



# 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

## ST PAUL SUMS UP LOVE

### THE GIFT OF LOVE - 1 COR 13.1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.



What God has joined together, no one must divide.

## ST PAUL ALSO GIVES US ADVICE ON LIVING OUR FAMILY LIVES

### 1 COR 10.23-11.1

Do All to the Glory of God

"All things are lawful," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, for "the earth and its fullness are the Lord's." If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. But if someone says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience — I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgment of someone else's conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks?


So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, so that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.



**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..."

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### GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

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

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

## WEEKEND MASSES

### GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

Sun: 9:30 am



YEAR OF THANKSGIVING FOR  
**BLESSED FRANCIS JORDAN**

21st July 2021 - 21st July 2022

SALVATORIANS AUSTRALIA

## ROSARY EVERY NIGHT AT 9:00 PM

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

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

### ST PATRICK'S GROUPS MEETINGS

Cancer Prayer Group

Craft Group

Grief & Loss Support

MenAlive

Prayers for Christian Unity

Prayer Group DVDs

Prayer Group & Bible Discussion

Bible Study - Monday night

Youth Group

Salvatorian Collaborators

Women's Faith Circle

Children, Yrs 5 & 6

Family Group



### NOTE:

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

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

### LEADERSHIP, MONITORING & IMPROVEMENT

STANDARD 1 – COMMITTED LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & CULTURE

Key Elements of Standard 1:

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

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### HILARY POPE



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## FR GREG'S MESSAGE

### RE-OPENING ST PATRICK'S

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## LAY SALVATORIAN RETREAT CONGRATULATIONS

KATRINA PRATT AND CECILIA COUGHLIN



### LAY SALVATORIAN AUSTRALIA



#### National Committee

Chairperson - Samantha Da Luz  
Vice chairperson - Katrina Pratt  
Secretary - Melissa Slattery  
Treasurer - Anne Cullender  
Consultor - Penny Jeeves  
Consultor - Cecilia Coughlin



Last weekend, our Lay Salvatorian retreat ended with the election of new members of the National Committee!

Great honour and responsibility has been entrusted to two of our parishioners.

Katrina Pratt has been elected Vice Chairperson and Cecilia Coughlin one of two consultors.

Please keep praying for our Lay Salvatorians

Blessed Francis Jordan, pray for us!



## OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

**ROSARY 20 MINUTES BEFORE MASS ON SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER.**

The month of October (Overview - Calendar) is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.



## FAITHFUL COUNSELLING



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**TUES, OCT 5  
7-8PM  
ZOOM (LINK BELOW)**

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INVITES ALL MEN TO OUR  
OCTOBER MEETUP.  
LOOKING FORWARD TO  
CONNECTING WITH YOU.

Join the meeting here: <https://sap-se.zoom.com/j/95601237218>

# Men Alive October Meetup

ST PATRICK'S  
PARISH  
GOSFORD



**WITH THE NSW GOVERNMENT  
RELEASING THEIR ROADMAP OUT OF  
LOCKDOWN, BISHOP ANTHONY  
RANDAZZO SETS OUT A PLAN FOR  
THE FAITHFUL IN IN BROKEN BAY**

**LETTER FROM BISHOP ANTHONY**

30 September 2021

As you are aware the NSW Government has now published its "Roadmap" from the current COVID restrictions. Broadly, this is envisaged in three segments:



1. From the Monday after 70% vaccination rate has been achieved (forecast to be Monday 11 October) various enterprises may open, including places of public worship, and be available for those who are vaccinated.
2. From the Monday after 80% vaccination rate has been achieved, further venues can reopen for those who are vaccinated. Places of public worship are exempt from this particular restriction.
3. 1 December 2021 when COVID vigilance applies to all, irrespective of vaccination status.

Considering this roadmap and all its implications for the Faithful of Broken Bay, I have determined the following to apply to our own diocese:

1. From Monday 11 October our churches are to be reopened for private prayer and devotion only. It is for our people to be mindful of government requirements for this stage of the Roadmap and to engage this opportunity with a sense of responsibility and COVID safety. During this stage:

- 1.0.1. The hours of opening of our churches should be available to our parishioners.
- 1.0.2. Public Masses remain suspended and "private" Masses with a congregation should not take place. The exception will be the Mass of Ordination at Our Lady of Rosary Cathedral on 18 October and the subsequent three Masses of Thanksgiving for our newly ordained priests.
- 1.0.3. Confessions should not be publicly scheduled but most certainly should be available by personal arrangement with the clergy of the parish.
- 1.0.4. Baptisms, unless in the event of impending death, should be delayed until the next stage.
- 1.0.5. Weddings and funerals: up to 50 people may attend. These need to be vaccinated.
- 1.0.6. Those who are unvaccinated may only attend weddings with a maximum number of 5 people.
- 1.0.7. Those who are unvaccinated may only attend funeral with a maximum number of 10 people.
- 1.0.8. It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitise, and always wear a mask.

