# **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

### 28 NOVEMBER, 2021



**Gosford Parish** The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosfor

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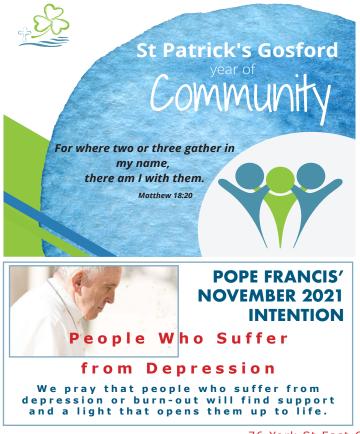
# FR GREG ANOUNCES THE THEME FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Parishioners,

Over the last three years at St Patrick's Parish we have had opportunities to reflect on different themes which have been important for both our parish and our personal lives. Over the last twelve months we have celebrated a Year of Hope, and I think you would all agree that this was the perfect theme for us during the COVID-19 lockdowns. We all have had different hopes, but one of these (and I think the most important one) was to gather at our church to pray and worship God together. Keeping in mind all of the separation and difficulties we have faced over these past few months, together with Parish Pastoral Council I have decided that over the next year we will increase our focus on community. For this reason, today at St Patrick's Parish we will begin a Year of Community with the theme based on a verse from the bible: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Mt 18:20)

As Catholics we are a body of people, a community and a family who have a story, a history and a purpose, and who believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We share a common vision for life and seek to live in a spirit of love. We aren't just a social club, or a group of likeminded people, a welfare agency, or a spiritual fill-up station, but form a life-long relationship of love, alive in the Spirit of Christ. A people with a mission to proclaim Jesus to the world, sharing our life with others so that the world may believe and share our joy.

One person may lack in a certain area but when united, the Parish as the body of Christ is stronger.  $\ldots$  The unity and diversity within





our parish enriches the Church community, equipping people in the Church for righteousness so as to glorify Christ and spread the news of His love and His salvation, both of which extend to all people.

During this Year of Community I would like to encourage you all to make even more effort to become involved in our community life, to make an extra effort to build new relationships and friendships within the parish. Or even to make extra effort to come to church every Sunday and attend other parish events.

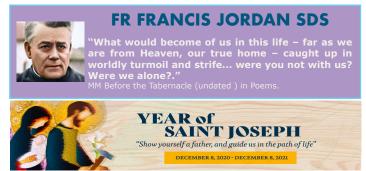
Together with the parish staff and many amazing volunteers from the parish I will start some new projects and initiatives, and you are welcome to be a part of them too. This is to help make this year an opportunity for everyone who already comes to our church, and also for those who are still to make the choice to come, to feel more welcome, appreciated, and that they belong.

I would also like to focus your attention on three new committees I have created in the parish: they are the Community Dinner, Liturgy and Evangelisation committees. These will help us to build an even better and stronger community at St Patrick's and improve our liturgical celebrations, but also reach out to people in Gosford and the Central Coast area with the invitation and opportunity to reconnect with God, His Church, and our parish.

There are many different ways to develop relationships with others in our parish. Whether you are involved in a ministry team, small group, Bible study, or other group, we are called to develop close relationships with others so that we may encourage one another, pray for one another, build one another up, and hold one another accountable as followers of Christ. Don't run the Christian race alone. Let's run together as one community, one parish, one family and one body of Christ. Let's make this Year of Community a special time for everyone!

Yours in Christ

Fr Greg Skulski SDS, Parish Priest



76 York St East Gosford NSW 2250



### ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD PASTORAL CARE

# Fr Grzegorz [Greg] Skulski SDS

Parish Priest Email: greg@sds.org.au Fr Paul Tran SDS



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AV Presentation:

**Baptism Co-ordinator:** 

All bookings must be made through the parish office.

