



# 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

## REFUGEE SUNDAY

On Sunday 26 September we commemorate World Migrant and Refugee Sunday, and celebrate the contributions of all new settlers, while never forgetting our First Nations peoples.

The mixed emotions of the weekend and its overshadowing by uncertainty make it a suitable day for remembering migrants and refugees. In the Australian Catholic Church, it prompts gratitude and joy for the gift that people from different nations and their children have been for both church and nation. We remember the Irish immigrants who were the heart of so many communities, whose churches and schools were built with the pennies of the poor. We remember also the European and Middle Eastern immigrants of early days. We recall, too, the people of so many European nations who came from a war-devastated Europe after the Second World War – English, Dutch, Polish, Italian, and others, and the later refugees and migrants from Vietnam, Latin America, Lebanon, the Baltic nations, India and Africa. Both the Australian community and the Church have been so blessed by the contribution they have made. Migration has shaped and reshaped the face of Australia, and has reminded us that we all have trespassed on a land first cared for by Indigenous Australians.

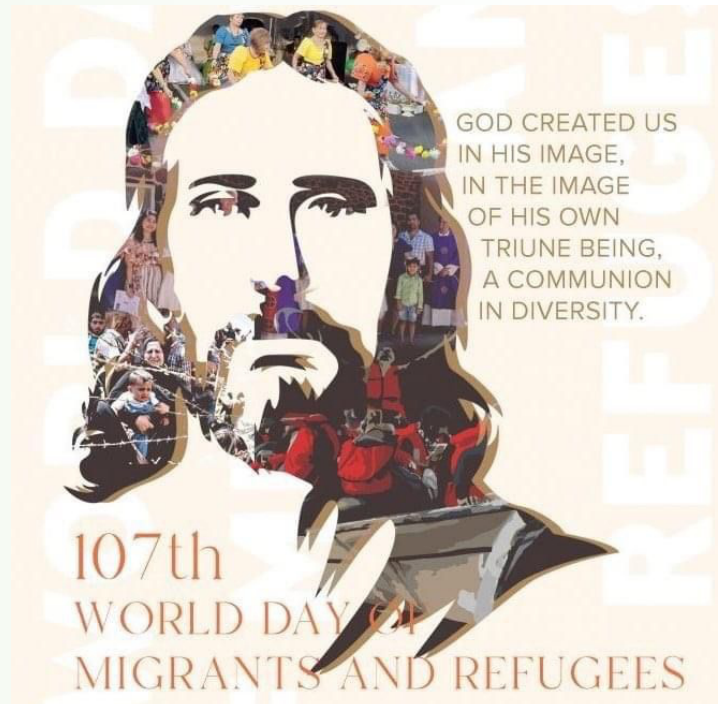
### JOY AND PAIN

If we remember the gift that the lives of migrants and refugees have brought us, we also remember the pain and dislocation that was part of their experience. For them it meant a leaving of home, of familiar place, language or dialect, friendships and landscape, and a making of new connections. For people who came later in life it may have meant that different dress, difficulty in speaking English and inability to comprehend new customs and culture made a distance between them and Australians of other backgrounds. For children it often meant a difficult balance of living in two cultures and being excluded by their peers because of their difference. The lives of migrants and refugees were often marked by difficulty and sacrifice, which we remember and celebrate today.

For people who came as refugees life the contrast between joy and pain, acceptance and rejection, and generosity and meanness has been particularly marked. They met two sides of Australia, one hospitable and one vicious. For many years Australia was generous in receiving and supporting refugees on their arrival in Australia and in helping them to be welcomed members of the Australian community. They have contributed enormously to Australian culture and prosperity.

### PRAYING FOR A BETTER MIND AND HEART

More recently, however, Australia's treatment of people who fled from persecution and arrived by sea has become increasingly cruel. They were not treated as persons like us worthy of respect, but like parcels that can be allowed to be moved from place to place, discarded, never delivered, never allowed to live ordinary lives and never to

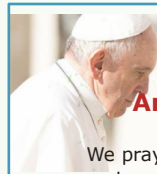


be accepted as members of the Australian community. As we remember them on Migrant and Refugee Sunday it becomes a day of shame, of solidarity with people whose humanity has been denied, and of prayer that as a nation we may come to a better mind and heart.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday offers us two snapshots of our nation, one of a park in which people mingle together hospitably, and the other of a prison ringed with barbed wire and controlled by guards to keep people out.

