



GOSFORD PARISH

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WE WELCOME BISHOP ANTHONY

AS OUR CELEBRANT AT THE 10.15AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY!

Bishop Anthony will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, at 10.15am next Sunday October 31.

If you can't make it to the 10:15am Mass it will be live-streamed for your convenience!

PASTORAL DISCERNMENT PROJECT

At 12:00pm there will be an on-line event to launch the Pastoral Discernment Project, an exciting new initiative where the Central Coast has been identified as a particular context for renewed proclamation of the Gospel, for evangelisation and catechesis, and for innovative pastoral creativity. (see more details on page 4.)

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

"Master, grant that I may see."

A MODEL DISCIPLE

MARK 10:46-52

Immediately his sight returned and he followed Jesus along the way.

This episode concludes a very significant section of Mark's Gospel, which began with Jesus healing a blind man in Bethsaida (8:22-26) in Galilee, then setting out on a journey south to Jerusalem along the Jordan valley. In this journey, Jericho is the last stop before Jerusalem, and it is here that he meets another blind man. In between these two miracles where blind people gain sight, Jesus has been trying to lead his disciples to an understanding of his mission. He has taught them three times about what awaits him in Jerusalem, and each time the disciples fail to perceive his meaning. He has taught them about letting go the desire for wealth, power and prestige and to seek the gift that only God can give, namely life in God's presence. But the disciples have argued about who will be the greatest and who will have positions of authority.



Now, in today's reading, blind Bartimeus models what discipleship entails. In his poverty he calls out to



Jesus knowing that only Jesus can give him what he truly desires. When he is healed, he leaves behind all he has and becomes a follower of Jesus on the way that will lead to the cross.

The Gospel describes Bartimeus as sitting by 'the way', and at the end of the story he follows Jesus 'on the way'. This term, 'the Way', appears to be one of the earliest names for the Church - 'followers of the Way' (see Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 24:14, 22). When Mark uses this term, on a number of occasions it is more than simply a description of a path, but has the theological sense of 'the way of discipleship'. Where the disciples are blinded by their ambitions, Bartimeus sees clearly and he willingly leaves his things behind, throws off his cloak and takes up the position of a disciple - a follower on the way. This episode is far more than a simple healing miracle; it is really a lesson in discipleship and it makes a sharp contrast with the ignorance and ambition shown by Jesus' disciples throughout his journey.

Bartimeus is able to name his deepest need and seek the one who can fulfil this. Can I leave aside the external trapping that can distract me from following my heart's desire?.....

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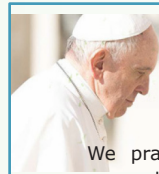
"Hope comes from faith! We must have great faith, and without great faith we cannot have hope, or confidence in God, or hope in the Lord..."

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OCTOBER 2021 INTENTION**
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WEEKEND MASSES

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD - and 10:15 Sunday also on-line

Sat Vigil 5:00 pm **Sun: 7:30 am 8:45 am 10:15 am 6:00 pm**

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Sat Vigil: 5:30pm

4:00pm 2nd Saturday of Month

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Tue 8:30 - 9:00am Thu 8:30 - 9:00am Sat 8:30 - 9:00am

ROSARY - Also On-Line at 9:00pm every night.

Mon, & Thu 8:05am to 9:00am

Tuesday 8:05am "Right to Life"

Wednesday 10:30am to 11:00am

Fridays 11:35am to 12:00pm

Saturday 8:05am until 9:00am: 1st Priests & Religious
2nd Mothers & Babies
3rd Persecuted Christians

Sunday 7:05am

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon to Thu: 8:30am to 3:30pm **Fri:** 9:00am to 3:30pm

ST PATRICK'S GROUPS MEETINGS

Cancer Prayer Group

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Bible Study - Monday night

Youth Group

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NOTE:

ALL ADVERTISED ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO ANY GOVERNMENT COVID RULINGS AND THEREFORE WILL BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 1.

OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Rosary 20 minutes before Live Streamed Sunday Mass.

9:30 am this Sunday

If we are allowed Public Masses next Weekend it will be 20 minutes before 10:15 am Mass next Sunday.

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

How fortunate that our church's reopening for Masses has coincided with that time of the year when we especially remember our departed loved ones in our hearts and potentially at Mass each day.

