



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



He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

THE TRADITION OF OUR LADY OF HOPE

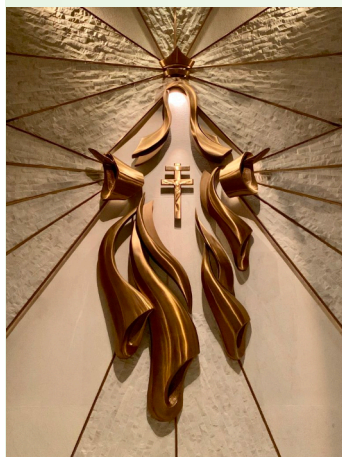
Tradition holds that during the Franco-Prussian War, Mary appeared to six children on January 17, 1871, in the village of Pontmain, France. She told them to pray for protection as troops approached the village and assured them that the conflict would soon come to an end. After the children and villagers prayed with their priest at the site of her appearance, the Prussian troops left the village, and one week later, the war ended. All of the Pontmain citizens who fought in the war returned safely home.

VENERATION OF OUR LADY OF HOPE

This apparition of Mary came to be known as Our Lady of Hope (also called Our Lady of Pontmain). A basilica was built in her honour in 1900, which was entrusted to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. When they came to the United States, the Oblates founded a shrine for Our Lady of Hope in Lake Champlain, New York.

OUR LADY OF HOPE AT THE BASILICA

The Chapel of Our Lady of Hope at the Basilica is a gift of the late Bob and Dolores Hope, in memory of Avis Townes Hope, the mother of the famed entertainer. Bronze sculptures of Mary and two angels are surrounded by white Carrara marble and Fior de Pesco marble. Carved into the façade of the altar are the words of Our Lady of Hope, "Pray my children." The chapel features the following prayer:



DETAIL OF OUR LADY OF HOPE CHAPEL

O Mary, my Mother, I kneel before you with heavy heart. The burden of my sins oppresses me. The knowledge of my weakness discourages me. I am beset by fear and temptation of every sort. Yet I am so attached to the things of this world that instead of longing for Heaven I am filled with dread at the thought of death.

O Mother of Mercy, have pity on me in my distress. You are

all-powerful with your Divine Son. He can refuse no request of your Immaculate Heart. Show yourself a true Mother to me by being my advocate before His throne. O Refuge of Sinners and Hope of Hopeless, to whom shall I turn if not you?

Obtain for me, then, O Mother of Hope, the grace of true sorrow for my sins, the gift of perfect resignation to God's Holy Will, and the courage to take up my cross and follow Jesus.

But above all I pray, O dearest Mother, that through your most powerful intercession, my heart may be filled with Holy Hope, so that in life's darkest hour I may never fail to trust in God my Saviour, but by walking in the way of His commandments I may merit to be united with Him, and with you in the eternal joys of Heaven. Amen.

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35 YEARS
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



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



POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER 2021 INTENTION

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"Come, beautiful dawn! You show me moments dearer still: moments in which my thirst finds it's fill."

MM *Everything Passes* 1852 in Poems

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MASSES LIVE STREAMED

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

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

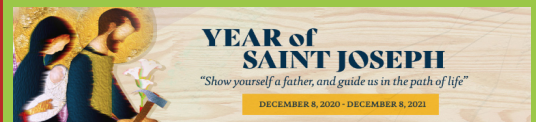
Youth Group

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.

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[OUR DIOCESAN COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING](#)

HAPPY FATHERS DAY



**HAPPY
FATHERS DAY**

[Click here to view on YouTube](#)

UP COMING EVENTS

PIETY STALL ON-LINE

LAUNCH WEEKEND

<https://catholic-parish-of-st-patricks-gosford.square.site>

St Patrick's
Parish
Online Piety Stall

Click the 'Shop now' button to see what's in stock!

Shop now

Contact the Parish Office for more details.

AWAKE | YOUNG ADULTS
ST PATRICK'S PARISH EAST GOSFORD
TO KNOW, TO LOVE, TO SERVE

AWAKE: A Bible Study

YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US EACH MONTH OVER ZOOM TO DELVE DEEPER INTO SCRIPTURE AS A COMMUNITY.