The fall of Afghanistan to which we have so many ties through citizens who came from that country and through our part in making war there has left many more people in fear of persecution. Their faces will continue to be seen in our media. The Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum through its work on upholding the dignity and rights of each person seeking asylum has tried to make their faces recognisable. They must be in our hearts and on visas that entitle them to live in our land.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/>



### 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

"I gave myself over to God and he lovingly accepted me. See, how brilliantly the sun shines..."

MM Restored 1853



## 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

<b>Mon:</b>	9:00am	<b>Wed:</b>	11:30am	<b>Fri:</b>	12:00pm
<b>Tue:</b>	9:00am	<b>Thu:</b>	9:00am	<b>Sat:</b>	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](#)

## FR GREG'S MESSAGE

### SAFEGUARDING MONTH AT ST PATRICK'S

Click here to view on YouTube



### COVID UPDATE UNFORTUNATELY NO UPDATE

We have had no indication of a date for the resumption of services in the church. As soon as we have Government and Diocesan news regarding re-opening we will advise everyone.

## LAY SALVATORIAN RETREAT FROM KATRINA PRATT



This weekend, our Lay Salvatorian retreat begins! It's going to be a very unique retreat, with some of us in person and some of us online. But I truly believe that it will be an awesome experience, where we will grow in community, in enthusiasm, in faith and into a deeper relationship with God.

Please keep praying for us!

Blessed Francis Jordan, pray for us!

## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Would anyone who would like to collect their planned giving envelopes which were available in the church the weekend we locked down [June 27, 2021] please contact the office on 4325 1042 to arrange contactless collection. We have had a number of givers using anything at hand in which to place their donations and we would like to offer this opportunity for more convenient giving. We look forward to hearing from you.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to parishioner John Moriarty, our go-to man for anything bus related who has this past week offered his time, talents and generosity getting our bus ready for registration - Thanks John!

## ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE

### AS A WITNESS TO YOUR FAITH?



CCD is offering Zoom training in Term 4 to up-skill new catechists and helpers to enable them to teach, or assist an experienced catechist, in one of our public schools in 2022.

[Click on the link for more information](#) or contact your Parish Catechist Coordinator via the Parish Office.



## FAITHFUL COUNSELLING



**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**

## UP COMING EVENTS

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.

## 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.

## LETTER FROM MOST REV ANTHONY RANDAZZO

### BISHOP OF BROKEN BAY

14 SEPTEMBER 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Like many of you, I watched the news last week with great interest about the disappearance, search and rescue of "AJ", the three-year-old boy who was lost for several days in rugged NSW bushland. This amazing little boy survived three nights in the bush in freezing temperatures without food or water, sustaining minor injuries before being reunited with his family. It was a heart-wrenching story of initial despair and anguish, progressing to the mobilisation of the community and finally, to hope and elation once AJ was found safe and sound.

My interest was also captured because of the way that the community responded and took action. From many reports, people from across the whole community participated in the desperate search which lasted over 72 hours. They provided support for family and friends in their time of need. All this in the midst of a global pandemic. I am confident that had this incident occurred in our own community, many of us would not have hesitated instinctively to participate in the search for a lost person as well as offer support to the family.

This led me to reflect on the importance of communal safety. It is incumbent on us, as individuals and as a community, to be aware and to take action in situations where the safety of the vulnerable is in jeopardy. We are never merely individuals, isolated or alone. We find ourselves belonging to multiple groups and communities within the one human family. As such, one eye is constantly on the higher goal of the common good. As sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, our vocation is to care for and cultivate the communion we share in Christ and with each other. Central to our vocation is the need to foster communities of safety and care for all people.

As Safeguarding is a Diocesan focus this month, we seek to ensure children and vulnerable people are provided with the fundamental right to be kept safe and respected. This right is held sacred because Jesus himself showed us how to do so in the Gospels. It is the Gospel that sets the

standard for us as a community of the Church. The Good News of Jesus has the power to convert, renew, and reform us as individuals and as a community. In Broken Bay, our awareness is heightened by the commitment and energy required to ensure that everyone is educated and focused on their obligations and responsibilities for the safeguarding of children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

My thoughts are also very much with you at this time that our Church buildings are closed. I have previously indicated that our compliance with the government health orders is to minimise the risk of infection during our gatherings. I understand the pain and anguish that this is causing all of us, myself included, however, I ask you once again to pray fervently for an end to this pandemic. The knowledge that vulnerable people are being protected and cared for must outweigh the inconvenience and distress that many are feeling.