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Gardeners:

Media Coordinator:

Wed:

Thurs:

Thursday: Email:

Phone:

Fridav:

Assistant Priest

Secretary: Colleen KirkMon – Thurs: Friday Bursar: Sacramental Programme

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### Denise Jay 9:00am - 3:30pm Peter McLean

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Anthony Vassallo

Barbara McCarthy Ph: 4322 0250

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#### **School Principals**

St Patrick's Primary:	Mrs Cheryl Walsh	4325 1159
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St Edwards College:	Mr Mark Bonnici	4321 6400
St Peter's College:	Mr Tim Hilderbrand	t 43512344

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

### **LEADERSHIP, MONITORING & IMPROVEMENT**

STANDARD 1 - COMMITTED LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & CULTURE

### KEY ELEMENTS OF STANDARD 1:

ዮ A COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

- PROMOTING A SAFEGUARDING CULTURE ዮ
- Ŷ SAFEGUARDING POLICIES
- Ŷ CODE OF CONDUCT

# CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

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COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING

### SPECIAL NOTICE FOR SPENCER PARISHIONERS

# **DECEMBER MASS AT SPENCER WILL BE** ON 18TH DECEMBER, NOT THE USUSAL **2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

## **ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP**

### **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN SEMINARIAN HUY**



### **HUGH THANK YOU TO PATTI BEATTIE**

rules only fully Vaccinated can attend.

Patti put one of her innumerable talents to work to design and make the Posters for St Patrick's new year of Community.

# HEALING MASS

# FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER 12:00 NOON

## YOUTH LEADERS FORMATION

## AND WORKSHOPS DAY 4TH DECEMBER.

8 youth leaders from our parish will undertake a special formation and workshop, to develop their skills and experience for our youth ministry.

12th December at 6pm Youth Mass at St Patrick's, Fr Greg will commission them and send them to prepare for mini retreat program for our catholic schools next year.

There are many new evangelisation opportunities coming for young people in our parish. Thank you to all our leaders for their great work and example.

# SEVENTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FAY AND COLIN EASEY



**ONGRATULATIONS** 

Mere superlatives seem barely sufficient as you celebrate the remarkable milestone of your 70th wedding anniversary. You are in exalted company, among an exclusive - and quite rare - group of couples who have been together for a truly epic seven decades.

May the love you share continue for many years into the future.

### **NEW MASS TIMES ON SUNDAYS** FROM NEXT SUNDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2021.

We will be moving back to our normal two Masses on Sunday mornings at 7.30am and 9.30am.

# SUNDAY MASSES

**SATURDAY VIGIL** SPENCER 4:00 PM (2ND SAT OF MTH)

Note: Next month only, Spence Mass will be on 18th December

**GOSFORD 5:00 PM SOMERSBY 5:30 PM** 

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

## 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

# CHRISTMAS CAKES ON SALE

NEXT SUNDAY AT ALL MASSES



# MenAlive FINAL 2021 MEETING!

You are invited to our final meeting for 2021

We will meet in the Jordan room on Tuesday, December 7th at 7pm.

Hope to see you there.. Come and Join us!



#### **MASS OF INCLUSION -SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER 2021**

All are warmly invited to our Diocesan "Mass of Inclusion" to be held at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Sunday, 5 December at

9:30am. This Mass marks the International Day of Disability (on 3 December) and recognises the ability and dignity of all. The Mass will be presided by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. All are welcome.

Due to the current restrictions, there are very limited places available for people to attend in person. To book your place, go to https://form.jotform.com/213147605999063

The mass will also be livestreamed, join at https://www.youtube. com/channel/UCNenwlfI7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ



# **ST PATRICK'S VOTED NO 1!**

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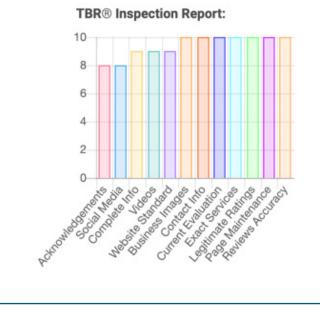
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See the article on Line here



# MOST REV BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO

### **MEETS WITH ST PATRICK'S YOUNG ADULTS**

Bishop Anthony talks to our young adults about St Joseph.