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH | 7:30PM

On This Year of St Joseph



SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS MONTH

**Safeguarding Awareness Month
September 2021**

Participation of Children & Young People in Catholic Communities

An annual initiative of the Diocesan Office for Safeguarding

September is Safeguarding Month, and in 2021 it will look a little different to other years, due to lockdown. This year the theme of Safeguarding Month is Participation of Children and Young People in our Catholic Communities.

The annual Liturgy of Lament, the public acknowledgement of the pain and suffering of those who have been wounded by abuse in the Catholic Church, will be conducted online only, as our churches are closed and people unable to gather. You can participate in the Liturgy of Lament, presided by Bishop Anthony Randazzo, online at 7.00pm on Thursday 9 September on YouTube or the [Diocesan website](#).

A SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE FROM BISHOP ANTHONY

[Click here to view](#)

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay

BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN THANKSGIVING MASS - LIVESTREAMING

For those unable to attend the Thanksgiving Mass for the recent beatification of Bl. Francis Jordan, next Wednesday, 8 September commencing at 8.00pm (NSW) at St Mary's Cathedral in Perth please join Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, other WA Bishops, Fr George Kolodziej SDS Superior of the Salvatorians in Australia, Salvatorian Fathers and parishioners of Perth through livestreaming via the follow links www.youtube.com/stmarysperth and also www.facebook.com/stmarysperth.

THE POPE VISITS SALVATORIAN MOTHER HOUSE IN ROME



On August 28, 2021, Pope Francis received in private audience the Superior General of Society of Divine Salvador, (Salvatorians) Father Milton Zonta. The Holy Father has been very interested in the Society's current situation.

He gladly accepted the invitation to visit the Salvatorian Community at the Mother House and pray before the reliquary of the Blessed Francis Mary of the cross Jordan.

The Pope also expressed the desire to send a video message to all members of the Salvatorian Family on the occasion of the celebration of Thanksgiving Year by the Blessed Francisco Jordan.

Date not yet set but will be announced as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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.



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

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 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.

LETTER FROM BISHOP ANTHONY



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Over the past few weeks, I have heard and seen some of the struggles and worries that are being shouldered in our community of the Church. I have been asked why I don't speak out more and defend the

Church, especially with reference to the closure of our church buildings. I understand the burden and would simply ask that at all times when we engage in this conversation, that we maintain a sense of respect and charity towards each other. There is never any need to vent publicly on social media, nor is there justification to mail anonymous and abusive letters. This is the behaviour of uneducated, uncharitable, and pusillanimous people. It is directly opposed to the teaching of Jesus who said, "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Sledging and sniping is certainly undignified behaviour from someone who professes to be a disciple of Jesus and a member of His Church. It is rather naïve to think that angry public demonstrations and rude letter writing campaigns are the best way to have a voice in our society today. By all means, as citizens, each one of us has the

right and the duty to make known our concerns about our community and society, but always in charity and with respect. Our civic leaders are dealing with a once in a century pandemic. No one has the perfect road map to navigate our way through this time. Mistakes will be made, but much good will also be achieved. Certainly, communication between Church and State can be improved, but to presume that no conversation is happening is simply false and misleading. I am very mindful that the negative impact of this situation is not only physical and emotional, but also spiritual. As your bishop my greatest concern is your spiritual wellbeing. A small number of people have demanded that I reopen our church buildings. To do so at this time would place vulnerable people at risk. I am not prepared to do that. Mass is being celebrated throughout the Diocese on a daily basis by myself and the priests. They are not private Masses, as Mass is never a private affair. When the Mass is celebrated, the whole Church celebrates, and every member of the Body of Christ is present at the altar of sacrifice through the communion of saints. To argue otherwise is to misunderstand the very nature of the Church and the mystery of the Mass. In the ritual offering of the bread and wine, the priest gathers up and offers the prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of every member of the community of the Church.

My brothers and sisters, I urge you to remain strong in these challenging times. As soon as is reasonably possible, I will reopen the churches throughout the Diocese, however, in the meantime, I would entreat you to ensure that you have done everything reasonably possible to ensure that you are fortified against the COVID virus. Each member of the community must take responsibility for his or her own actions in caring for the whole community of the Church and of society.