It is my hope and desire that as we prepare for the re-opening of our churches, that our community of the Church will respond with the spirit of cheerfulness required to gather to celebrate the Mass and the Sacraments. In the meantime, let us encourage one another, especially those who are troubled or restless. Let us never lose sight of our life in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

My continued prayers for our communal well-being and safety during these challenging times.

+Anthony

## HELP FROM CATHOLIC CARE

CATHOLIC CARE 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@catholiccareddb.org.au](mailto:info@catholiccareddb.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.*

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**Gosford Parish Church Account**

**BSB: 062 784**

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## SAFEGUARDING MONTH

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)



## CATHOLIC CARE NEED YOUR HELP



[Click the Image above to learn more.](#)

Sunday 26 September 2021



### WELCOME TO THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In this week's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent another person from performing miracles in Jesus' name. Jesus confronts the disciples' feelings of exclusivity when it comes to doing His work. This might also challenge us when we may have a narrow perspective on God's action in the world.

Jesus also warns quite strongly against putting obstacles in the way of anyone who wants to believe in Him. How might we be a stumbling block to people in search of Jesus? How could we better live our lives so that those we meet can receive a faithful impression of what it means to be a Christian?

### GOSPEL READING: MK 9:40-41

"Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward."

Read the full text at <https://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>

### REFLECTION:

"It is very easy for a chosen group to become elitist, to claim for itself a monopoly of doing good.

We Christians believe that the Church is God's special way of revealing himself to the world. But we really cannot go on to claim that therefore God is only to be found in the Church."

<https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/0526/>

### FEAST:

September 29: Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Messengers of God.

From infancy to death, human life is surrounded by the watchful care of these powerful intercessors. These three Archangels are all found in the Bible at different points performing a number of roles e.g. protecting, communicating, healing and guiding. "Here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God" (CCC 336).

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Why You Need to Know Your Go-To Sins - Ascension Presents: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqB\\_Luniml](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqB_Luniml)

Fr Flader - Cutting off Our Hand? <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/fr-flader-cutting-off-our-hand/>

### SONG:

Let It Happen - United Pursuit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvsAV-MgGao>

### CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

Gospel Reading and Reflection for Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3eHQ4f9Nw>

### PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, guide us in being true to our Creator by following the pathways of our saviour Jesus Christ. The ways of the Lord are finer than gold and sweeter than honey, for his Word brings joy to our hearts. Protect us from all evil and temptation as we offer this prayer to you, calling on the intercession of the angels and saints in heaven. Amen

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY:

### SPEAK LORD ACTIVITY SHEET:

[http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheets/b-ordinary\\_time-26.PDF](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/worksheets/b-ordinary_time-26.PDF)

MORE RESOURCES AT: [bbcatholic.org.au/connected](http://bbcatholic.org.au/connected)



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



## Making Stumble-Stone Altars

There will be mistakes. We will make errors and we will mess up in this marriage business. Obstacles and challenges will be part of every romance. The critical issue is how we respond to these inevitable stumbles.

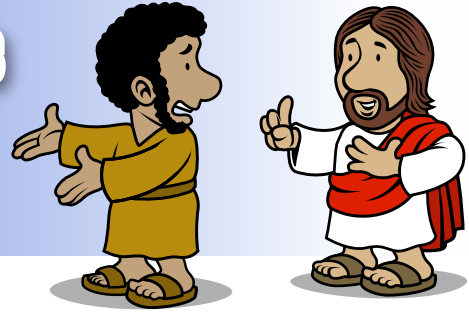
We attended a beautiful wedding recently in country NSW and came away inspired by the depths of faith and authentic love embodied by the bride and groom. The prayers in the wedding liturgy, the speeches and the story of their romance have provided us several ideas for this column which we will unpack over the coming months.

One of the things mentioned was the idea of making altars from their stumble-stones. Making stumble-stone altars... it's not often that a simple phrase can immediately communicate something profound, but this is surely one of them.

Stumble-stones: not stones that have stumbled, but stones that make us stumble. They come in all shapes and sizes and each represent their own peril to our marriage.

