWNRMXhlcHZPV2JJZz09>

Meeting ID: 712 4273 6910

Passcode: hnsU3E



**If you, or you know someone who is struggling please contact the Parish Office**

## SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS MONTH

This week the Parish has been sent communication from Bishop Anthony providing detail about Safeguarding Month 2021. This coming Wednesday, 1 September is the beginning of Safeguarding Month in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Bishop Anthony has requested that all community members are made aware of the initiatives being held throughout the Month. The Parish therefore, attaches to the bulletin an invitation to participate. Feel free to print the invitation and tick the initiatives in which you would like to engage with. This year's theme is Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities.



## A HUGE THANK YOU TO PAT FENNING

For her time and talents crocheting around the medals we give to newly baptised babies as a memento. Families are really looking forward to the day they can come to the church with their little ones to have them baptised, and we are ready and waiting! As soon as restrictions are eased, thanks to Pat!



**Free, confidential faith based counselling available for parishioners of St Patrick's.**

Available for adolescents, adults, couples and families by a trained, experienced Clinical Psychologist.

*Supported by CatholicCare.*

**TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**



Launching Nationally on  
**Saturday, 31st July 2021**  
[www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)



**Click here to see more!**

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING 2021

REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEOS

"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles,

Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

LAUNCHING NATIONALLY ONLINE FROM SATURDAY 31 JULY 2021

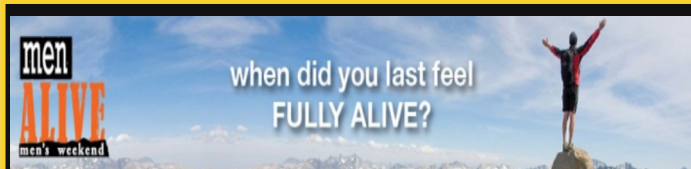
The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The 2020 event saw approximately 1000 men gather across the nation at 42 hosting sites.

In this Year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. All dioceses across Australia are invited to participate in the 2021 program which will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions, and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday 31 July 2021.

You can participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. The

sessions are designed so that they can be used on one full day or across a number of days and they can be integrated with local initiatives such as Mass, testimonies and group discussions.

Individual registration will ensure you receive updates about the program and all links to the pre-recorded videos when they are available.



when did you last feel  
**FULLY ALIVE?**

### menALIVE

**Yes we are going to have three menALIVE zoom meetings in August.**

**We will be watching/discussing one of the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering videos in each session as there are three keynotes, too many to do in one.**

**The topics will be:**

- **Tue, Aug 03 => Man of God**
- **Tue, Aug 17 => Man of Service**
- **Tue, Aug 31 => Man of Character**

**If you would like to attend, contact Peter Axon [ptaxon11@gmail.com](mailto:ptaxon11@gmail.com) or Ph: 0448 005 140**

## NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ST PATRICK'S PARISH.

The Commonwealth Bank is streamlining its systems and is transitioning to new account numbers.

Please note that our new account details are

Gosford Parish Church Account

**BSB 062784**

**Account No 100001599.**

**We ask those who are personally giving directly into the Church Bank Account to take particular notice.**

In an effort to ensure everyone is given the chance to update their records, we will continue advertising this until the CBA closes off the period of grace when both the old and new account numbers will be valid. **This does not impact the Credit Card deductions the Office makes on your behalf.** Thank you.

## HELP FROM CATHOLIC CARE

CatholicCare can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers.

Times are tough. You might have lost work due to the lockdown, or you might be finding it hard to pay the bills or to put food on the table. Please call CatholicCare on (02) 9481 2600 or email them at [info@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:info@catholiccaredbb.org.au).

They are here to help our parish families.

## 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.

# God Loves You

## 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**

**Gosford Parish Church Account**

**BSB: 062 784**

**Account Number: 100001599**





### Natural Fertility is Just an App Away

It's now over 50 years since the publication of *Humanae Vitae* – one of the more controversial Vatican documents in recent history. This letter, addressed to all Catholics, reaffirmed the Church's opposition to the use of contraception.

The document was published at a time (1968) when hormonal contraceptives were newly available. Catholic couples mostly used the Rhythm Method (which was not very effective, but considered moral) or barriers or withdrawal (also not very effective but not considered moral). Today, modern Fertility Awareness Methods (FAMs) enjoy effectiveness rates comparable to the Pill but are largely bypassed the general population, Catholics included.

Prior to publication there was also a general expectation that Pope Paul VI would follow the lead of the Anglican Church, which in 1930 had approved the use of contraception by married couples. He didn't. Instead he carefully outlined the reasons why contraception undermined the sacred meaning of marriage but the headlines were enough for many who stopped attending Mass in protest.

