



# GOSFORD PARISH

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## POPE FRANCIS - EASTER 2020 HOMILY HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

"After the Sabbath" (Mt 28:1), the women went to the tomb. This is how the Gospel of this holy Vigil began: with the Sabbath. It is the day of the Easter Triduum that we tend to neglect as we eagerly await the passage from Friday's cross to Easter Sunday's Alleluia. This year however, we are experiencing, more than ever, the great silence of Holy Saturday. We can imagine ourselves in the position of the women on that day. They, like us, had before their eyes the drama of suffering, of an unexpected tragedy that happened all too suddenly. They had seen death and it weighed on their hearts. Pain was mixed with fear: would they suffer the same fate as the Master? Then too there was fear about the future and all that would need to be rebuilt. A painful memory, a hope cut short. For them, as for us, it was the darkest hour.

Yet in this situation the women did not allow themselves to be paralyzed. They did not give in to the gloom of sorrow and regret, they did not morosely close in on themselves, or flee from reality. They were doing something simple yet extraordinary: preparing at home the spices to anoint the body of Jesus. They did not stop loving; in the darkness of their hearts, they lit a flame of mercy. Our Lady spent that Saturday, the day that would be dedicated to her, in prayer and hope. She responded to sorrow with trust in the Lord. Unbeknownst to these women, they were making preparations, in the darkness of that Sabbath, for "the dawn of the first day of the week", the day that would change history. Jesus, like a seed buried in the ground, was about to make new life blossom in the world; and these women, by prayer and love, were helping to make that hope flower. How many people, in these sad days, have done and are still doing what those women did, sowing seeds of hope! With small gestures of care, affection and prayer.

At dawn the women went to the tomb. There the angel says to them: "Do not be afraid. He is not here; for he has risen" (vv. 5-6). They hear the words of life even as they stand before a tomb... And then they meet Jesus, the giver of all hope, who confirms the message and says: "Do not be afraid" (v. 10). Do not be afraid, do not yield to fear: This is the message of hope. It is addressed to us, today. These are the words that God repeats to us today, this very night.

Tonight we acquire a fundamental right that can never be taken away from us: the right to hope. It is a new and living hope that comes from God. It is not mere optimism; it is not a pat on the back or an empty word of encouragement, with a passing smile. No. It is a gift from heaven, which we could not have earned on our own. Over these weeks, we have kept repeating, "All will be well", clinging to the beauty of our humanity and allowing words of encouragement to rise up from our hearts. But as the days go by and fears grow, even the boldest hope can dissipate. Jesus' hope is different. He plants in our hearts the conviction that God is able to make everything work unto good, because even from the grave he brings life.

The grave is the place where no one who enters ever leaves. But Jesus emerged for us; he rose for us, to bring life where there was death, to begin a new story in the very place where a stone had been placed. He, who rolled away the stone that sealed the entrance of the tomb, can also remove the stones in our hearts. So, let us not give in to resignation; let us not place a stone before hope. We can and must hope, because God is faithful. He did not abandon us; he visited us and entered into our situations of pain, anguish and death. His light dispelled the darkness of the tomb: today he wants that light to penetrate even to the darkest corners of our lives. Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost!

**You say that I am a king.**



Courage. This is a word often spoken by Jesus in the Gospels. Only once do others say it, to encourage a person in need: "Courage; rise, [Jesus] is calling you!" (Mk 10:49). It is he, the Risen One, who raises us up from our neediness. If, on your journey, you feel weak and frail, or fall, do not be afraid, God holds out a helping hand and says to you: "Courage!". You might say, as did Don Abbondio (in Manzoni's novel), "Courage is not something you can give yourself" (I Promessi Sposi, XXV). True, you cannot give it to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter. You only need to ask him: "Jesus, come to me amid my fears and tell me too: Courage!" With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken. And, whatever sadness may dwell in us, we will be strengthened in hope, since with you the cross leads to the resurrection, because you are with us in the darkness of our nights; you are certainly amid our uncertainties, the word that speaks in our silence, and nothing can ever rob us of the love you have for us.