To ensure we, and you, are prepared for November 1, we would need to have the names of those you would like remembered at Mass each day that month and to that end we will have November offering envelopes available at our church [foyer, western side door & exterior Bulletin receptacles] and at the Parish Office for you to collect, complete, fill and either drop into the office or place in the secure box on the pillar beside the gate at the top of the ramp to the office.

If you aren't sure whether you will be coming back just yet, you could cut out this image and complete, fill and place in an envelope addressed to 76 York Street, East Gosford. If it's all too hard, just give the office a call and we'll help you the best way we can.

MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS
Please offer Mass for the Family, Friends, Relatives and Benefactors of:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Amount \$ _____

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins."
1st Corinthians 9:8

November Masses



SANITISING OUR CHURCH FOR YOUR SAFETY

As we you are aware we sanitise the church after each use with Glen 20 which is, unfortunately, an expensive ongoing exercise especially at a time when our finances have taken a huge hit. Perhaps some may see their way to donating a can or two to help out? We would be very appreciative, and happy to receive your donations at the office. Just a handy hint: \$9.50 for a two-pack at Big W.

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS STILL VERY ACTIVE

and until December 1 will meet for the 6pm Sunday evening Masses and hold on-line events each Monday at 7pm. If anyone is interested in more info about our flourishing youth group, please call Jaimi on 0452 480 112.



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

STILL UNDER THE SHADOW OF COVID WE REMIND YOU THAT:

Electronic check in is mandatory, as is sanitising and physical distancing – please ensure you are seated 4m2 from anyone outside your family bubble, and you stand on the stickers provided when queueing for communion.

It is your responsibility not to enter the church if you have a fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath.

1. If you wish to take communion on the tongue, please ensure that you are at the end of the priest's queue.
2. A reminder that all groups will continue to meet online [if possible] until December 1.
3. Weekday Masses will continue to be live-streamed as will our 10.15am Sunday Mass.

WE HAVE SO MANY TO THANK!

WHEN THE "CHIPS ARE DOWN"

OUR PARISHIONERS GET STUCK IN TO HELP.

During lockdown we had to double our efforts to ensure that we could reach out to you and supply what we could in very limited circumstances, which didn't happen without the assistance of a number of people and so:

- We thank Tom Croll for covering all media aspects including live-streaming of our Masses and rosaries. Tom would also like to thank Peter McLean for stepping up to learn the Livestreaming process to help and allow Tom to have a couple of days off.
- We thank Colleen Kirk for her work maintaining everything in the office.
- We thank all senior servers and musicians who assisted at our Masses, and Peter McLean and Chris Paget for organising their rosters.
- We thank all those in the Altar Society for their services, and the parishioners who contributed with messages in the videos we released.
- We thank all the parishioners who steadfastly continued their financial support of the parish. We would have been lost without it.
- We thank Chris Galea and Mark Bennett & family for the contribution of their time and skills assisting with long overdue maintenance matters.
- We thank Adrian & Maria Andrzejewski for the donation of sanitising products and receptacles for our rest rooms.
- We thank Patti Beattie for her 'Welcome' poster designing and production skills, visible in our foyer today.
- We thank parishioners Mary Luci, Alyce Chin & Peter Comensoli for ensuring that Somersby is a clean and safe place for its first Mass back this weekend.
- John Miller is retiring after more than 20 years of faithful service. John Miller, reader and commentator of more than 20 years at St Pat's, has had to retire from duties and we would like to say a huge thank you to him for such dedication to the parish. We'll miss John's mellifluous voice and reading style, but wish him good health and hope that we'll still be in touch.
- We thank Ron Begg for his ongoing caretaking at the parish.
- Trevor and Joyce Byrne tending to the gardens.
- We thank Paul Hussein for his help with painting around the church.
- Lastly, on your behalf, we thank Fr Greg and Fr Paul for their endless efforts to keep it all going and striving at all times to ensure your connection with St Patrick's was never lost.

SECURE DROP OFF FOR DONATIONS

We now have a secure letterbox in the fence near our gate into the office area, which people may place their donations.

AFTER TIME IN QUARANTINE FR PAUL MAKES IT HOME TO BE REUNITED WITH HIS MOTHER, MARIA AND FAMILY.



Fr Paul

Fr Paul's Mum Maria

CATHOLIC MISSION



Catholic Mission is seeking applications for a **Donor Relations Officer** role. Full-time or Part-Time, the role is based in North Sydney in NSW and incorporates supporting Catholic Dioceses in NSW & ACT. This is an exceptional opportunity to join the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, which supports children, communities and church leaders both in Australia and overseas.