2. From the Monday after 80% vaccination rate has been achieved, public Masses are to resume in all our churches according to their usual schedule. In accord with the government regulation, the vaccination status of our people who attend our churches, or who undertake a ministry in them, will not need to be verified. Thankfully, this will enable us to go forward together as one community of the Church. As they engage this opportunity, it will be important for our people to make informed decisions about their COVID safety. During this stage:

3. Other rituals such as Baptisms and other services of prayer and devotion may be resumed.

- 3.1. Confessions should be publicly scheduled again.
- 3.2. The number of people who can attend Mass and other liturgies and services of prayer is based on the 4 sqm principle (uncapped), including for funerals and weddings.
- 3.3. Congregational singing will not be possible, but a musician and cantor are possible and should be engaged for the beauty of the liturgy.
- 3.4. COVID safe practices related to the celebration of our liturgies should be reintroduced including:

- 3.4.1. Avoiding the handling of objects by multiple persons;
- 3.4.2. The Chalice is not to be shared; Holy Communion for the Faithful is to be under one species only;
- 3.4.3. The Sign of Peace should only be given by a simple bow or nod of the head.
- 3.4.4. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should be asked to wait until the end of the Communion Procession and the priest should sanitise his hands after each of these communicants.

- 3.5. It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitize, and always wear a mask.

- 3.6. Given that our parish facilities other than our church buildings will be subject to the status of people's vaccination it may be that parishes continue to suspend face-to-face parish meetings, social gatherings, and use of facilities such meeting rooms and halls until after 1 December, and that parishes continue to encourage online gatherings. Should parish facilities be opened during this stage, they will be subject to the vaccination status of those who use them, and the 4 sqm principle.

4. From 1 December 2021

- 4.1. Density for gatherings in our churches will shift to one person per 2 sqm for both indoor and outdoor gatherings.
- 4.2. Congregational singing will be possible at our liturgies.
- 4.3. There is no restriction on the use of other parish facilities such as meeting rooms and halls.

5. I now welcome the NSW Government's roadmap, and particularly the understanding it has demonstrated for places of public worship. I am confident that the staged return I have outlined, in accord with both the spiritual needs of our people and the Roadmap, will ensure our safety and our unity as we journey forward together into the new environment ahead of us.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/latest-news/roadmap-for-lifting-of-restrictions-for-broken-bay>

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ArticleDocuments/218/FACT%20SHEET.pdf.aspx>

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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.

## 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.

## 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

### 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@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:info@catholiccaredbb.org.au). They are here to help our parish families.

## PLENARY COUNCIL FIRST ASSEMBLY

**TODAY**, the Opening Mass for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral in Perth.



It will be a focal point for the Church in Australia as a journey that has its origins two decades ago finally commences the nine-month period of celebration, with the Second General Assembly scheduled for July 2022.

Those wishing to follow the First General Assembly have all the information in one place. Below you'll find links to livestream and social media feeds, to the prayers that members will be using and you can use to, and some news and notes from the final days leading to the Council's official opening.

Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council members, and for the Church in Australia as the celebration of the Council begins. We have been so grateful for the prayers offered for the Council in recent days and weeks. If you wanted to use a simple, two-minute prayer, maybe on each day of the Assembly, this video resource using the Plenary Council prayer could be a good option.

## PRAY ALONG WITH THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

The liturgies and prayers that will nourish and sustain the members of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia have been published online to invite the Church nationally to pray with the members and for the upcoming first general assembly.

Find prayer resources for the first general assembly, including Mass booklets and prayer experiences, [on the Plenary Council website](#).

## FOLLOW THE FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLINE

The best places to keep informed about the First General Assembly will be the Plenary Council website and on the Plenary Council's [Facebook page](#).

Join our Parish delegates to watch the livestreams of sessions that can be accessed on the website link above, and they'll then be archived on our [YouTube channel](#).

