



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

SERVING IN HOPE

A KEY VIRTUE THAT INSPIRES VINCENTIANS IS HOPE.

The Rule tells us that 'Vincentians serve in hope.'

(i) Hope is one of the theological virtues which we rely on because it reminds us that we can do nothing on our own but need the help of God.

We are reminded in the scripture that

And not only that: we too, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we are groaning inside ourselves, waiting with eagerness for our bodies to be set free. In hope, we already have salvation; in hope, not visibly present, or we should not be hoping -- nobody goes on hoping for something which is already visible. But having this hope for what we cannot yet see, we are able to wait for it with persevering confidence. (Rom 8:23-25)

So hope is that virtue which helps us look to a future that is not here yet.

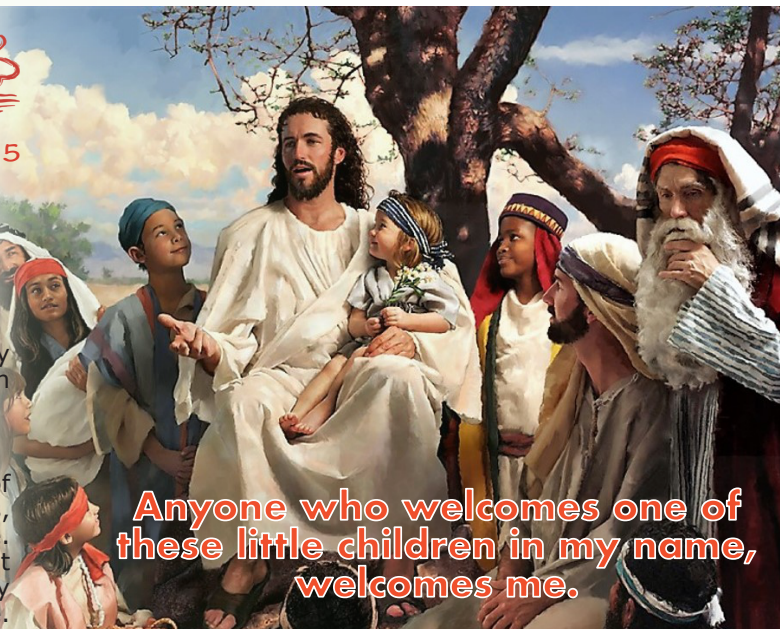
Blessed Frederic Ozanam wrote in the early days of the Society.

"I hope we shall succeed despite the ominous prophesies, not through secrecy, but through humility, not through numbers but through love, not through patronage but by the grace of God. There is good will, there must be zeal; there are families assisted, there must be many more of them; there is room for every possible work of charity,..."



Hope in a new day to serve the Lord

(ii) His hope was that what they were trying to do would continue to grow through the love that the members had for each other and the people they were helping and through the grace of God. That Society exists in so many countries around the world and that so many people are being helped each day are testament to the grace that God gave those early members and has continued to give the Society over the years. So many people who have faithfully followed in the footsteps of our founders and served people



Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me.

in all sorts of needs over these 186 years of the Society's history have built on the fruits of the hope which each one has held. Today, we continue to build on this wonderful history of faith and hope.

In our work with people in need we are often called upon to be holders of hope for them because they come to us at times of great need when it can be hard to see the road ahead. Our gift to them is not only the resources that we can provide for them but our care for them and the relationships that we build with them. We can say with St Vincent

I hope Our Lord will look upon the little we have attempted to do as proceeding from charity

(iii) How does hope sustain you in your service of others?

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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

"True humility is the key to heaven's treasury of grace. Oh pilgrim, get up bravely, if you stumble along the rugged path to life."

SD I/5



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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

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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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DEAR FRIENDS

Just over two weeks ago we sent out a few hundred cards from our parish and priests to parishioners. I hope you received them! If you haven't received a card yet it means that we don't have your full details in our parish database. We would like to ask that you kindly contact the parish office via email patsgos@acs.net.au



or phone call on +61 2 4325 1042 to provide us with your details for any future correspondence. If you're new to the parish, please also ask the office for a parish census form so you can join our St Patrick's community.

We would like all of you to be included in our future projects and to receive all updates from our parish.

