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

HOMILY BY RICHARD LEONARD

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of his day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may come a surprise to learn that hypocrisy is the sin Jesus condemns most frequently in the Gospels. He could not bear it. And nor should we.

Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us up for who we are. The problem with religious, political, social or even family power, and the wealth that can come from it, is that it is so seductive. The more powerful and rich we become, the more we can think everything is our due. We can take our eye off the Giver of all gifts and avoid our responsibility to share with those who are left with nothing.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus does not praise the widow because she is poor. There is no nobility in poverty. Jesus praises her for being generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich about what really matters in life.

This story teaches a similar lesson.

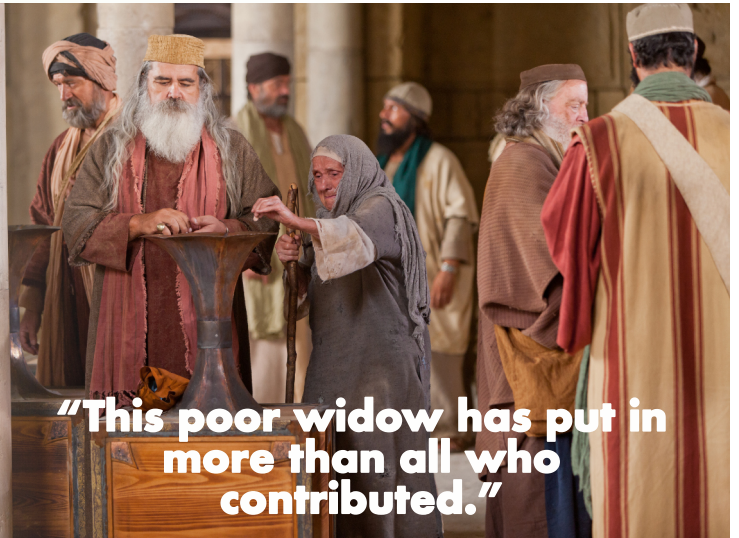
Centuries ago, the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jew won, the Jews could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews would leave.

The Jews realised that they had no choice. They looked around for a champion who could defend their faith, but no one volunteered. It was too risky. So they picked Moshe, an old, poor man. Moshe had nothing to lose so he agreed, but on one condition. Not being a learned man he asked that neither side be allowed to speak. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moshe and the Pope sat opposite each other for a full minute before the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moshe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his fingers in a circle around his head. Moshe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moshe pulled out an apple.

The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

An hour later, the cardinals were all around the Pope asking him what happened. The Pope said: 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there was one God common to both our faiths. Then I waved my finger around



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me to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and the wafer to emphasise the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded around Moshe, amazed that this old, poor man had done what all their scholars had insisted was impossible!

What happened?' they asked. 'Well,' said Moshe, 'First, he said to me that the Jews had three days to get out of here. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' And then?' asked a woman. 'I don't know,' said Moshe. 'He took out his lunch and I took out mine.'

May this Eucharist, then, give us strength to avoid being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we use whatever gifts we receive to build up the entire human family and may we never stand condemned by Jesus for coming here each Sunday and saying one thing, and then leaving here and doing the very opposite.

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

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WEEKEND MASSES

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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

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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

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2nd Mothers & Babies
3rd Persecuted Christians

Sunday 7:05am

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

ST PATRICK'S GROUPS MEETINGS

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NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Our Month of Remembrance continues, where members of our passed families and friends will be prayed for at each Mass.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE @ PT CLARE CEMETERY: 11am on Thursday November 11.

According to regulations, only fully vaccinated people may attend, **however the number of people is no longer limited.** Please bring a chair or blanket for your comfort.

BLESSING OF THE NICHES IN OUR MEMORIAL WALL: Following the 12pm Mass on Friday November 12, Fr Greg invites anyone with loved ones interred in our Memorial Wall to join him following the midday Mass as he blesses the resting place of those there.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Mass is offered daily for the those listed in our Book of Remembrance placed on the sanctuary during this month. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered, please list the names on the special envelopes placed at each pew, pop in your donation and place it on the plate at Mass. Or you may want to give it directly to Father, or bring to the office.

A DECREE REGARDING PLENARY INDULGENCE

The Apostolic Penitentiary, having listened to the various pleas recently received from various Sacred Pastors of the Church, due to the continuing state of the pandemic, confirms and extends for the entire month of November 2021 all the spiritual benefits already granted on 22 October 2020, through the Decree Protocol No, 791/20/1 with which, due to the "Covid-19" pandemic, the Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful were extended for the entire month of November 2020.