[Click here, to watch the National Plenary Council Prayer Video](#), Produced by the Dioceses of Broken Bay and we are honoured as it includes some of our own parishioners.

## PLEASE CONSIDER FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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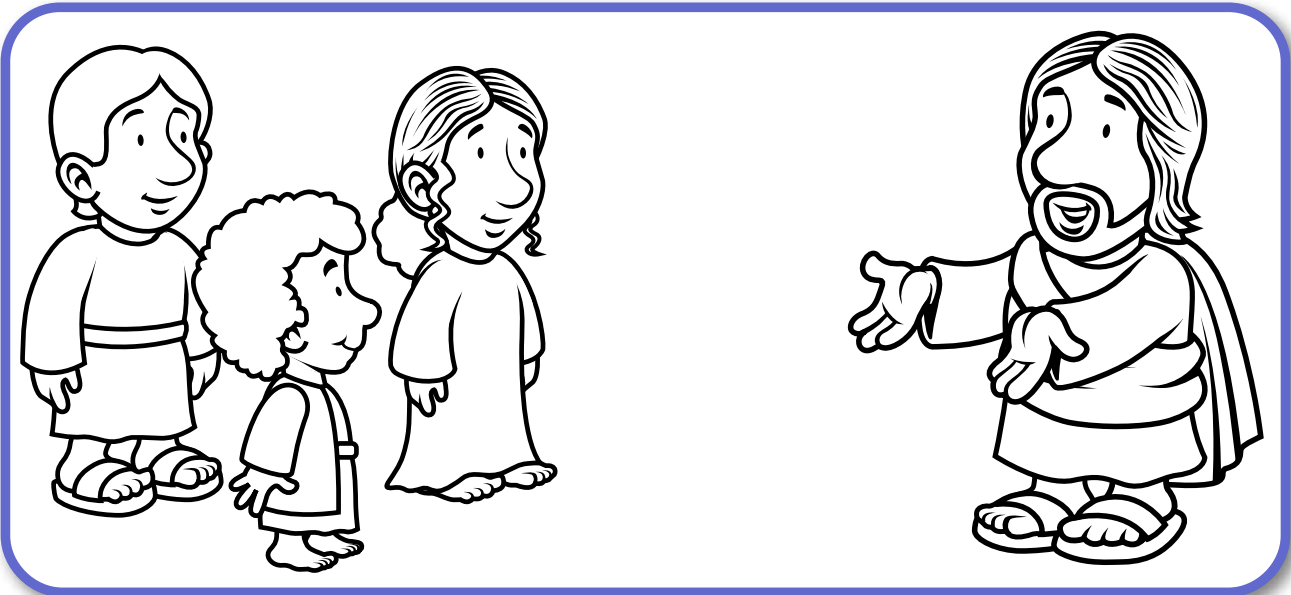
# Blessed are the children



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Some people brought their children to see Jesus. The disciples eventually tried to turn them away but Jesus wanted them to stay. He took the children in his arms and blessed them.

Draw yourself with Jesus and the rest of the children.



What do you think the kingdom of God is really like?

Write or draw your answer



## CHILDREN

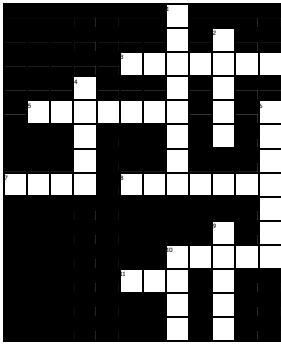
How many words can you make from the letters in CHILDREN?

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CROSSWORD

God created his kingdom for all of us

Gen 2:18-24  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, R, sec v.5  
Mk 10:13-16



- Across
- Adam chose names for these creatures
  - Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the children by placing his hands on them
  - Jesus took the children in his \_\_\_\_\_
  - children belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - what you are when you are by yourself
  - \_\_\_\_\_ created all living creatures

- Down
- young people
  - e\_\_\_\_\_ is another word for dirt
  - the son of God
  - to say faithfully that you will do something
  - what a girl becomes when she grows up
  - the first man that God made

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God created his kingdom for all of us

Gen 2:18-24  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, R, sec v.5  
Mk 10:13-16

N S U P M X A E B M P Z Y Y B  
J W X T J M T K I N G D O M L  
C J S M M G O D I K T X N S E  
H N J R T N E Z V X R A V Q S  
I J S A C L J Z N M Z S Y Q S  
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R T W M W O M A N V N E O Q N  
E R E A S D J Y A L O N E J B  
N R D L C K S W G Q N T D S L  
Q E I S L G E A R T H A D A M  
B A R M S X K U E X C Z D G G  
D M V Q K E W Z Q G H G I C F  
V O K O X Q E I J O T X K T D  
K D A P R O M I S E P D U V D