We keep you all in our prayers and thoughts 🙏😊

God bless

Fr Greg & Fr Paul

RECENT DEATH OF DR ARNDT

Following our announcement in the Bulletin recently that Dr Douglas Arndt had passed we have had a number of parishioners ring to express their sadness.

During this time of COVID lockdown a farewell to Dr Arndt at which parishioners may have been present wasn't possible so on their behalf we'd like to acknowledge Dr Arndt, together with his wife Vilma, as parishioners since 1963 who were, in their heyday, very involved in the parish and prior to lockdown, could be seen together at Mass each week.

Dr Arndt, a local medical practitioner, was admired and respected by many. May he rest in peace.

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.

UP COMING EVENTS

ST PATRICK'S PARISH INVITES ALL YOUTH TO...

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

This Sunday Night @7:00pm
on Zoom/Teleparty
INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

We all wait to see what easing mid-October will bring, but in the meantime will continue to try and service the needs of the people with on-line Masses, rosaries, adult faith education, youth meetings and general fun times.

If you are in need of pastoral care or assistance in any way please contact the office.

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.



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

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 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.

HELP FROM CATHOLIC CARE



ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY THE BILLS?

We can help with Coles or Woolworths vouchers

P: (02) 9481 2600 | E: info@catholiccaredbb.org.au

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.

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



SAFEGUARDING MONTH

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/911111111111>

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

A NEW OUTLOOK ON CONFESSION, THE SACRAMENT OF JOY

Vatican News editorial director Andrea Tornielli examines the new outlook on Confession proposed by Pope Francis: At the center of forgiveness, we find, not a list of our sins, but God who embraces us.



<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-09/confession-sacrament-pope-francis-joy-editorial.html>

AT THE CENTER OF FORGIVENESS, THERE IS GOD WHO EMBRACES US, NOT THE LIST OF OUR SINS AND OUR HUMILIATION.

By Andrea Tornielli

Confession is a "sacrament of joy", indeed a "feast", in Heaven and on earth. On Tuesday, September 14, in the stadium of Košice, it was as if Pope Francis were looking into the eyes of each of the young people who had come to welcome him, in order to invite them to live the sacrament of penance in a new way. And what the Pope said to them was comforting, not only for those present, but for anyone who followed that meeting on television or on the internet, and even those who simply read the papal address.

It is not the sacrament, scarcely frequented these days, that is changing. What the Pope proposes is a completely different outlook on confession, different from the experience of so many Christians and different from a certain historical legacy.

First of all, the Pope indicated that within the sacrament lies "the remedy" for the moments in life when we are down. And to the question of a young lady, Petra, who asked him how her peers could "overcome the obstacles on the path to God's mercy", he responded with another question: "If I ask you: what do you think about when you go to confession? I am almost certain of the answer: sins. But are sins really the focus of confession? Does God want you to approach Him by thinking about you, your sins, or about Him?"

The Christian way, Pope Francis had said two days earlier in Budapest, begins with taking a step backward, with removing oneself from the center to make room for God. This same criterion, this same outlook, applied to confession, can provoke a smaller or greater Copernican revolution in the life of each person: I am no longer at the center of the sacrament of penance, humiliated with my list of sins — perhaps always the same ones —

to be told with difficulty to the priest. At the center is the encounter with God who welcomes, embraces, forgives, raises up.

"One does not go to confession," the Pope explained to the young people, "as chastised people who must humble themselves, but as children who run to receive the Father's embrace. And the Father lifts us up in every situation, He forgives our every sin. Hear this well: God always forgives! Do you understand? God always forgives!" One is not going to a judge to settle accounts, but "to Jesus who loves me and heals me".

Pope Francis advised priests to "feel" in God's place: "Let them feel themselves to be in the place of God the Father who always forgives and embraces and welcomes. Let us give God first place in confession. If God, if He, is the protagonist, everything becomes beautiful, and confessing becomes the Sacrament of joy. Yes, of joy: not of fear and judgment, but of joy".