The meeting was held on Friday night and despite the inclement weather.



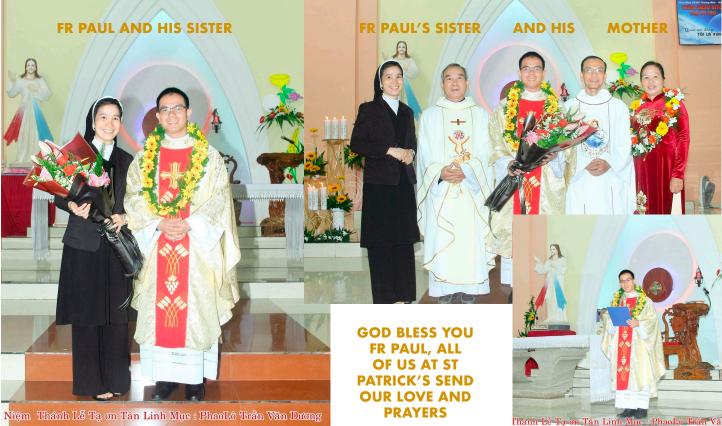


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# PAUL'S THANKSGIVING M UNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 20 SS



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# **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

#### CF. PS 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

to shame.

Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### **FIRST READING**

#### JER 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

#### I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

# **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### PS 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. V.1

#### (R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant.

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

### SECOND READING

#### 1 THES 3:12 - 4:2

#### A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### **PS 84:8**

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

#### LK 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

#### Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

#### PS 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our St Andrew, apostle. earth shall yield its increase.

# SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

#### **BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA**

Jeremiah announces a future wherein God's promise of redemption will be fulfilled. Though Jeremiah is a southern prophet, the redemption that he announces is for all the people. A shoot, a sign of new life springing from previous life, will be raised up for the Davidic house. Jerusalem, the city whose name means 'foundation of peace', is here given a new name, 'the Lord our justice'. Thus the real foundation of the city's peace is justice, and the basis of this justice is the quality of its commitment to the Lord`. The oracle itself sketches the character of the future covenantal relationship between God and the people.

The psalmist asks for insight into God's saving ways, presumably in order to walk according to those ways, to sing God's praises, and to offer thanks for God's goodness. The righteousness of God is attentive to both the sinners and the anawim or humble (vv.8-9). Sinners too will be taught that wickedness will be punished. while the humble will be assured that their righteousness will be blessed. The 'way' that the Lord shows is probably the law. It is in obedience that the will of God is to be found. The psalm clearly draws the connection between covenant and wisdom. An intimate relationship with God calls for a response from the covenant partners.

Paul prays for the spiritual growth and maturity of the Thessalonians. He does not pray that love increases, but that their capacity for growth be expanded so that they can fill it with love. Such love breaks out of any ethnocentric bounds and, like the love that Paul himself possesses, resembles the inclusive love of God. Paul implies that the coming of the endtime should be an incentive to righteous living. Such a way of life will ensure that his converts will be found blameless in holiness when they must appear in the light of God's glory at the time of the coming of Christ. His urgent exhortation encourages the Thessalonians to conduct themselves according to the ethical and moral standards of the Christian tradition

Jesus speaks of cosmic disturbances and distress on earth that are coming. These upheavals are really signs that portend the advent of redemption. They are probably less predictions of actual historical events than they are metaphorical images portraying the end of one age and the birth of another. Apocalyptic imagery is frequently employed in describing the entrance of God onto the stage of world history. While a theophany of this kind is generally associated with divine judgment (cf. Ezek 32:7-8), in this case it precedes the coming of the Son of Man and a time of redemption. The fundamental exhortation is: Beware! Take Heed! Be Alert! Don't be caught by surprise! The exact time of the revelation is unknown. That is why believers must avoid any kind of behaviour that might jeopardise their watchfulness.