This is the Easter message, a message of hope. It contains a second part, the sending forth. "Go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee" (Mt 28:10), Jesus says. "He is going before you to Galilee" (v. 7), the angel says. The Lord goes before us, he goes before us always. It is encouraging to know that he walks ahead of us in life and in death; he goes before us to Galilee, that is, to the place which for him and his disciples evoked the idea of daily life, family and work. Jesus wants us to bring hope there, to our everyday life. For the disciples, Galilee was also the place of remembrance, for it was the place where they were first called. Returning to Galilee means remembering that we have been loved and called by God. Each one of us has our own Galilee. We need to resume the journey, reminding ourselves that we are born and reborn thanks to an invitation given gratuitously to us out of love, there, in my own Galilee. This is always the point from which we can set out anew, especially in times of crisis and trial. With the memory of my own Galilee.

But there is more. Galilee was the farthest region from where they were: from Jerusalem. And not only geographically. Galilee was also the farthest place from the sacredness of the Holy City. It was an area where people of different religions lived: it was the "Galilee of the Gentiles" (Mt 4:15). Jesus sends them there and asks them to start again from there. What does this tell us? That the message of hope should not be confined to our sacred places, but should be brought to everyone. For everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched "the Word of life" (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death! In every Galilee, in every area of the human family to which we all



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### GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD and on-line:

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

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

**ADORATION AND CONFESSION 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY MASS.**

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4:00pm 2nd Saturday of Month

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**Wednesday** 10:30am to 11:00am

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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

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- † Promoting a Safeguarding Culture
- † Safeguarding Policies
- † Code of Conduct

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belong and which is part of us – for we are all brothers and sisters – may we bring the song of life! Let us silence the cries of death, no more wars! May we stop the production and trade of weapons, since we need bread, not guns. Let the abortion and killing of innocent lives end. May the hearts of those who have enough be open to filling the empty hands of those who do not have the bare necessities.

Those women, in the end, “took hold” of Jesus’ feet (Mt 28:9); feet that had travelled so far to meet us, to the point of entering and emerging from the tomb. The women embraced the feet that had trampled death and opened the way of hope. Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we cling to you, Risen Jesus. We turn our backs on death and open our hearts to you, for you are Life itself.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/pope-francis-homily-easter-vigil-full-text.html>

This homily from Pope Francis gives us true hope of a wonderful new year as we gather together once more in our Church family.

## TEMPORARY PLACEMENTS 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 Wahroonga and his brother in the Parish of Manly-Freshwater. He will be resident in the Parishes of Wahroonga 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 is in Gosford, for his short placement.



### FOR SEMINARY SUMMER PLACEMENT, MID-NOVEMBER TO 26 DECEMBER 2021.

Please welcome seminarian Huy (pronounced whee) Tran Quang to Gosford when he arrives on Sunday. Huy will be with us until 26<sup>th</sup> December.

Huy was instituted to the Ministry of Acolyte by Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November, before he came to Gosford.



## FR PAUL'S THANKSGIVING MASS IN VIETNAM THIS SUNDAY 21ST NOV AT 10AM (NSW TIME).

Unfortunately due to some restrictions he can't stream the Mass, please keep Fr Paul and his family in your prayers.

## PASTORAL WORKS APPEAL

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

**Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.**



### Advent 1:23

**ADVENT 1:23**

Christmas is a time of year when people may be more open to accepting an invitation to celebrate with our faith community. The aim of Advent 1:23 is to encourage all parishioners to

invite people to participate in Christmas Mass with us, so that they might build a connection with the parish that may lead them to exploring the Catholic faith within our community. In addition, the focus on invitation, welcome and prayer are key aspects that can begin to change our parish culture to move towards becoming more outward-focused and missionary, facilitating the growth of our community.

The project is based on the Scripture Matthew 1:23 “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel” which means, ‘God is with us.’”

Our hope is that those for whom we pray may come to know that God is with them during this Christmas season, and that they may enter into relationship with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

[Form More Information Click here.](#)

# THIS MONTH...

Guest Speaker:  
**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo,**  
Bishop of Broken Bay



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# RED WEDNESDAY

Light Red. Wear Red. Pray Red 24.11.2021



## Red Wednesday Mass

Stand up for faith and freedom

Remembering and praying for persecuted Christians  
around the world

**Wednesday 24 November 2021, 7:30pm**

Celebrant: **Very Rev Dr David Ranson VG**



Aid to the  
Church in Need  
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Please register at: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday)

Is an annual event to remember and pray for all who are persecuted and oppressed for their Christian faith. Churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need.