As the community of the Church, it is important that we focus on our spiritual life by creating meaningful engagement with God and with each other, despite the lockdown limitations. I encourage you to continue to pray, to make spiritual communion, to read the Scriptures, and to sanctify each day through the power of the Holy Spirit.

My words this week may seem rather direct. I mean no offence. My prayer is for your wellbeing and that of your families and loved ones. Together we must endure the sufferings of this time and unite them with the sufferings of Christ on the Cross. In the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are one in the Body of Christ.

+Anthony

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.

They are here to help our parish families.



If you, or you know someone who is struggling.

Please contact the Parish Office



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.

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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: 10001599



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

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

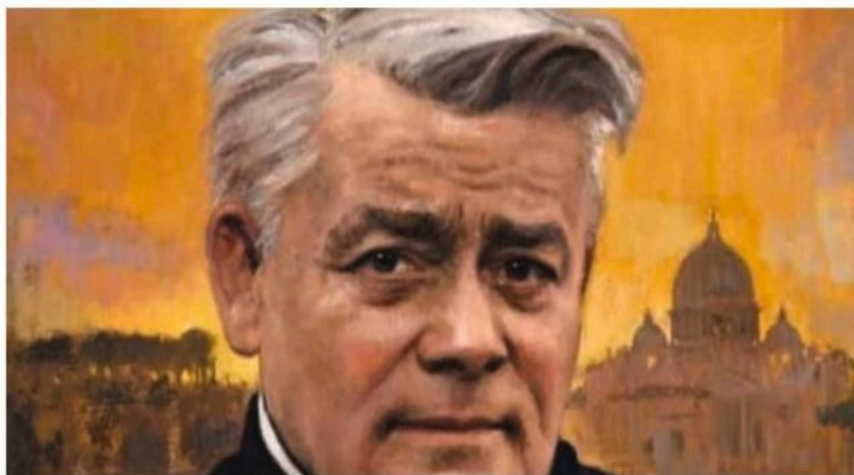
Feast day September 8

We know that everyone has a birthday. The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents—we call them Joachim and Ann—probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special.



Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others - and maybe even you - don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did - to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honour Jesus too. Today, we thank God for the gift of life, and give honour to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another - remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life.



BLESSED FRANCIS MARY OF THE CROSS JORDAN

The Founder of the Salvatorians

The man now known throughout the world simply as "**Father Jordan**," was born in **Gurtweil, Germany, on June 16, 1848**. On the following day, he was baptised at the local parish church, receiving the name John Baptist.

The son of a poor family, John Baptist was not able to easily realise his dream of becoming a priest, although he had had a sense of his vocation from the time of his First Communion. After finishing primary school he worked as a labourer and painter-decorator, travelling throughout Germany and participating in the "Kolping Association," a Catholic organisation that supported the faith and well-being of apprentices and journeymen established by Blessed Adolph Kolping. During his travels, John Baptist became more aware of the difficult spiritual situation experienced in his homeland and in other European countries. This was a time in European history in which governmental statutes and cultural expectations (Kulturkampf) encouraged - and even demanded - many to turn away from God and give up the practice of the Catholic Faith. Because of these policies, the Church was limited in fulfilling its mission; religious communities were especially limited in the work they were able to do. All these experiences strengthened John Baptist's faith and his understanding of his vocation became more clear.

After several years of travelling and working as an artist, John Baptist decided to follow his vocation and to begin studies in theology. In 1869, he started private lessons with priest-friends in Waldshut; he later studied at the gymnasium in Constance. Although these studies challenged him - and he struggled with his classes in the various sciences - he showed a particular proficiency for languages. For his graduation exam, he presented an essay in eight European languages and a second one in four other languages.

In 1874, John Baptist began his studies of theology and philology at the University of Freiburg in Breisgau. After successfully this stage of his education, he started his formal preparation for the priesthood. He used the time

of theological studies to deepen his faith and spirituality.

It was during this time that John Baptist began writing his spiritual diary, in which he would note his most important spiritual and vocation insights. This diary, which he maintained almost until the time of his death, has become an invaluable source of knowledge about Jordan's personality and spirituality.