For more information, please visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>

OUR 3 NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

In a special edition of the Vox Epsicopi, Bishop Anthony shares with us his homily from the Ordinations of Fr's Roger, Aldrin and Sam, that took place at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral on Monday 18 October.

For those interested the Livestream of the ordination is still available to watch at www.bbcatholic.org.au/ordination

[Read Bishop Anthony's Homily Here](#)

Universal Prayers for the Newly Ordained

*For the newly ordained, Fathers Roger, Aldrin and Sam
That God will grant them a spirit of joy and generosity in their vocations.*

Lord, hear us: Lord, hear our prayer.

*For priestly vocations in the Diocese of Broken Bay:
May God raise up from among our people, shepherds who are ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel.*

Lord, hear us: Lord, hear our prayer.



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

THIS MONTH...

Guest Speaker:
Alex Leach, Catholic Youth
Broken Bay Team Leader

October 29 @ 7:00 pm
via Zoom
Contact St Pats
East Gosford or 0452 480 112 for
Zoom link.

PASTORAL DISCERNMENT PROJECT LAUNCH



The Central Coast project will be formally launched with the community on 31 October. Our Pastoral Discernment is an initiative to recall how the Spirit has guided our journey and will provide for opportunities to engage richly in the conversation and to listen to diverse experiences of faith and life. You are invited to join us for the online virtual event. During the launch, you will hear from Bishop Anthony Randazzo who will share his vision of the project and Patti Beattie, project facilitator will outline the scope of the project and ways that you can participate.

Date of launch: Sunday 31 October 2021

Time: 12 noon (AEDT)

Online: www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc

Details of the project can be found at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc which includes details of both the Launch and Briefing Circle registrations.

[Click this link to Register here:](#)

We look forward to you joining us for the launch of this very important initiative.

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This Sunday is World Mission Day, a day that gives focus to Catholic Mission and their work on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church-run mission programs around the world.

This year, they are inviting us to partner with the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies. Please include the following bulletin notice this weekend, either using the campaign image, or the text below. Thank you.

World Mission Appeal Campaign

For We CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD
ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity

  **Free call: 1800 257 296**
catholicmission.org.au/thailand

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This year, we are invited to partner with the essential work of the **Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand**, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies. These mothers find hope and a new start at the Mother and Babies Home at the Good Shepherd Centre. By providing a loving home, a community of women from similar backgrounds, parenting skills training and pre- and post-natal medical care, the Good Shepherd Sisters are supporting women and their babies in need.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

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Parish to help
your community**

**Your generosity supports
our vital ministries
and Parish Mission.**

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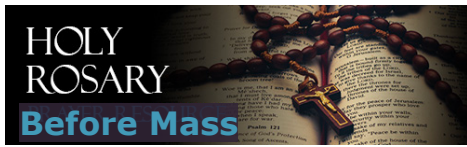
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING

JER 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!

See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 125. R. V.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

HEB 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SEE 2 TIM 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MK 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

In the oracle (first reading), salvation is an accomplished fact; the return is an event of the future. Only a remnant consisting of the most vulnerable of the people will return. The imagery is replete with allusions to new

life. Ephraim, who received his inheritance through adoption by Jacob, was granted the privileges of the first-born in place of his older brother (cf. Gen 48:5-20). Just as the returnees are evidence of God's willingness to grant a second chance, so Ephraim symbolises kinship through God's choice. The restoration promised here is clearly a work of God. Customary human initiative plays no role in it.

Confidence in God's saving power is here based on remembrance of God's former saving acts. Israel's great blessing was the return from exile. In it, other nations see God's preference for the most vulnerable. The reversal of fortune is described in symbolic language: sowing in tears, and reaping in joy; leaving with only the promise of harvest, and returning with its abundant fruits. God will replace the tragedy that marks the circumstances of the people with good fortune. This is their prayer; it is for this that they hope. They are confident that their prayer will be answered and their hope will be realised, because God has been gracious to them in the past.

High priests interceded with God on behalf of the people. Acknowledgment of their commonly shared human limitations and weaknesses prevented them from assuming an arrogant air. No one took the office of high priest upon himself. Like Aaron who was explicitly called by God (Exod 28:1; Num 3:10), the high priest must belong to one of the divinely appointed priestly families. However, Jesus did not trace his ancestry to one of the priestly families, and there was no need for him to make sin offerings for himself. The quotes from psalms identified him as a son of God (Ps 2:7) and as the priest-king Melchizedek of old (Gen 14:18). Like the royal high priest, Jesus is the representative before God.