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### **THIS WEEK**

#### **TUE 30**

FRI 3

St Francis Xavier, priest

### NEXT WEEKS READINGS

2RD SUND	AY OF ADVENT			
1st:	Baruch 5:1-9			
2nd:	Phil 1:4 - 6, 8 - 11			
Gospel:	Lk 3: 1 - 6			





YOUR ROSTER - DECEMBER 5, 2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT						
MASS	<b>VIGIL 5:00</b>	7:30am	9:30am	6:00pm	Somers	by - 5:30
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Audio/Visual	Bernie Pannell	Michael Lynch	Peter McLean	Lee Sullivan	Audio/Visual	Michael Xuereb
Acolytes	Johnson Fernandes	John McCrae	Katrina Pratt	Patrick Nicholls	Altar Society	Nai Herford
	Peter Young	Huy Tran Quang	Huy Tran Quang	Peter Axon		
Commentator	Terry Cooke	Chris Golden	Frances Mathey	Barbara McCarthy	Commentator	Michael Monaghan
Lectors	Val Dibben	Josie McGuinness	Ellen Antonino	Youth	Lectors	Judy Grenfell
	Nicole Murphy	Eunice Dal Busco	Scot Frazer	Joseph Nicholls		Marissa Xuereb
Extraordinary	Anita Fernandes	Cecilia Coughlin	Helene Hussein	Jessica Russell		Michael Monaghan
Ministers of						
The Eucharist						
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Altar	Lachlan Murphy	Amelia Eager	Yuna Iwasaki	Vito De Toffol		Dylan Xuereb
Servers	Alvita Fernandes	Laura Eager	Shiho Iwasaki	Remi De Toffol		
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David Slingsby	Thea Dowsett	Eunice Dal Busco Mabel Kan	after December	15		December 15
<b>13/12</b> Gary Smith	Ret'n by Dec 10	Anita Venn				
Trudi Hiep		Susan Tabone				
Neryl Terrell						

# 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 all those who have recently deceased loved ones. May God hold those passed in teh palm of his hand.

MASS INTENTIONS						
Date	Mass	Intention		Date	Mass	
Sat 27/11	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Birthday Remembrance ALEXIA		Wed 01/12	7:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased JIM DIBBEN
Sat 27/11	5:00pm Gosford NOVEMBER INTENTIONS Prayers for Colin & Fay Easey on their			Thu 02/12	9:00am Gosford & on line	Thanksgiving INES BEMBO
		70th Wedding Anniversary		Fri 03/12	12:00pm Gosford	Healing Mass
Sat 27/11	5:30pm Somersby	Recently Deceased CARMEL XERRI			& on line	Thanksgiving to the SACRED HEAR OF JESUS
Sun 28/11	7:30 am Gosford	Birthday Blessings CECILIA COUGHLIN		Sat 04/12	9:00am Gosford & on line	Birthday Blessings ODETTE LILLIS
Sun 28/11	8:45 am Gosford	+ Remembrance SEAN KYRAN DEVINE				
Sun 28/11	10:15 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS		Sat 04/12	5:00pm Gosford	HOLY SOULS
& on line				Sat 04/12	5:30am Somersby	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 28/11	6:00 pm Gosford	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS		0.05/10	7.20. 0. ( )	
Mon 29/11 9:00am Gosford & NOVEMBER INTENTIONS on line			Sun 05/12	7:30 am Gosford	Recently Deceased LUIGINA CACCATO	
				Sun 05/12	9:30 am Gosford	Birthday Blessings PETER JULIUS
Tue 30/11	9:00am Gosford & on line	NOVEMBER INTENTIONS		Sun 05/12	6:00 pm Gosford	Anniversary JOSE BEMBO