[CONTINUE READING](#)

### WOULD YOU LIKE A PRINTED COPY OF THE BULLETIN?

You can pick up a copy of the Bulletin from the front door of the church when you are passing on your exercise walk.

### SECURE DROP OFF FOR DONATIONS

We would like to especially thank those who have been contributing to the financial support of the parish and its clergy via direct deposit or calling to donate over the phone, or depositing their envelopes into our mailbox.

However - Donations have dropped 40 %, when we compare June 2021 before the lockdown to July 2021 following the lockdown.

We now have a secure letterbox in the fence near our gate into the office area, which people may place their donations - again while they are on their walk.

Certainly, it should be acknowledged that many people and businesses are suffering, and we are grateful for the support we are getting. However, we do

CATHOLIC FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP FOR FAMILIES, ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES

## 7 sessions to strengthen your relationship



Session 3:

### "RESOLVING CONFLICT"

SUNDAY, AUG 29

1:00 PM

ST PATRICK'S  
GOSFORD PARISH

ONLINE EVENT

The  
Marriage  
Course

Time and space to focus  
on your relationship

# COUPLES & FAMILY GROUP

## Running The Alpha Marriage Course

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, this session will be run online. To receive the relevant links/videos

**PLEASE REGISTER** at [Gosford.Families@gmail.com](mailto:Gosford.Families@gmail.com)

Start at 1.00 pm **The Marriage Course: Session 3**

There will be online activities for children run in parallel

The Mass is live-streamed at 9.30am and you are most welcome to join at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg\\_EKIJUFJpvg/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg/live)

have to ask for everyone to keep us in their prayers and remember to give their financial support.

Please also remember that whilst the office isn't open to all, we are taking calls and can assist you should you need help, book future sacraments or appointments, or collect your donations.

We encourage you to please stay in touch as your health and wellbeing are very much at the forefront of our minds.

May you dare to trust in the Lord with your whole heart  
and not lean on your own understanding.

May you look up and acknowledge him with every step you take, knowing  
he'll get you where you need to go.



### 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)

## ANNOUNCEMENT: BAY CONNECT PROGRAM LAUNCH

Evangelisation Broken Bay has launched a new program of online events called Bay Connect. The program provides an online program of regular activities commencing on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online during this challenging time.

The program commences on Monday, 30 August, and includes:

- THE CHOSEN MONDAY

Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.

- TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram Live (@cybbaus) - A place for the community to come together for prayer and to praise God from the setting of your home. All youth, young adults, singles and families, parishioners and clergy are invited.

- HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD

Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom - Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.

- FORMATION FRIDAYS

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

"Through this, we hope that those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ can do so in a new and fresh way," said Tomasz Juszcak, Director, Evangelisation Broken Bay, CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY.

To find out more and register online, visit the Bay Connect page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/bay-connect>

The Diocese of Broken Bay is also reintroducing the online resource Connected in Christ, for families to engage with the weekly Gospel message.

Connected in Christ, available to download on the Diocesan website, is a one-page resource with the Sunday Gospel, reflections, activities, prayer and links to music to stay engaged and connected to your faith in this time. It was introduced in April 2020 during the first lockdown and ran until July 2020 when our churches were once again reopened to parishioners.

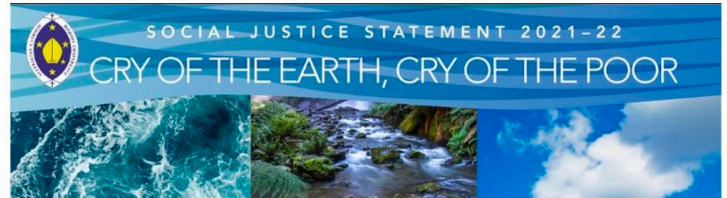
Connected in Christ will be available on the Bay Connect webpage from Sunday 12 September and in BBNeighbourhoods. Please include it in your parish newsletters,

It's not too late to register for the online Conference 2021 Mission. One Heart Many Voices. The Conference runs from Wednesday 1 - Saturday 4 September.

Keynote Speakers include Cardinal Tagle, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples and Chiara Porro, Australian Ambassador to the Holy See. For more information and to register, visit <https://2021.mohmv.com.au>

## THE POPE SPEAKS ON SOCIAL JUSTICE.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



## Social Justice Sunday

As we celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 29 August, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conferences' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour".

It invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.

More information: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>



### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay

We are delighted to announce the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is rebranding to **Pastoral Works Broken Bay** from July 2021

The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese of Broken Bay.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay will play a vital role in building on the six Pastoral priorities for the Diocese, including giving vital support to life-changing ministries, nurturing families, and parish communities.