The Diocese of Broken Bay will mark this occasion with a Red Wednesday Mass. Details are as follows:

**Registration for the Mass is essential.**

Please register at [www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/redwednesday)

The Mass will also be live streamed, and can be accessed from this webpage.

Take a prayer card from the back of the church to join in prayer for Christians persecuted around the world. Please consider supporting the work of Aid to the Church in Need at <https://aidtochurch.org/>

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## MASS TIMES → SOON RETURNING TO NORMAL

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5 DECEMBER 2021**

### SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL

SPENCER 4:00 PM (2<sup>ND</sup> SAT OF MTH)

GOSFORD 5:00 PM

SOMERSBY 5:30 PM

### SUNDAY AT GOSFORD

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM AND YOUTH MASS AT 6:00 PM

### WEEKDAY MASSES AT GOSFORD

Monday ————— 9.00 am

Tuesday ————— 9.00 am

Wednesday ————— 11.30 am

Thursday ————— 9.00 am

Friday ————— 12.00 pm

Saturday ————— 9.00 am

## PLEASE CONSIDER FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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### Bank Account Name

**Gosford Parish  
Church Account**

**BSB: 062 784**

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## SAFEGUARDING - (CHANCERY)

### NSW PARLIAMENT PASSES CHILD SAFE SCHEME -

10 November 2021: There will be greater consistency in how Parish and Chancery protect children under new laws passed. These new laws align with the current work the Parish and Chancery are doing or have done in relation to the Safeguarding Self-Assessment and Action Plan. To progress this project please contact Anita Biddle at [anita.biddle@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:anita.biddle@bbcatholic.org.au) or 0437 640 644. Thank you to the Parishes who have submitted their self-assessment and action plan.

Voice of the Child: Sacramental Program -

The Evangelisation team has sought to hear the views of children. The Safeguarding Office encourages the Sacramental

Coordinators of the Parish to invite children to provide their feedback. The children's survey can be accessed from here <https://forms.gle/EY7QJPDovp9n9CQaA>

Learning Hub – Responding to disclosures of child abuse:

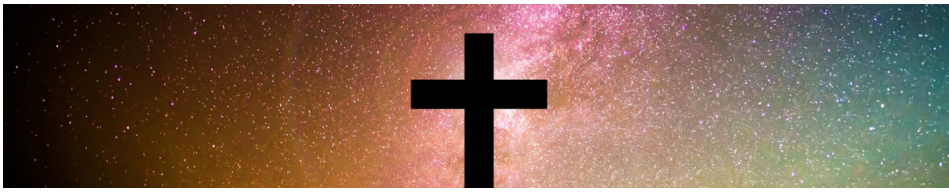
Key messages a child needs to hear from you (KidsHelpLine, 2021) - <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents/issues/responding-disclosures-child-abuse>



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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**RV 5:12; 1:6**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.

To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING

**DN 7:13-14**

**A reading from the prophet Daniel**

**His sovereignty is eternal.**

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS 92:1-2. 5. R.V.1**

**(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power.

**(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old.

From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

**(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.

Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

**(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

## SECOND READING

**RV 1:5-8**

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

**The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and

made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**MK 11:9, 10**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**JN 18:33-37**

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

**You say that I am a king.**

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**PS 28:10-11**

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

**BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA**

Visions and dreams were traditionally considered avenues of divine revelation. The seer is on earth, but the vision takes place in heaven. Everything about this vision bespeaks revelation, yet it is symbolic with all of the ambiguous traits of symbol. The vision reveals only the symbol; the seer must interpret it. The mysterious figure comes on the clouds, the most frequent accompaniment of a theophany or revelation of God. He is installed by God as ruler over the entire universe. His will be an everlasting kingdom. Finally, this 'Son of Man' may have been in heaven when he received his commission, he may even rule from some exalted place, but his kingdom belongs to the earth.

The psalm is a hymn in praise of God's kingship. Military and creation themes are closely associated with divine kingship. In several ancient myths, creation followed the primordial battle between chaos and order. The culminating event of this drama was the instalment of the victor as king over the universe. Having established the trustworthiness of God as cosmic champion and creator, the psalmist moves to the praise of God's decrees or testimonies. This takes place in the temple, which was considered a copy of the heavenly palace constructed after the cosmic battle. The primordial and cosmic feats of the Lord continue to be celebrated in the temple.