[CONTINUE READING](#)

# Whoever is not against us is for us



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

One day the disciples saw a man working miracles in Jesus' name. Because he was not one of them, the disciples told him to stop. Use the words below to find out why Jesus did not want the disciples to stop the man.

No one who does a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_ will say something \_\_\_\_\_ about me. Whoever is not \_\_\_\_\_ us is \_\_\_\_\_ us.



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Jesus rewards those who do good things in his name.



I can help others in Jesus' name by...

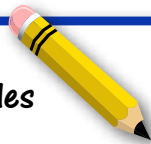
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Jesus rewards my good deeds by...

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Jesus performed many miracles. Draw a picture about one of the miracles you have read about in the bible.



Jesus heals two blind men  
*Matthew 9:27 - 9:31*

Jesus calms a storm  
*Mark 4:35 - 4:41*

The wedding at Cana  
*John 2:1-12*

Jesus feeds five thousand men  
*Luke 9:10 - 9:17*

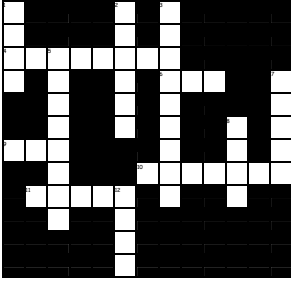
Jesus walks on the water  
*Mark 6:45-52*

Jesus raises Lazarus  
*John 11:17 - 11:27*

CROSSWORD

Those who praise Jesus will be rewarded

MK 9:38-41



- Across
- 4: Jesus was happy for people to perform these in his name
  - 6: a container you drink from
  - 9: Jesus said, 'anyone who is not against us is \_\_\_ us'
  - 10: someone who teaches
  - 11: we should do good things in the name of this man
- Down
- 1: the word you are known by
  - 2: if you \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus you will be rewarded
  - 3: these people were friends and followers of Jesus
  - 5: you will be r\_\_\_\_\_ if you do good works in Jesus' name
  - 7: you will be rewarded if you give someone a cup of this in Jesus' name
  - 8: this man asked Jesus about the miracle worker
  - 12: \_\_\_\_\_ is the opposite of start

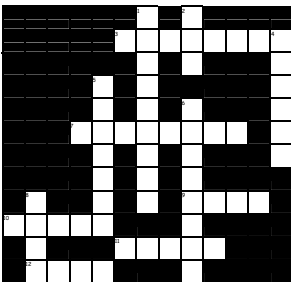
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Go out and proclaim God's name

Nm 11:25-29  
Ps 66:1-3ab, 4-5, 16 & 20 R, v.1  
Jm 9:1-6  
Mk 9:38-41



- Across
- 3: Jesus was happy for people to perform these in his name
  - 7: people who told others about the future
  - 9: people who have a lot of money are \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10: the Lord came in a cloud and spoke to this man
  - 11: you will be rewarded if you give someone a cup of this in Jesus' name
  - 12: the word you are known by
- Down
- 1: these people were friends and followers of Jesus
  - 2: you do this when you are hungry
  - 4: those given the \_\_\_\_\_ were able to become prophets
  - 5: people who work
  - 6: you will be r\_\_\_\_\_ if you do good works in Jesus' name
  - 8: this man asked Jesus about the miracle worker

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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.

**DONATE**



"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

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**107th 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 TRIUNE BEING, A COMMUNION IN DIVERSITY.

**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)

**ANYONE WHO IS NOT AGAINST US IS FOR US.  
IF YOUR HAND SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO SIN, CUT IT OFF...**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**DN 3:31,29,30,43,42**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.

But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## FIRST READING

**NM 11:25-29**

**A reading from the book of Numbers**

**Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?**

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. V.9**

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?

From hidden faults acquit me.

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

## SECOND READING

**JAS 5:1-6**

**A reading from the letter of St James**

**Your wealth is rotting.**

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**SEE JN 17:17**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**MK 9:38-43. 45. 47-48**

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

**Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.**

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea'



with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**CF. PS 118:49-50**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

**BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA**

The spirit of prophecy conferred on Moses is shared by others. This spirit is also bestowed on men who were absent from the group. Joshua is upset that these latter presume to prophesy. The primary role of Moses is prophet or spokesperson of God. In fact, Moses appears to be the fountainhead of prophesy. Though the principal site of revelation was the tent of meeting, which was located outside of the camp, two men who remained within the camp receive the spirit. Though Joshua criticises their prophesying, Moses does not hinder them. For Moses, the work of God takes precedence over the institutional ordering of the community.