Each year, about 20,000 families and friends - those in hospitals, schools, parishes, and the wider community - will be assisted through the generous support of parish communities to Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

Thank you for your support of this important and historic initiative for the Diocese of Broken Bay.

My prayer is the change from CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connects us to the mission of Jesus.

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL,**  
Bishop of Broken Bay

**August Appeal**  
At this time, we appreciate support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. We encourage donations at your parish website or [www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks). All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes re-open.

**Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives.**  
**Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.**



**I have called you to renew and rebuild.**

**PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay**  
Donate to help families and parish communities in Broken Bay.



# CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR



*By listening with an open heart  
to those who are most affected,  
we can begin, with the help of the Holy Spirit,  
to discern the signs of the times.*

**Social Justice Statement 2021-22:  
Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor**



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Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:  
the bush grown more silent,  
the birdsong less vibrant,  
the stream's sluggish ripple.  
Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:  
the soil depleted,  
the sky smudged,  
the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.  
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:  
the workers who struggle to get by,  
the women subjected to violence,  
the people who are excluded.  
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:  
the sound of hungry children,  
the distress of the mentally ill,  
the silent pain of homeless women and men.  
Have mercy and open our ears.

Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight,  
to restore our hearing,  
and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people  
and peace for creation.

AMEN

## SAFEGUARDING MONTH

In this edition of Ad Clerum the Office for Safeguarding (Chancery), on behalf of Bishop Anthony, invites you to join the Diocesan initiatives of Safeguarding Month.

This year's theme is Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities. To celebrate Safeguarding Month you are welcome to participate in the following events (click here to download invitation):

WEEK 1: 1-4 September

✚ Like Diocesan social media posts that show how Children and Young People participate in our Catholic communities

WEEK 2: 5-11 September

✚ Celebrate National Children Protection Week (NAPCAN) by visiting their national webpage - [www.napcan.org.au/](http://www.napcan.org.au/) and learn about the theme: Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.

✚ Wednesday 8 September – Online Launch of new resource for adults of Broken Bay – Participation of Children and Young People in Catholic Communities: A guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People. Access the e-resource here - [www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021).

✚ Thursday 9 September @ 12.30pm – 1.30pm – Free webinar facilitated by NAPCAN - eSafety's guide to online sexual harassment and image-based abuse. The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 13-18. To register click here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8331659724914836752/>

✚ Thursday 9 September @ 7.00pm, Liturgy of Lament – an opportunity to gather and pray to God in acknowledging the suffering caused to our most vulnerable and to give public expression to our sorrow. The liturgy will be broadcast. Click here to view: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021)

WEEK 3: 12-18 September

✚ Sunday 12 September, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday – join Bishop Anthony Randazzo in celebrating Mass at 9.30am via livestream from OLOR Cathedral. Click here to view:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ)

✚ Prayers – Remember in your prayers this week the wellbeing and safety of Children and Young People especially those who are particularly vulnerable due to covid-19. Prayer resources are available from our webpage: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding-month-2021)

WEEK 4: 19-25 September

✚ Wednesday 22 September @11.00am to 12.30pm, via zoom – Ministering to a Church in Trauma presentation by Rev Dr David Ranson, Vicar General. To register and receive your zoom link click here: <https://bbcatholic.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJItce2qpjovHtWs7Vymz9XkWWhlVtIq22Px>

WEEK 5: 26-30 September

✚ The Diocesan Office for Safeguarding places a special devotion to Mary Undoer of Knots. Her feast day is celebrated Tuesday 28 September. You are invited to pray the Mary Undoer of Knots Novena. A wonderful prayer resource can be accessed here: [www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/mary-undoer-knots-novena)