Try to find these words:

- Adam
- alone
- animals
- arms
- blessed
- children
- earth
- God
- Jesus
- kingdom
- promise
- woman

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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.**

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Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay



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**WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, NO ONE MUST DIVIDE.**

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**CF. EST 4:17**

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

## FIRST READING

**GEN 2:18-24**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

**They were two in one flesh.**

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 127. R. V.5**

**(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

**(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

**(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.

On Israel, peace!

**(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

## SECOND READING

**HEB 2:9-11**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

**He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.**

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**CF. 1 JN 4:12**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**MK 10:2-16**

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

**What God has joined together, no one must divide.**

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses

command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**LAM 3:25**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

**BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA**

In the account of the creation of the woman, the word for partner (ezer) does not mean 'helper' but 'source of blessing'. In an ancient Sumerian myth, the goddess Ninti was the 'woman of life' (cf. 3:20), a phrase from the same Hebrew root as 'woman of the rib' (v.21). Just as the man (adam) comes from the ground (adamah), so the woman (issah) comes from the man (ish). These poetic constructions indicate that the author did not set out to provide an accurate account of the creation of the first couple, but sought to focus on their relationship. Finally, the word pair 'bone and flesh' is a typical way of expressing comprehensiveness. With the woman, the man is complete.

The psalm is a wisdom psalm. It contains wisdom themes such as reward and punishment, happy or blessed, ways or path. The fear of the Lord denotes profound awe and amazement before the tremendous marvels of God. The blessings promised here are both material good fortune and a large and extended family. The reference to children's children refers to long life and the continuation of the family. It also implies that the nation is prospering and that it will endure. The good fortune of the individual is really a share in the good fortune of the nation. The final





statement is an exclamation: 'Peace upon Israel!' Peace, shalom, is fullness of life.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews uses an anthropological tradition to explain the solidarity of Jesus with humankind. For him being made lower than the heavenly beings was a humbling experience, not an elevating one. He emptied himself in death for the sake of all women and men. Jesus is the one who, through his death, brings others to the glory intended for them from their creation. He is the one who consecrates; they are the ones who are consecrated. Like all others, he is made a little lower than the angels, and he is not ashamed of the human nature that he shares with all the rest.

The Pharisees were not asking about the acceptability of divorce; it was permitted by law. Jesus responds to their challenge with one of his own. Without undermining the authority of Moses, he goes beyond the Mosaic tradition to the original intent of God as found in the creation account. In God's design the couple become one flesh and must not be separated. Later Jesus explains his challenge of the patriarchal understanding of divorce and remarriage. Jesus then makes children the symbol and model of those who would receive and enter the reign of God. The reign of God must be accepted as children might accept a gift. Furthermore, it must also be entered with the unself-consciousness of children.

## THIS WEEK

**Mon** St Francis of Assisi  
**Thu** Our Lady of the Rosary



## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

### 28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**1st:** Wis 7:7-11  
**2nd:** Heb 4:12-13  
**Gospel:** Mk 10:17-30

## 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, 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:

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

### ANNIVERSARIES:

John O'Donovan, Bob Martin, 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 Nicole Murphy Pacholek and her family at the lost of her father Kevin Murphy. May we offer our prayers and condolences to Nichole family and friends.



Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 2/10	9:00am Gosford	ALL HOLY SOULS	Thu 7/10	9:00am Gosford	Personal Intentions of: FRED BOLAND
Sat 2/10	4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth		Fri 8/10	12:00pm Gosford	Return to Health ELIZABETH LYNCH
Sat 2/10	5:00pm Gosford		Sat 9/10	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance VAL & ERIC NEILSON
Sat 2/10	5:30pm Somersby			4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth	
Sun 3/10	7:30am Gosford		Sat 9/10	5:00pm Gosford	
Sun 3/10	9:30am Gosford	Recently Deceased S.P. TAO PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 9/10	5:30pm Gosford	
Sun 3/10	6:00pm Gosford		Sun 10/10	7:30am Gosford	
Mon 4/10	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI	Sun 10/10	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Tue 5/10	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversary JOHN O'DONOVAN	Sun 10/10	6:00pm Gosford	
Wed 6/10	11:30am Gosford	+ 5th Anniversary BOB MARTIN			

## ST PATRICK'S WILL HAVE A NEW **ADDITIONAL** WAY TO CHECK-IN CREATE A COVID-19 CHECK-IN CARD

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/create-covid-19-check-card>

The COVID-19 check-in card is a hard-copy (printed) card with a unique QR code that contains your registered contact details.