From the renewed generosity of the Church, the faithful will certainly draw pious intentions and spiritual vigour to guide their lives according to the Gospel law, in filial communion and devotion to the Supreme Pontiff, the visible foundation and Pastor of the Catholic Church.

This Decree is valid for the entire month of November, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary.

Given in Rome, at the Seat of the Apostolic Penitentiary, 27 October 2021.

The Holy See has granted a plenary indulgence, applicable to the holy souls in purgatory, to the faithful who visit a cemetery to pray for the dead or who devoutly visit a church and recite the Lord's Prayer and the Creed on any day in the month of November.

To gain this indulgence, the person must, as well as visiting a cemetery or a church:

1. recite the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father");
2. recite the Creed (either the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed);
3. make Sacramental confession (up to 20 days before or after);
4. receive Holy Communion (several days before or after);
5. and pray for the intentions of the Pope (which can be fulfilled by praying one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary").

A plenary indulgence remits all temporal punishment due to sin but it must always be accompanied by a full detachment from sin.

Those who cannot leave home, such as the sick and the elderly, can still obtain an indulgence by reciting prayers for the dead before an image of Our Lord or the Blessed Virgin Mary. They must also spiritually unite themselves to other Catholics, be completely detached from sin, and have the intention of fulfilling the ordinary conditions given above as soon as possible.

TEMPORARY PLACEMENT IN GOSFORD

FR BRENDAN LEE 20TH NOVEMBER - 6TH DECEMBER

Fr Brendan Lee, a priest of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga, ordained in 2001, is currently staying with us for discernment of a pastoral appointment in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Fr Brendan arrived on Monday 25 October and will be in the Diocese until early December. He is quite familiar with our Diocese as his sister lives in the Parish of Wahrenonga and his brother in the Parish of Manly-Freshwater. He will be resident in the Parishes of Wahrenonga and Gosford during this period, meeting a number of people in the Diocese, and participating in our clergy events through his stay.

Please join, in making Fr Brendan welcome when he arrives in Gosford on 20th November, for his short placement.

SANITISING OUR CHURCH FOR YOUR SAFETY - THANK YOU!

Several people have heard our call for help with Glenn 20 spray. We now have a good supply and we are very appreciative of those people. **Thank you all!**

COMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

We invite all Ministers of the Eucharist, both new and current, to receive their commissioning at the Mass they are attending next weekend, November 6/7. Father will invite you to stand and be commissioned in the presence of the congregation that you serve in stewardship of your parish, and we thank you.

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.

CATECHIST CORNER

Our Parish Catechist team, invite parishioners to join our Ministry, in a Relief teaching capacity to support our existing Catechists.

Relief teaching would typically require a once a term commitment on a Wednesday or Thursday. There are also 2 Teaching positions available to teach at Kariong and East Gosford Public Schools on Thursdays.

Please contact Raelene 0499 995 292 for further details and information.

REV FR SAM FRENCH

TO OFFER YOUTH MASS NEXT SUNDAY

Welcome Rev Fr Sam French next Sunday 14th November.

Fr Sam was ordained to priesthood 18th October and will offer Holy Eucharist at 6pm youth Mass only. Please make Fr Sam feel welcome..



PASTORAL WORKS APPEAL FORMALLY KNOWN AS CWF APPEAL

HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NOVEMBER,
DUE TO THE COVID LOCKDOWNS.

Our Parish has been allocated to raise a very significant amount of money for the Pastoral Works Appeal for the 2021/2022 financial year. We urge you to donate to this very worthwhile Appeal, **next Sunday 6/7 November.**

**PASTORAL
WORKS** Broken Bay



November 2021 Appeal

St Edmund's College is one of the five beneficiaries of Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

The College supports 120 students with disabilities such as intellectual, sensory impairment or autism, providing skills and experience for them to fully engage in life.

Your generous donations help with vital fee assistance to families in our Catholic community so that their children can access the services offered by St Edmund's.

Watch the attached short film to see the amazing impact your donations support <https://youtu.be/3r5BE26o2H4>.

To donate, complete the collection envelope in your parish, or visit www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JAY SUTTON

Jay, the Vice Principal of St Edwards College, has been appointed to the Position as Principal of a school in Shepparton, Victoria. Jay will be missed here in Gosford and as he has been a very active member of our Parish. Fr Greg ask that we all wish him well and keep him in our prayers.