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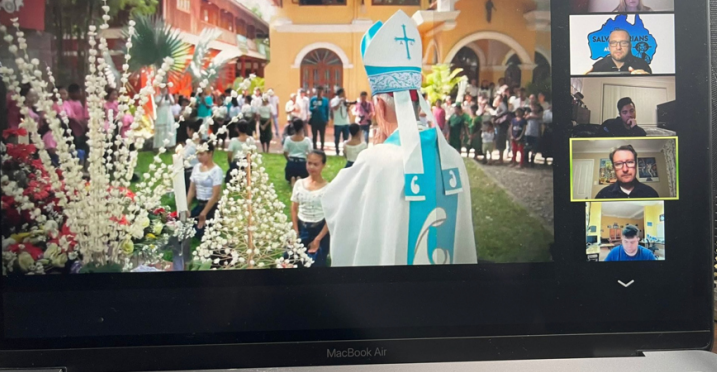
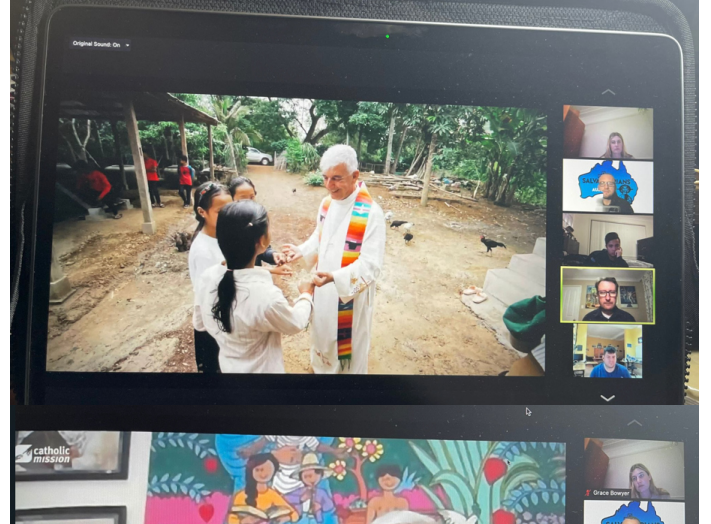


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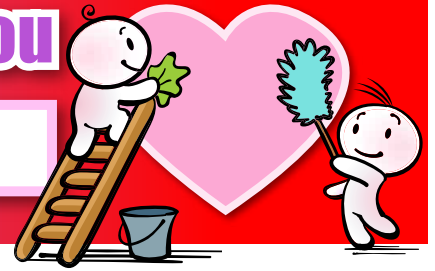
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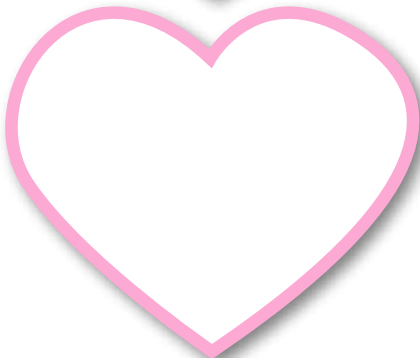
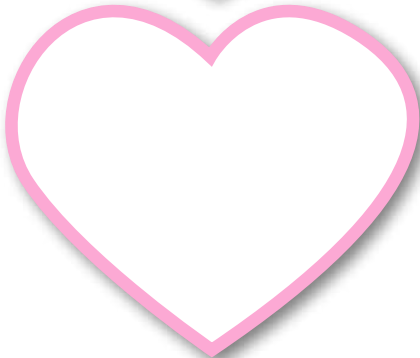


# Keep a clean heart so that you may worship God



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

In each heart draw a picture of someone you know who has a good and clean heart.



While it's good to keep ourselves clean and healthy, Jesus says it's more important to keep our hearts clean by being good people. For example - it is better to be kind than to be nasty. Try and match the opposites in the two lists below.



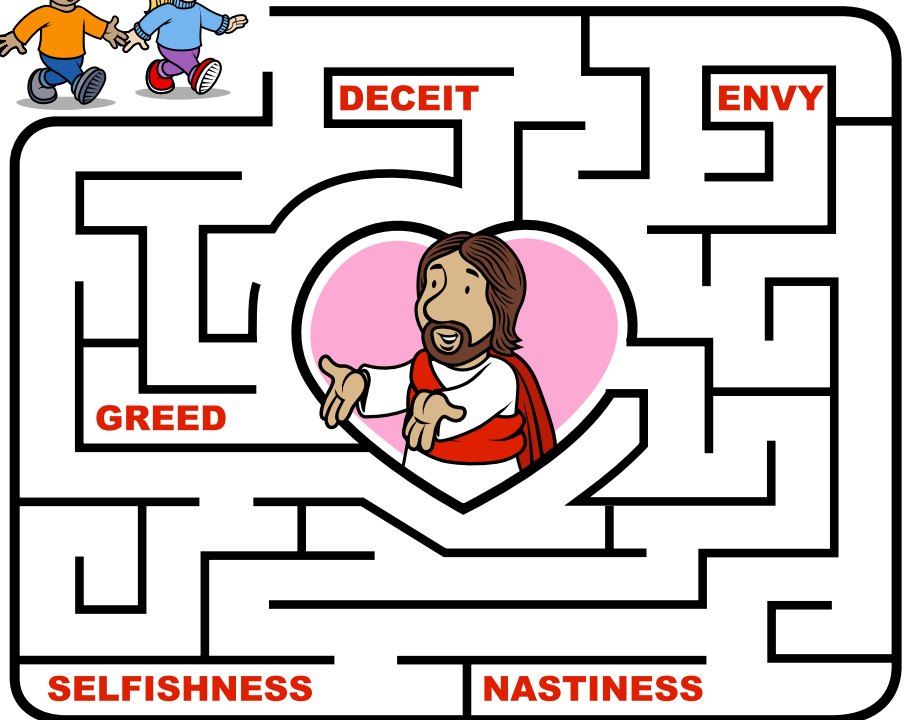
Those with clean hearts are....