On July 21, 1878, John Baptist was ordained to the priesthood and later, on the order of his bishop, he left for Rome to begin studies of oriental languages: Syrian, Aramaic, Coptic, Arabic, as well as Hebrew and Greek.

From the time of his theological studies, Father Jordan had a growing conviction that he was being called by God to found a new apostolic work in the Church. He envisioned a society whose members would defend the Faith and contribute to enlivening it, proclaiming to all people that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour. This conviction became even stronger during a trip to the Middle East in 1880.

After returning to Rome, Father Jordan started to realise his founding call as a founder by establishing a community of religious and lay members, dedicated to the work of evangelisation and catechesis. Initially, this new "society" would be organised into three groups or "grades": the first one for those were like the Apostles, leaving everything to live a life in community, devoting themselves entirely to proclaiming the Good News; the second grade was for academics, who spread the divine truths by publications and scholarship; and the third was for lay people who, remaining in their families and within the reality of their everyday life, proclaimed the Saviour through the witness of a good Christian life. In many ways, Father Jordan anticipated the Second Vatican Council's "Universal Call to Holiness," particularly in his call for collaborative ministry between the clergy, professed religious, and lay Christians and in recognising "that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness

of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity" (Lumen Gentium, no. 40).

Father Jordan's work was originally known as the "Apostolic Teaching Society," and, on December 8, 1881, its first grade was officially inaugurated in Rome, when Father Jordan and his first collaborators (including Servant of God Bonaventura Lütten) professed vows as members of the Society. The following year, the name of Father Jordan's society was changed to the "Catholic Teaching Society" and, that November, the growing community moved into a new residence, the historic Palazzo Cardinal Cesi near St. Peter's Basilica; this building still serves as a motherhouse of the community of priests and brothers.

Several months later the structure of the society was transformed into two religious congregations, one of men and one of women; because it did not fit into ecclesial structures of the time, the lay movement began to fade away. A few years later the first community of women separated from Jordan and would come to be known as the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. In 1893, the community of priests and brothers received its current name: **the Society of the Divine Saviour**.

Father Jordan devoted himself totally to the work of developing his institute as its founder, spiritual guide, and superior general. This multiple role was not easy for him, as it placed great demands upon him, especially when he faced different ecclesial, organisational, financial, and personnel difficulties. At the same time, however, he experienced a profound internal joy, based on his unshakable trust in Divine Providence and his deep conviction that he was truly fulfilling his vocation.

Thanks to his great determination, Father Jordan established a second female religious congregation in 1888 (**the Sisters of the Divine Saviour**) with Therese von Wuellenweber (who was beatified in 1968 as **Blessed Mary of the Apostles**). Another important development for the first generation of "Salvatorians" was taking over a mission in Assam, India, as well as founding new houses of the Society in Europe and in other parts of the world. Through all these experiences, Father Jordan matured as a human being, as a religious, and as a priest and founder, developing his personality and growing spiritually. The foundation of this spiritual growth was his deep love of God and neighbour, his perseverance in prayer, his trust in Divine Providence, as well as his humility, love for the Eucharist, courageous acceptance of the cross, and fidelity to the Church.

Over the course of time, Father Jordan began to be considered as a man who led a holy life, both by the members of his community and by those whom the community served.

In 1915, because of the First World War, the Society's leadership, including Father Jordan, was

forced to move from Rome to neutral Switzerland. After withdrawing from the active administration of his institute at the general chapter in 1915, Father Jordan spent the last three years of his life in Fribourg. **He died in a small hospice in Tafers near Fribourg on September 8, 1918**, and he was initially buried in the local parish church.



The principle feast of the Salvatorians (named for the Divine Savior) is the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (December 25, Christmas Day). Salvatorians have a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title Mater Salvatoris, celebrating a special feast of "Mary, Mother of the Savior" on October 11.

The patron saints of the Salvatorians also include Saint Joseph, Saint Michael the Archangel, and the Holy Apostles.

Today, Salvatorian priests, brothers, sisters, and lay members serve in more than 50 countries, carrying forward the apostolic vision that guided and shaped the life of Blessed Francis Jordan.