When you enter a COVID Safe business, a staff member scans your card and your visit to the premises is electronically recorded. If the business device is unable to read your QR code, the staff member will enter your details manually into the Service NSW business online webform.

This information, along with the details of the premises you are attending and the time and date of your visit, will comprise the record of your attendance at the venue. Service NSW will hold the record of your attendance for a period of 28 days from the date it was collected. The record of your attendance will only be disclosed to NSW Health for contact tracing purposes.

The card provides an alternative check-in method for customers who don't have smart phones and/or those who are not comfortable using the Service NSW business online webform.

When you create your card you'll need to enter your name. Only use characters that are in the English alphabet. Special characters or diacritical marks cannot be recognised by the system, so your form will be rejected if they are used.

Once you've created your card you can have it posted to you, or you can download a printable version immediately.

If you select to have your card posted to you, please enter your full address

If you lose the card, or your contact details change, you simply create a new card.

**Note: This check-in method is only available at businesses that have a QR compatible device. It is not mandatory for businesses to accept COVID-19 check-in cards.**

**Yes, St Patrick's will have this method of check-in available when the church re-opens for Masses**

## HOW IT WILL WORK AT A BUSINESS OR PLACE OF WORSHIP.

How do businesses check in customers who have a COVID-19 check-in card?

When a business registers as COVID Safe at nsw.gov.au, it is given a unique QR code to display, along with a unique Service NSW business online webform URL. The online webform can be displayed on a venue-supplied digital device, such as a mobile or tablet.

To check in a customer, please take the following steps:



1. Open the unique business online webform on the digital device.
2. Click on the 'Scan a COVID-19 check-in card' link on the online webform (link can be found above the 'First name' field).
3. When the camera app opens, use the camera to scan the QR code on the COVID-19 check-in card.
4. When the QR code is scanned, the online webform automatically pre-fills with the customer's registered information.
5. Confirm the customer's registered information is correct by showing them the details on the screen.
6. Click the red check-in button. Check-in will be confirmed with a green tick.

Note: Alternatively, if a customer is able to self-serve, they can scan their QR code and check themselves in.





# Sample Card

## COVID-19 check-in card

COVID-19 check-in card	
<p><b>Your First Name will Go here.</b></p>  	<p>This COVID-19 check-in card is only to be used with the Service NSW check-in concierge webform. Present this when checking in. Only usable at venues that have scanning ability.</p>

## Spare copy

COVID-19 check-in card	
<p><b>Your First Name will Go here.</b></p>  	<p>This COVID-19 check-in card is only to be used with the Service NSW check-in concierge webform. Present this when checking in. Only usable at venues that have scanning ability.</p>

## Instructions for use

1. Print this page by selecting the print icon or going to File > Print.  
Choose A4 as your paper size.
2. Cut around the black border and then fold your card along the middle.
3. Carry a card so you have it with you when visiting COVID Safe venues.
4. Present your card at COVID Safe venues that can check you in by scanning a check-in card.

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This check-in method is for people who need an alternative to the COVID Safe check-in tool.  
It is an offence to provide false check-in information.



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God  
**Most Reverend Anthony Randazzo**  
Bishop of Broken Bay

joyfully announces the Ordination of  
**Deacon Roger Delmonte**  
**Deacon Aldrin Valdehueza**  
**Deacon Samuel French**

to the Order of Presbyters through the  
Invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Imposition of Hands

**Monday**

**18 October 2021**

Commencing at **11.30am**

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL**

Waitara

The ceremony will be conducted within the guidelines of the  
government's COVID-19 Health Orders

**Please participate online via the livestream**

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*Lord, you know all things;  
you know that I love you.  
Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."*

John 21.17

You are also cordially invited to join in the following  
Masses of Thanksgiving, via livestream

**[www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination)**

**Rev Fr Roger Delmonte**

**11:00am, Tuesday 19 October 2021**

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

**Rev Fr Aldrin Valdehueza**

**7:00pm, Tuesday 19 October 2021**

Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood

**Rev Fr Samuel French**

**6:00pm, Friday 22 October 2021**

St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy

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