- wise
- kind
- sharing
- polite
- honest

Those with unclean hearts are....

- untruthful
- greedy
- foolish
- nasty
- rude

The way to Jesus is by trying to be a good person and keep a clean heart. Help the children find their way past the obstacles to Jesus.





## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

## FIRST READING

DT 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 14:2-5. R. V.1

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart.

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever.

## SECOND READING

JAS 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

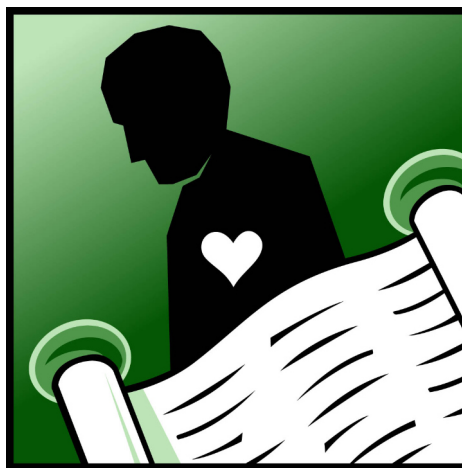
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JAS 1:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

**Alleluia!**



## GOSPEL

MK 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

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

**You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow

the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PS 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

## REFLECTION

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA



The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.



Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a ‘church’ wedding because it is a religious event, or because ‘that’s the way we have always done it’? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

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## THIS WEEK



Fri **St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor**

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS 22ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**1st:** Is 35:4-7  
**2nd:** James 2:1-5  
**Gospel:** Mk 7:31-37

## YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

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

Rod Pelling, Susan Milne, Bernadette Humphries, Maura Garvey, Allan Hoole, Arthur Holland, 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:

Lucila Besabella DeGuzman, Evangeline Diaz, John Vaughn, Baby Remie Redmond, Iris Paquill, John Schipp, Dorothy Miller, John Eggenhuizen, Ruth Axon, John Vaughan, Julian Martinez, Ernesto Jose Lumayno, Keanu Campbell, Allan Sidney Barrett, Lawrence Meehan, Maria Del Sagrario Gomez De Las Heras Alonso.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

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Smith, Sr Marie Paul Chanel, Maria Dabski, Eric Fitzgibbon, Ines Bembo, Marget Richter, Elaine Murphy, Angelina Comensoli.

### REMEMBRANCES:

Lloyd Wood, Fabria Ghazi, Ron Nixon, Jean Gimmongs, Valerie & Eric Neilson, Keanu Campbell, Joseph Vaz, Ronald Freeman, Fariba Ghazi, Mary Jane Buhagiari, Glenn Mills, Friquet Family, 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.

### CONDOLENCES:

Our sincere condolences to the families of Iris Paquill and John Schipp. May their souls rest in the peace and glory of our Lord.

Also our condolences to the Redmond Family who have children attending St Patrick's school, on the tragic loss of their newborn son Remie, may his souls rest in peace.



Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 28/08	9:00am Gosford	Recently Deceased EVANGELINE DIAZ	Thu 02/08	9:00am Gosford	
Sat 28/08	4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth		Fri 03/08	12:00pm Gosford	THANKSGIVING TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Sat 28/08	5:00pm Gosford		Sat 04/08	9:00am Gosford	ALL HOLY SOULS
Sat 28/08	5:30pm Somersby			4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth	
Sun 29/08	7:30am Gosford		Sat 04/08	5:00pm Gosford	
Sun 29/08	9:30am Gosford	1. RecentlyDeceased LUCILA BESABELLA DE GUZMAN. 2. PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 04/08	5:30pm Gosford	
Sun 29/08	6:00pm Gosford		Sun 05/08	7:30am Gosford	
Mon 30/08	9:00am Gosford	Recently Deceased WARRAN RAWSON	Sun 05/08	9:30am Gosford	1. Remembrance LLOYD WOODS 2. Birthday Blessing TRIXY EDESEL
Tue 31/08	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI	Sun 05/08	6:00pm Gosford	
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