In 1942, the process for the beatification of Father Jordan was officially opened and his mortal remains were transferred to the Society's motherhouse in Rome in 1956. In 2011, Pope Benedict XVI issued the Decree Heroic Virtue, granting Father Jordan the title "Venerable," bringing him one step closer to beatification.

On June 19, 2020, in a special consistory of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints, Pope Francis formally approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father Jordan, clearing the way for his beatification.

The beatification of Father Jordan took place on May 15, 2021, in the Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome. In his homily during the beatification ceremony, Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, the Cardinal Vicar of Rome, reflected that Blessed Francis Jordan, fully understood "the evangelising power of apostolic communion, of harmony among people who proclaim the Gospel," even as he recognised the need for "an announcing of love, a perspective of salvation, a gaze towards heaven, towards eternity, to overcome emptiness, boredom,

apathy, indifference, superficiality."

In his Regina Caeli address for May 16, 2021, Pope Francis praised Blessed Francis Jordan, reflecting: "He was a tireless proclaimer of the Gospel, using every means that Christ's charity inspired in him. May his apostolic zeal be an example and guide to those in the Church who are called to take the word and love of Jesus into every environment."

The liturgical memorial of Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan is celebrated on July 21, the anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The collect for the liturgical memorial of Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan:

MERCIFUL GOD, WHO INSPIRED THE PRIEST BLESSED FRANCIS MARY OF THE CROSS TO SPREAD THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU THROUGH JESUS CHRIST YOUR SON, WHOM YOU SENT AS THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD, GRANT THAT, PROCLAIMING THE WORK OF SALVATION TO THE NATIONS, WE TOO MAY BE ABLE TO CONTEMPLATE YOUR GLORY FOREVER IN HEAVEN. THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

Bay Connect

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 commenced 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. 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>

ANNOUNCEMENT: BAY CONNECT PROGRAM LAUNCH

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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 PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE



is for parents of young children seeking connection and support during lockdown while learning new skills. It's fun, hopeful and designed to inspire confidence in your abilities as a parent.

Starts 21 September 2021 at 7.30pm via zoom. Contact.....

Emma.Baker@bbcatholic.org.au for more information.

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/ 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.

✚ 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

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/UCNenwlfI7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ

✚ 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

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/j/8331659724914836752>

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

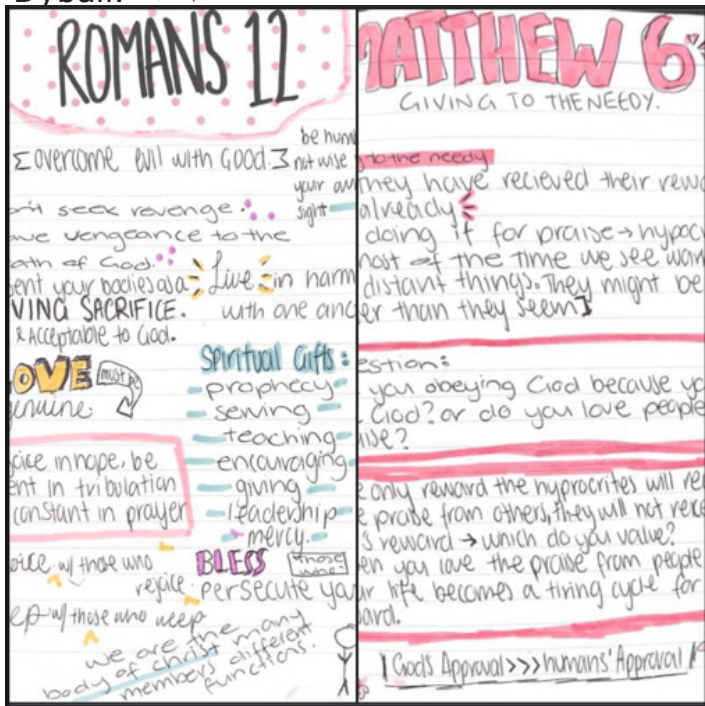


KEEPING IN TOUCH AS BEST WE CAN.