MASSES RETURNING TO SPENCER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER, 13 2021 AT 4:00 PM

FINALLY AFTER MONTHS IN LOCKDOWN WE ARE ABLE TO RETURN TO OUR REGULAR MASSES AT 4:00 PM ON THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

SCAMMERS ARE AT IT AGAIN

PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY EMAILS SUPPOSEDLY FROM FR GREG.

Fr Greg's email address is "greg@sds.com.au". If you get an which says it is from FR Greg, check the actual email address. If the email address is something other than that above, it is a scam, delete it!

God Loves You



**Lockdown is Over
The Markets Return**

Saturday, 20 November

EAST GOSFORD
MARKETS

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
EAST GOSFORD
BEHIND ST PATRICK'S PARISH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

Denise Jay, Peter McLean, Victor Camilleri who have recently celebrated their birthdays. May they have many more wonderful joy filled years to come.



MERCY CHAPEL IS OPENED EVERY DAY DURING OFFICE HOURS FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS

The Mercy Chapel is now open again during office hours for private prayer during office hours.

When you open the chapel you can open the doors to the Tabernacle the light will automatically turn on.

When you leave please close the doors again to protect the host and turn the lights off.



KEYS FOUND

If you have lost keys to a car and a house key they can be retrieved from the office during office hours.

CONNECTED IN CHRIST RESOURCE

The weekly Connected in Christ resource is back! Please share in your Parish Bulletins.

Each week the Evangelisation Broken Bay team will provide Gospel readings, prayers, reflections and children's activities for families to worship and pray at home in this extended period of lockdown.

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"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

OCT-NOV PROGRAMS

31st (Sunday) October
ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)
9:00am - 1:00pm
Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
• Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

5th (Friday) November
DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY
6:00pm - 8:30pm

6th (Saturday) November
ONE DAY MALAYALAM RETREAT
1:00pm - 2:00pm (BYO Lunch)
DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY,
5:30 pm to 9 pm, for Young Adults ages 18+
For more details pls call Alinda Rago on 0423786768

28th (Sunday) November
ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE (LAST SUNDAY RETREAT)
9:00am - 1:00pm
Fr. Roni George and Fr. Joby George
• Praise and Worship • Preaching The Word • Eucharistic Adoration • Holy Mass

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Pastoral Discernment Project – Central Coast

As many of you would be aware following the formal launch on Sunday 31 October, this important project has commenced, and we now begin the consultation phase. If you haven't yet viewed the launch video Click here

Briefing Circles registrations are now open!

The project Briefing Circles provide an opportunity for our community to come together to learn more about the project and the ways in which you can participate. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the project is welcome to attend.

Participants may choose to join any of the four identical Zoom Briefing Circle sessions. Each will run for approximately 75minutes and will be hosted by Patti Beattie (Project Facilitator).

- 9 November, commencing 11am
- 9 November, commencing 7pm
- 11 November, commencing 7pm
- 12 November, commencing 11am

Please register for one session at www.bbcatholic.org.au/pdcc
Once you have registered, you will receive the zoom link for your chosen session.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.

Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING

1 KGS 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 145:7-10. R.V.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed.

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

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger.

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

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

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

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

HEB 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MK 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The woman in the first reading has very few resources to call upon. Despite the fact that she is a widow, she is still required by custom to provide hospitality to whoever approaches her, regardless of the cost this might exact of her. She followed the word of the prophet, and God's word came to pass. Her miraculous supply of flour and oil

lasted for a year. In her oath, she had declared that Elijah's God lives. She made this proclamation in the face of what appeared to be inevitable death. The miracle showed the woman that this God who lives can and will grant life even in the face of death.

The psalm is a hymn of praise of the Lord – Hallelujah in Hebrew. The word is used as a refrain, a response to a series of statements that offer examples of God's indescribable graciousness. 'God of Jacob' (v.7) refers to the special protection that was given to the ancestor after whom the nation was named. God's graciousness to the vulnerable is next extolled (vv.8-9). The final verse praises God as sovereign and eternal ruler in Jerusalem. All of the verses of the psalm testify to the glory of this God who reigns forever from the very hill that is at the centre of the lives of the people. Such a God surely deserves praise.