The psalm exalts the glories of the law. It describes the blessings that acceptance of the law can impart in order to persuade people to embrace it as the will of God and to live in accord with it. The law belongs to the Lord. It is not just any religious law; it is uniquely Israel's, because in a very specific way it represents the will of the God of Israel. The effects of the law are all



relational, enhancing human life itself. The law imbues the soul with new vitality; it gives wisdom; it is constant and just; it establishes an enduring attitude of awe; it is a path to righteousness.

Although the reading from the Letter of James resembles a prophetic pronouncement of doom, it is really a wisdom teaching. It describes the consequences of living in a way that does not conform to the path of righteousness. Preoccupied with their own comfort, the wealthy ignore the needs of others. They are busy accruing money rather than sharing it with the poor, and this selfish attitude will be a testimony against them. They foolishly enjoy their wealth and comfort, oblivious of the fact that they are being fattened for the day of slaughter, the impending day of judgment. The author does not really denounce wealth. Rather, he condemns injustice and inhumanity that frequently accompany it.

The gospel is a collection of pronouncements of Jesus on the topics of acceptance, hospitality and scandal. Like Joshua in the first reading, John challenges someone who is not a member of the close knit group of disciples, but who presumes to perform the marvels that they have been commissioned to perform. Jesus responds that this man is not an enemy, nor do his exorcisms undermine Jesus' ministry. Jesus continues to justify works of mercy performed in his name. They are commendable and will be highly rewarded regardless of how insignificant they may appear to be. Jesus then warns against giving scandal. Those who cause Christians to sin will be severely punished.



## THIS WEEK

**Mon** St Vincent de Paul, priest  
**Wed** Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels  
**Thu** St Jerome, priest, doctor  
**Fri** St Therese, of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor  
**Sat** The Holy Guardian Angels

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

### 27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**1st:** Gen 2:18-24  
**2nd:** Heb 2:9-11  
**Gospel:** Mk 10:2-16

## YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

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

Teresa Davar, Rod Pelling, Susan Milne, Bernadette Humphries, Maura Garvey, Allan Hoole, Arthur Holland, Maree Nolan, Jim Dibben, William Parkhouse, Anne Holohan, Brent Senger, Oliver Senger, Christopher Michael Graham, 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:

Marcello Gobbi, Carlos Llenado, Ron Burges, Fr James Duck, Dr Douglas Arndt, John Darin, Lucila Besabella DeGuzman, Evangeline Diaz, John Vaughn, Baby Remie Redmond.

Patrick Taggart, Amparo Valenia Bantay, Norman Curran, George Frediani, Josephine Comensoli, Boleslaw Then.

### REMEMBRANCES:

Lloyd Wood, Fabria Ghazi, Ron Nixon, Jean Gimmongs, Valerie & Eric Neilson, Keanu Campbell, Joseph Vaz, Ronald Freeman, Fariba Ghazi, .

### CONDOLENCES:

To all those recently deceased, may their souls rest in the peace of our Lord. May we offer our prayers and condolences to family and friends.



Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 25/09	9:00am Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance TIM KEOGH	Thu 30/09	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversary JOHN NEVIN
Sat 25/09	4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth		Fri 01/10	12:00pm Gosford	Thanksgiving to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Sat 25/09	5:00pm Gosford		Sat 02/10	9:00am Gosford	ALL HOLY SOULS
Sat 25/09	5:30pm Somersby			4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth	
Sun 26/09	7:30am Gosford		Sat 02/10	5:00pm Gosford	
Sun 26/09	9:30am Gosford	+ Anniversary JOYCE LITTLEMORE OLGA QUINN PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 02/10	5:30pm Gosford	
Sun 26/09	6:00pm Gosford		Sun 02/10	7:30am Gosford	
Mon 27/09	9:00am Gosford	Recently Deceased RON BURGESS	Sun 02/10	9:30am Gosford	Recently Deceased S.P. TAO PARISH INTENTIONS
Tue 28/09	9:00am Gosford	Birthday Blessings BEE HUIE	Sun 02/10	6:00pm Gosford	
Wed 29/09	11:30am Gosford	+ Remembrance VAL & ERIC NEILSON			

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