THIS PAST WEEK OUR PARISH HAS BEEN VERY BUSY.

SOME OF THE AMAZING STUFF ST PAT'S YOUTH GROUP HAVE BEEN DOING IN LOCKDOWN!

Some beautiful Bible journalling by Gabbi Dyball. ❤️❤️



ZOOM MEETINGS

MENALIVE JOIN IN ON AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING 2021

All dioceses across Australia were invited to participate in the 2021 program which focused on St Joseph. This week was the final of 3 online sessions that our MenAlive group connected to via Zoom meetings.

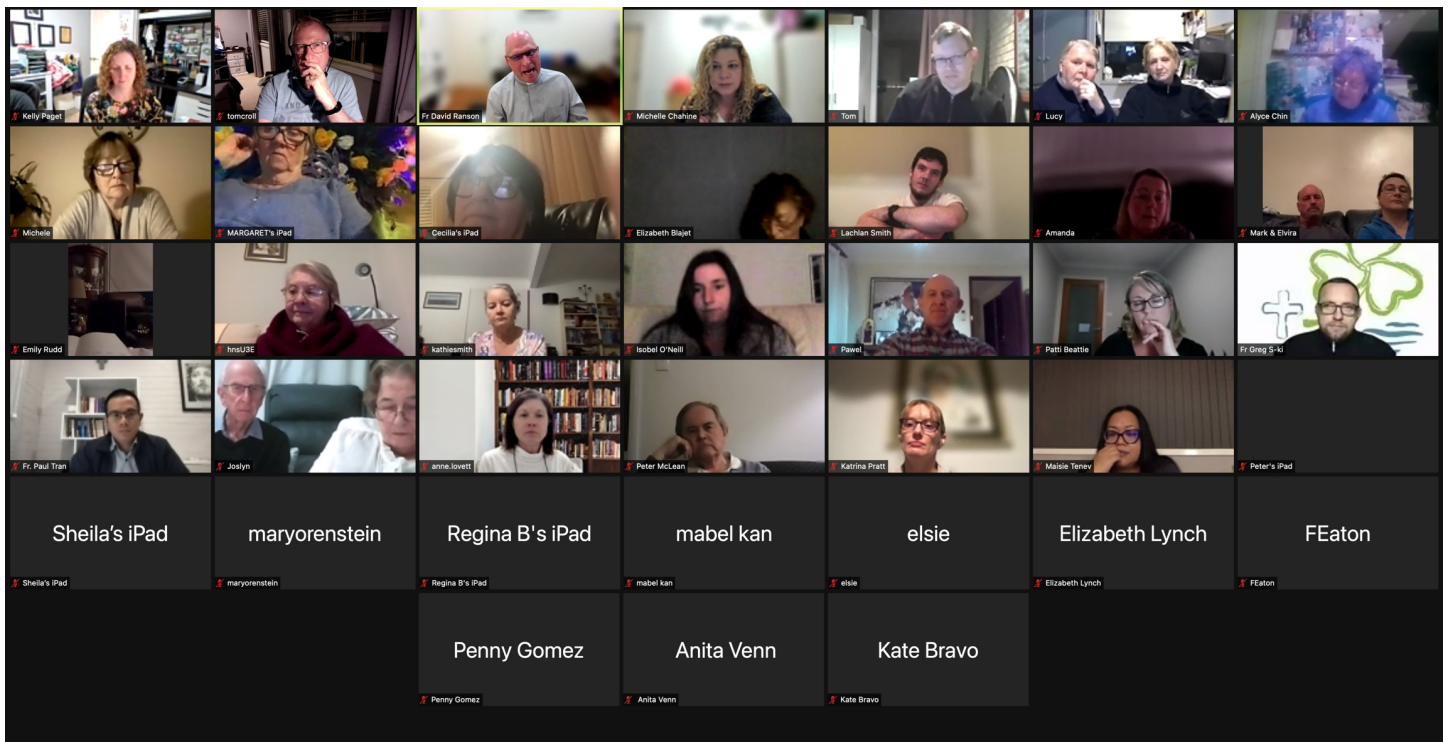
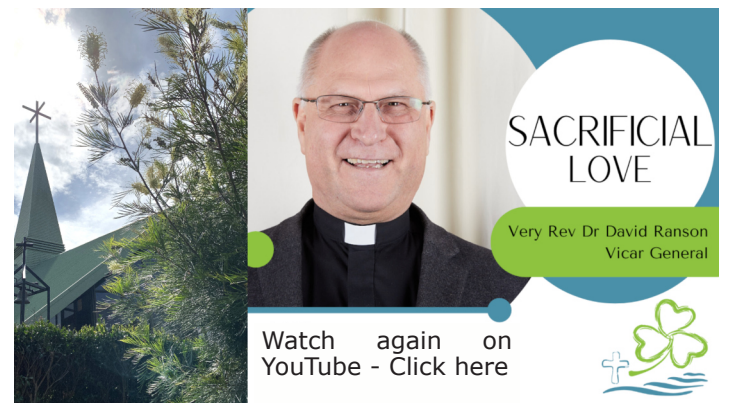