Revelations' Christological statements are followed by a doxology praising Christ for the salvation that he has won for others. Jesus is the anointed one (the Christ), a witness who faithfully mediates the message received from God, the firstborn to whom belong priority of place and sovereignty (cf. Ps 89:27a), and the ruler over all the kings of the world (cf. Ps 89:27b). The final statement reinforces the more-than-human character of Jesus. Alpha and Omega are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. Together they include all letters and, by implication, connote total inclusivity. Jesus, the one who will come amid the clouds, appropriates to himself attributes that belong to God.

The kingship of Jesus is the subject of Pilate's interrogation. 'King of the Jews' was a messianic title of the descendant of David who would inaugurate the reign of God. The Jewish leaders considered Jesus' messianic claim blasphemous. The title made political claims that challenged the absolute authority of Roman control. From the perspective of the Roman occupiers, such revolutionary contentions were dangerous. Jesus is asked: 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answers: 'Yes and No!' His kingdom is not of this world. It does not belong to it. However, it is in the world. Both the Jewish leaders and the Roman officials had reason to be concerned about Jesus' claims. Though not of this world, his kingdom would indeed challenge both religious messianic expectations and the political powers of this world.

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## THIS WEEK

**Mon** St Cecilia, virgin, martyr  
**Wed** Sts Andrew Dūng-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**1st:** Jer 33:14-16

**2nd:** 1 Thess 3:12-4:2

**Gospel:** Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

# God Loves You!

## YOUR ROSTER — NOVEMBER 28, 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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<b>Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist</b>		Neryl Tyrrell	Isobel O'Neill	Emily Rudd	Rick Llige	Peter Chin <b>Sanctuary Help</b> Frances Bigeni <b>Flowers</b> Carmel Xuereb Mia Xuereb
<b>Altar Servers</b>						
<b>COUNTERS</b> 22/11 Eunice Dal Busco Victoria Milanovic Ron Begg	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b> <b>Pick-up 15/11</b> Josie McGuinness <b>Return 19/11</b> <b>Pick-up 22/11</b> Marie Cradock <b>Return 26/11</b>	<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> <b>Thu 18/11</b> Maree Nolan Anna Neale Pauline Nesbitt Ros Moriarty Margaret Pratt	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b> <b>None until December</b>	<b>PARISH BUS</b> <b>Driver</b> No Bus Until December  <b>Helper</b>	We need more people to help with the <b>HOSPITAL</b> Roster. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.	<b>HOSPITAL VISITATION</b>  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:

Carmel Xerri, Elvis Gaulbert, Luigina Caccato, Jim Dibben, Louie Lombardo, Kathleen Jones, Beverley Meehan, Danny Dingle.

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

Fariba Ghazi, Mario Astolfi, John Cranfield.

#### REMEMBRANCES:

Sean Kyran Devine, Nelson Fernandes, Joseph Vaz, Eileen Moffat

#### CONDOLENCES:

Condolences to Eunice Dal Busco and her family who are deeply saddened at the loss of sister-in-law and aunty, Luigina Caccato who died recently in Italy.

Condolences to Penny Gomez & her family. Elvis Gaulbert, uncle to Penny Gomez recently passed.



Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 20/11	9:00am Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS	Thu 25/11	9:00am Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS
Sat 20/11	5:00pm Gosford	Laura's Intentions for COLLEEN	Fri 26/11	12:00pm Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS
Sat 20/11	5:30pm Somersby	For Her Health CARRIE SHEPHERD	Sat 27/11	9:00am Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance ALEXIA
Sun 21/11	7:30am Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS Prayers for Odette LIIIS on her birthday		4:30pm Spencer 2nd Sat of Mth	
Sun 21/11	8:45am Gosford	Recently Deceased BEVERLY MEEHAN	Sat 27/11	5:00pm Gosford	Laura's Intentions for COLLEEN
Sun 21/11	10:15am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 27/11	5:30pm Somersby	Recently Deceased CARMEL XERRI
Sun 21/11	6:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased DANNY DINGLE	Sun 28/11	7:30am Gosford	Birthday Blessings CECILIA COUGHLIN
Mon 22/11	9:00am Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS Prayers for Cecilia Coughlin on her birthday [23 <sup>rd</sup> ]	Sun 28/11	8:45am Gosford	+ Remembrance SEAN KYRAN DEVINE
Tue 23/11	9:00am Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS	Sun 28/11	10:15am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Wed 24/11	11:30am Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS	Sun 28/11	6:00pm Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

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