The new outlook on the sacrament of penance proposed by the Pope, therefore, asks us not to remain prisoners of shame for our sins — shame which "is a good thing" — but to overcome it, because "God is never ashamed of you. He loves you right there, where you are ashamed of yourself. And He loves you, always". To those who still cannot forgive themselves, believing that not even God can do it "because I will always fall into the same sins", Pope Francis says, "When does God take offence? When you go to ask Him for forgiveness? No, never. God suffers when we think He can't forgive us, because it is like telling Him, 'You are weak in love!' Instead, God rejoices in forgiving us, every time. When He raises us up, He believes in us as He did the first time, He does not get discouraged. We are the ones who are discouraged, He is not. He does not see sinners to label, but children to love. He does not see people who have erred, but beloved children; wounded, perhaps; and then He has even more compassion and tenderness. And every time we confess — never forget this — there is a celebration in Heaven. May it be the same on earth!"

From shame to celebration, from humiliation to joy. This does not come from Pope Francis, but from the Gospel, where we read of the father who anxiously awaits his sinful son, constantly scanning the horizon, and even before the son has time to humble himself by meticulously detailing all his faults, he embraces him, lifts him up and celebrates with him and for him.



Children and Young People's Participation in Catholic Communities

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A Guide to Supporting & Engaging, Listening and Communicating with Children and Young People



Supporting & Engaging | Listening | Communicating

First Plenary Council Assembly Moving Fully Online

At long last, starting 3 October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council. Due to the current climate the format of the assembly has evolved from a large gathering, to smaller hubs and now to a fully online gathering with one person per device. While not ideal, and not what we had hoped, the national team will continue to assist and support the members and delegates so that they may participate as effectively as possible.

While many may question why we are proceeding with the Plenary Council at this time; the desire to fulfil Christ's mission, no matter how difficult the circumstances may be, is part of the thinking in moving ahead. It is precisely the challenges that people are now facing, the isolation and disconnect, that we are hoping the Church will be able to address. Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council, the members and delegates as they prepare to fulfil their role in the coming months.

You can keep abreast of all the latest news, access the Instrumentum Laboris and sign up to the Plenary Council Newsletter by heading to the National website:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Previously known as the Charitable Works Fund (CWF), it was renamed in July 2021 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.

Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives. Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or wider community. **All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible and allocated to your Parish contribution for Pastoral Works Broken Bay.**

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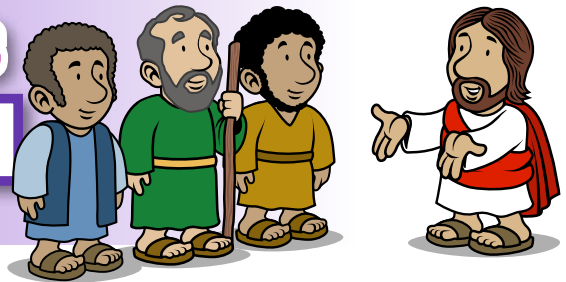
Donate to help families and parish communities in Broken Bay.

"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."

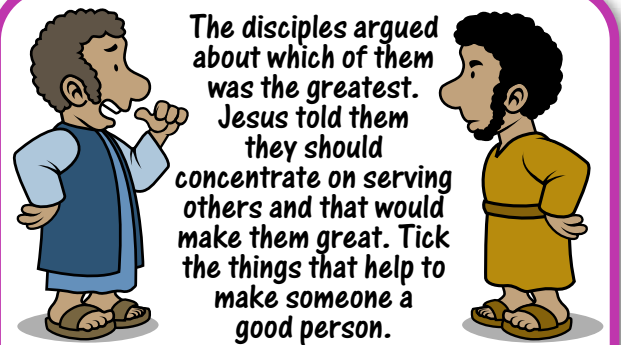
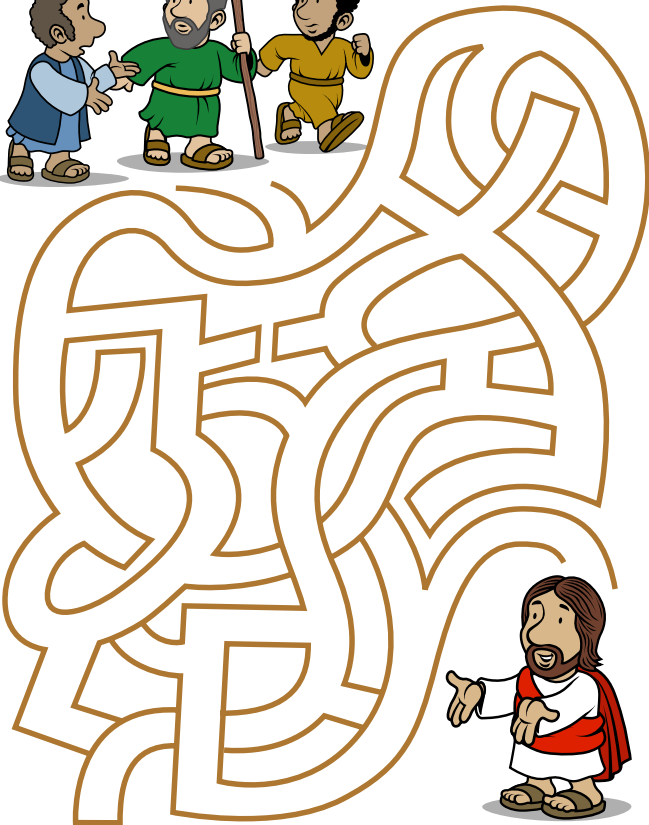
Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay

Those who serve others are greatest

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



The disciples travelled to Jesus' home and they argued along the way. Help them get to Jesus so that he can help them settle their argument.



The disciples argued about which of them was the greatest. Jesus told them they should concentrate on serving others and that would make them great. Tick the things that help to make someone a good person.

- SHARING**
- TELLING LIES**
- BEING NASTY**
- BEING KIND**
- TRYING YOUR BEST**
- LAUGHING AT OTHERS**
- HELPING OTHERS**
- BEING HONEST**
- BEING SELFISH**



How can you be of service to others? Complete the following statements with words or pictures.

I can serve members of my family by...

I can serve my friends by...

I can serve people in my community by...

PIETY STALL ON-LINE

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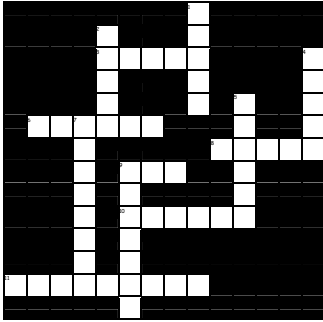
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CROSSWORD

Plant seeds of peace



- Across
- a type of building people live in
 - the _____ that comes from above leads us to be good people
 - when peacemakers plant seeds of _____, they will harvest justice
 - this part of your body has a hand and an elbow on it
 - the wisdom from above leads us to be pure, friendly and _____
 - Jesus and his disciples went to his home in this place
- Down
- flowers grow from these things that are planted in soil
 - Jesus said, 'when you welcome a _____ you welcome me'
 - the opposite of below
 - there were this many disciples with Jesus
 - people who are not silly are s_____ b_____
 - Jesus wanted to know what the disciples were _____ about

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B [N25ORSUB_2003_CWSJ.rtf]

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JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Plant seeds of peace



Try to find these words:

- above
- arguing
- arm
- Capernaum
- child
- gentle
- house
- peace
- seeds
- sensible
- twelve
- wisdom

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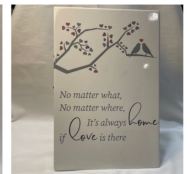
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 VIA ZOOM
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God Loves You

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WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

TOWARDS AN EVER
WIDER "WE"

GOD CREATED US
IN HIS IMAGE,
IN THE IMAGE
OF HIS OWN
TRINE BEING,
A COMMUNION
IN DIVERSITY.



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**THE SON OF MAN WILL BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF HUMANITY ...
ALL WHO WISH TO BE FIRST MUST MAKE THEMSELVES THE SERVANTS OF ALL.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING

WIS 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 53:3-6. 8. R. V.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth.

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God.