SACRIFICIAL LOVE

TALK FROM VERY REV DR DAVID RANSON.

Very Rev Dr David Ranson gave a very inspiring talk on Thursday night via Zoom.

[Watch on YouTube - Click here](#)



Jesus cures a man who cannot hear or speak



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Finish the story of Jesus healing the deaf man by adding the missing words and pictures.

Jesus travelled to the land of Decapolis.

Draw Jesus walking along the road

A crowd of people _____ Jesus to heal a man who was _____ and could not speak properly.

Draw the deaf man

Jesus touched the man's _____ and tongue and said, 'Effatha!', meaning '_____ up'.

The man was very happy because now he could hear and talk! The people praised Jesus.

Draw the people celebrating and praising Jesus



Jesus did many good things, such as healing people and helping those in need. What are some good things you can do for others?

Follow the path into the ear to find out what Jesus said to the deaf man. Write down each letter in sequence as you pass them.

' _____ !'

HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR AND THE DUMB SPEAK.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PS 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

IS 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.' Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 145:7-10. R. V.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

JAS 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats';

then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CF. MT 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MK 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.



Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

In this oracle of salvation, the prophet depicts two ways in which the renewal promised by God is manifested: those who suffer physical maladies will be healed of their infirmities; and the barren wilderness will be filled with the promise of new life. The prophet is told to announce salvation to those who have been broken by the hardships of life, those who are weak and filled with fear. The salvation that is promised will not be limited to human beings. All of creation will be renewed. Just as deprivation and infirmity were considered signs of evil in the world, so this restoration was perceived as a sign of the transformation that only God can effect.



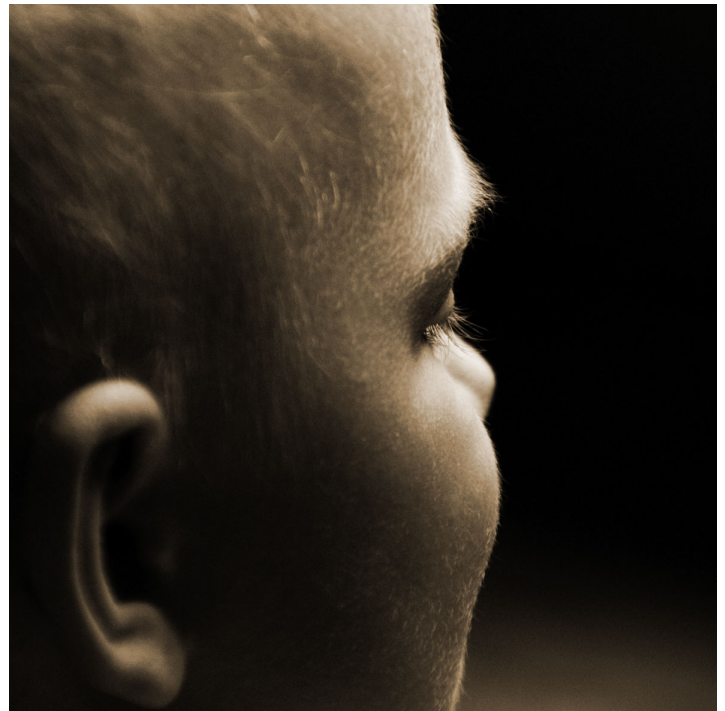
The responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise of the Lord (Hallelujah in Hebrew). It lists examples of God's indescribable graciousness. As special patronal deity, God granted special protection to the children of Jacob, particularly during their sojourn in the wilderness. God's graciousness to the vulnerable is also extolled. God was particularly concerned for aliens who lacked