The argument in the second reading plays on the difference between the true sanctuary and the one patterned after it. It claims that while high priests performed their sacrificial duties in the earthly temple, the exalted Jesus entered the true sanctuary. It insists that the cultic system, established to enable people to participate in cosmic events by re-enacting them, was only able to actualise those events for a short time. This explains why the ritual of the Day of Atonement was re-enacted year after year. In contrast to this, Jesus offered himself once for all. His sacrifice, like all cosmic acts, was unrepeatable. Earthly ritual may re-enact his sacrifice, but there is no need for Jesus himself to repeat it.

In the gospel, Jesus condemns ostentation. Some men wore religious robes in public, hoping that people would consider them prayerful. Others sought the most important seats in the synagogue or at banquets. Still others made sure that their temple offerings were acknowledged. In contrast to this, Jesus pointed out the offering of a poor widow. She offered the smallest coins in circulation at that time, but she gave out of the generosity of her heart. Jesus spoke of the source of the offering. The wealthy donated from their surplus, what they did not need. The woman gave what she herself needed. Her total giving implied absolute trust in God. The passage that opened with a condemnation of the false piety of the unscrupulous, closes with praise of the genuine piety of the simple.

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THIS WEEK

Tue	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Wed	St Leo the great, pope, doctor
Thu	St Martin of Tours, bishop
Fri	St Josaphat, bishop, martyr

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

1st:	Dan 12:1-3
2nd:	Heb 10:11-14, 18
Gospel:	Mk 13:24-32

YOUR ROSTER — NOVEMBER 14, 33ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30 AM	8:45 AM	10:15 PM	6:00 PM	SOMERSBY
DATE	13.11.21	14.11.21	14.11.21	14.11.21	14.11.21	13.11.21
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Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Rosemary Lee	Joy McHugh	Keith Quinn	Stephanie Trevenen	MARK BENNETT	Maria Lentini
						Sanctuary Help
						Frances Bigeni
						Flowers
						CARMEN GALEA
Altar Servers						
COUNTERS	ALTAR LINEN	ALTAR SOCIETY	CHILDREN'S LITURGY	PARISH BUS		HOSPITAL VISITATION
08/11 Gary Smith Diana Addis Neryl Terrell 15/11 Gary Smith Marie Cradock Margaret Hunter	Pick-up 15/11 Josie McGuinness Return 19/11	Sat 13/11 Audrey Morris Thea Dowsett Fran Thompson Barbara Mills	None until December	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.	Postphoned Due to COVID

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Ross Sayer, 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:

Pat Sands, Ilario Piscimeri, Danny Dingle, Kevin Murphy, Mirella Magarotto, Newman Clarke, Patrick Smith, Marie Orwin, Angelo Mitta, John Carey, Mirella Magarotto, Christina, Jim Middleton.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mario Astolfi, John Cranfield, Robyn McGuinness, John O'Donovan, Bob Martin, Patrick Taggart, Amparo Valenia Bantay.

REMEMBRANCES:

Nelson Fernandes, Joseph Vaz, Eileen Moffat, Joan and Theo Marks, Robyn McGuinness, Anthony Fernandes, Lloyd Wood.

CONDOLENCES:

Condolences then to Tom Sands and his family on the recent loss of his father, Pat.

Also to Nina Lentini & family on the recent loss of her father, Ilario Piscimeri.

Emily Rudd's brother, Danny Dingle passed away suddenly. Condolences to Emily, Peter and all of Emily's family.

We pray for the souls of Pat, Ilario and Danny and all the recently deceased, please keep their families and friends in your prayers. My God hold them all in the palm of his hand.

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 06/11	9:00am Gosford	Thanksgiving to the SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Thu 11/11	9:00am Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS
Sat 06/11	4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth		Fri 12/11	12:00pm Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS
Sat 06/11	5:00pm Gosford	HOLY SOULS	Sat 13/11	9:00am Gosford	Special Intentions of A RANKINE
Sat 06/11	5:30pm Somersby	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS		4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sunday of Mth	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS
Sun 07/11	7:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 13/11	5:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased LOUIE LOMBARDO
Sun 07/11	8:45am Gosford	+ Anniversary ALLAN MATHESON	Sat 13/11	5:30pm Somersby	
Sun 07/11	10:15am Gosford	+ Anniversary JOHN TOOHEY	Sun 14/11	7:30am Gosford	
Sun 07/11	6:00pm Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS	Sun 14/11	8:45am Gosford	
Mon 08/11	9:00am Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS	Sun 14/11	10:15am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Tue 09/11	9:00am Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS	Sun 14/11	6:00pm Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS
Wed 10/11	11:30am Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS			

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