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

3. But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING

JAS 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

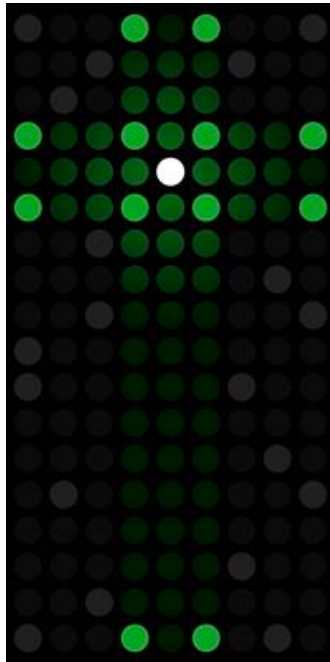
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SEE 2 THES 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

MK 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PS 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The ungodly conspire to assault the righteous. This honourable person stands in opposition to the wrongdoings of the wicked, denouncing them for their sin and accusing them of not being faithful to their upbringing. Plagued by this criticism, the wicked put the righteous one to the test to see if God will save the person of virtue from the onslaughts that are being planned. The mistreatment planned is extreme, even fatal. The righteous one, described as gentle and patient, is now an innocent victim of the evildoers' resentment. The reading ends on a note of apprehension. Will the righteous one succumb to the persecution of the wicked? Will God in fact intervene on behalf of this just person?

The psalm is a prayer to God for deliverance in time of need. The petition indicates that God's name, as part of the very essence of God, possesses divine power. The fact that 'name' in a parallel relationship with 'might', further emphasises the character of God's name. The affliction is caused by enemies described as haughty and ruthless. Regardless of how bleak the situation, the psalmist is filled with confidence. God is already present as a helper; those who rise up against the psalmist will be subdued. In the end, the psalmist promises to offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to honour the name of God.

The focus of the instruction in the Letter of James shifts from the vision of peace to the reality of conflicts within the community. There is no peace because the people do not choose the path that leads to peace and the path that they do choose leads to frustration. The community has failed to travel along the path of wisdom. James wants to know the cause of these conflicts, not so that he can reprimand them, but that he might instruct them. The frustration or pointlessness that they have chosen is laid bare. The Christians have no one to blame but themselves for the lack of harmony in their personal and communal lives.

Away from the crowds, Jesus identifies himself as the mysterious Son of Man and predicts his passion, death and resurrection. The disciples did not grasp the meaning of Jesus' words, and they engaged in a heated discussion about status within the community. Jesus had just admitted his ultimate vulnerability, and they were quarrelling about rank. Jesus seized the moment to teach an important lesson: following his own example, those who would be first must be willing to be last. In the world of Jesus' time, neither servants nor children had any legal rights or social status. Jesus turns the social ranking system upside down. Those who hold the highest positions within the community must be willing to take the lowest place and be the servants of all. He offers himself as an example of one who empties himself for the sake of others..

THIS WEEK

Mon St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr
Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs
Tue St Matthew, Apostle
Thu St Pius of Pietrelcina, pries



NEXT WEEKS READINGS

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st: Num 11:25-29
2nd: James 5:1-6
Gospel: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL ANNIVERSARIES: 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:

Ron Burges, Fr James Duck, 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.

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.

CONDOLENCES:

RON BURGESS: REST IN PEACE
We were advised on Thursday of the death in the previous week of parishioner Ron Burgess who was given a private funeral. Ron's brother resides in care and he was looked after by his niece and her husband who advised he passed peacefully. We offer his family our sincere condolences and keep Ron in our prayers.

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 18/09	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance VAL & ERIC NEILSON	Thu 23/09	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance VAL & ERIC NEILSON
Sat 18/09	4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth		Fri 24/09	12:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased MAY ARCENAL TUBURAN
Sat 18/09	5:00pm Gosford		Sat 25/09	9:00am Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance TIM KEOGH
Sat 18/09	5:30pm Somersby			4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth	
Sun 19/09	7:30am Gosford		Sat 25/09	5:00pm Gosford	
Sun 19/09	9:30am Gosford	1. + 1ST Anniversary TRUDI KOTZE 2. PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 25/09	5:30pm Gosford	
Sun 19/09	6:00pm Gosford		Sun 26/09	7:30am Gosford	
Mon 20/09	9:00am Gosford	Recently Deceased JEFF ADAMS	Sun 26/09	9:30am Gosford	+ Anniversary JOYCE LITTLEMORE OLGA QUINN PARISH INTENTIONS
Tue 21/09	9:00am Gosford	Personal Intentions of FRED BOLAND	Sun 26/09	6:00pm Gosford	
Wed 22/09	11:30am Gosford	For the Personal Intentions of TERESA DAVAR			

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