certain legal rights as well as women and children who did not benefit from patriarchal privilege. The final verse praises God as sovereign and eternal ruler in Jerusalem. A God who cares for needy people such as these certainly should be praised.

The author of the Letter of James insists: Show no partiality! The setting is the assembly of the believers, a gathering of men for the purpose of teaching and study. The author sketches a picture of unacceptable discrimination. Preference is given to one dressed in fine clothing, while the one shabbily dressed is treated contemptuously. The first is given a place of honour; the second is told to stand or to sit at the feet of the others. This is not merely social snobbery; it is in direct violation of principles of the reign of God. The final admonition clearly defines God's preferential option for the poor, those who value God rather than money.

Though Jesus is depicted as a miracle worker like others, each detail in the account points to a feature exclusive to Jesus. When he lays hands on people, he is also overturning the purity prohibition against touching what is unclean and contaminating oneself in doing so. His use of saliva reflects the belief that it contained some of his own personal power. He looks up to heaven and groans, but it is considered by many to be a form of prayer. The healing may have been surrounded by familiar miracle elements, but the miracle itself is accomplished by Jesus' command: Be opened!

At the heart of Jesus' ministry is his teaching about the reign of God. Here he unstops the man's ears so that now he can hear and be open to the message of this reign.



THIS WEEK

Wed Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st: Is 50:5-9
2nd: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mk 8:27-35

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.

Patrick Taggart, Amparo Valenia Bantay, Norman Curran, George Frediani, Josephine Comensoli, Boleslaw Then, Rodney Spencer, Andrew Murphy, John & Eva Smith, Sr Marie Paul Chanel, Maria Dabski.

REMEMBRANCES:

Lloyd Wood, Fabria Ghazi, Ron Nixon, Jean Gimmongs, Valerie & Eric Neilson, Keanu Campbell, Joseph Vaz, Ronald Freeman, Fariba Ghazi, Mary Jane Buhagiar, Glenn Mills, Friquet Family, Mr Sammut, Foss family members.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dr Douglas Arndt, John Darin, Lucila Besabella DeGuzman, Evangeline Diaz, John Vaughn, Baby Remie Redmond, Iris Pasquill, John Schipp, Dorothy Miller, John Eggenhuizen, Ruth Axon, John Vaughan, Julian Martinez, Ernesto Jose Lumayno.



Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 04/09	9:00am Gosford	ALL HOLY SOULS	Thu 09/09	9:00am Gosford	Recently Deceased NOEL SMITH
Sat 04/09	4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth		Fri 10/09	12:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrances MOORE & MAHER FAMILIES
Sat 04/09	5:00pm Gosford		Sat 11/09	9:00am Gosford	
Sat 04/09	5:30pm Somersby			4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth	
Sun 05/09	7:30am Gosford		Sat 11/09	5:00pm Gosford	
Sun 05/09	9:30am Gosford	1. Remembrance LLOYD WOODS 2. Birthday Blessing TRIXY EDSEL	Sat 11/09	5:30pm Gosford	
Sun 05/09	6:00pm Gosford		Sun 12/09	7:30am Gosford	
Mon 06/09	9:00am Gosford	Father's Day Remembrances HUIE, ASHING, NEWTON & RANKINE DADS	Sun 12/09	9:30am Gosford	1. Recently Deceased ERNESTO 2. LUMAYNO PARISH INTENTIONS
Tue 07/09	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversary HAROLD STEPHENS + Remembrances ENA STEPHENS SULPICIO BANTAY, ALBERTO ARCILLAS & PORFERIO NOVERA	Sun 12/09	6:00pm Gosford	
Wed 08/09	11:30am Gosford	+ Anniversary PATRICK SMITH			

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