The account of the healing of a blind man is also a call narrative, for the man interprets Jesus' words in this way. When he hears that it is Jesus of Nazareth who is passing by him, he identifies Jesus as a descendant of David and the long-awaited one who would fulfil religious and political expectations. When Jesus called for him, he threw his cloak aside, leaving behind the alms he had already collected as well as his life of begging. The man who was blind had eyes of faith and he acted on this faith, publicly proclaiming it. As a consequence of his profession, Jesus tells him that it is this faith that gave him his sight. In his eagerness to respond to Jesus' call, he had already left everything. Having been cured, he now follows Jesus.

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THIS WEEK

Thu Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st: Deut 6:2-6

2nd: Heb 7:23-28

Gospel: Mk 12:28-34

YOUR ROSTER — OCTOBER 31, 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| MASS | VIGIL 5:00 | 7:30 AM | 8:45 AM | 10:15 PM | 6:00 PM | SOMERSBY |
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| COUNTERS 25/10 Eunice Dal Busco Trudi Hiep Lyn Beglin 01/11 Gary Smith Diana Addis Neryl Terrell | ALTAR LINEN Pick-up 01/11 Aimee Sands Return 05/11 | ALTAR SOCIETY Sat 30/10 Hellen Moore Colleen Kirk | CHILDREN'S LITURGY None until December | PARISH BUS Driver No Bus Until December Helper | We need more people to help with the HOSPITAL Roster. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. | HOSPITAL VISITATION Postphoned Due to COVID |

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Fred Boland, 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:

Marie Orwin, Angelo Mitta, John Carey, Mirella Magarotto, Christina, Jim Middleton, Vilma Arndt, Dr Douglas Arndt, David Murphy, S.P. Tao.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rosa Pirrottina, Robyn McGuinness, John O'Donovan, Bob Martin, Patrick Taggart, Amparo Valenia Bantay, Norman Curran, George Frediani.

REMEMBRANCES:

Nelson Fernandes, Joseph Vaz, Eileen Moffat, Joan and Theo Marks, Robyn McGuinness, Anthony Fernandes, Lloyd Wood, Fabria Ghazi, Ron Nixon, Jean Gimmons, Valerie & Eric Neilson.

CONDOLENCES:

It is with sadness that we advise of the death of Marie Orwin, a very long standing member of our parish, and we offer our condolences to Marie's daughter Lyn and family on their loss. Marie's private service was held on Friday October 22. We keep Marie in our prayers. We offer our condolences to Eunice Dal Busco and her family on the loss of long time friend and surrogate uncle to her children, Angelo Mitta who died last Monday. His loss will be deeply felt by the family. Lastly we offer our condolences to Colleen & Bob Carey on the sudden loss of their son, John, in Queensland. May God hold them all in the palm of his hand.



| Date | Mass | Intention | Date | Mass | Intention |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Sat 23/10 | 9:00am Gosford | + Anniversary YVONNE WHITE | Thu 28/10 | 9:00am Gosford | + Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI |
| Sat 23/10 | 4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth | | Fri 29/10 | 12:00pm Gosford | + Anniversary JOHN NEVIN |
| Sat 23/10 | 5:00pm Gosford | | Sat 30/10 | 9:00am Gosford | + Remembrances VAL & ERIC NEILSON |
| Sat 23/10 | 5:30pm Somersby | | | 4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth | |
| Sun 24/10 | 7:30am Gosford | | Sat 30/10 | 5:00pm Gosford | |
| Sun 24/10 | 8:45am Gosford | Recently Deceased MIRELLA MAGAROTTO | Sat 30/10 | 5:30pm Gosford | |
| Sun 24/10 | 10:15am Gosford | PARISH INTENTIONS | Sun 31/10 | 7:30am Gosford | |
| Sun 24/10 | 6:00pm Gosford | | Sun 31/10 | 8:45am Gosford | Recently Deceased MIRELLA MAGAROTTO |
| Mon 25/10 | 9:00am Gosford | Recently Deceased RON BURGESS | Sun 31/10 | 10:15am Gosford | PARISH INTENTIONS |
| Tue 26/10 | 9:00am Gosford | + Remembrance VAL & ERIC NEILSON | Sun 31/10 | 6:00pm Gosford | |
| Wed 27/10 | 11:30am Gosford | Recently Deceased MARIE ORWIN | | | |

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