



# Gosford Parish

The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosford,  
St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer  
Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the  
care of the Salvatorians.



## REFLECTION ON ADVENT

BY SEMINARIAN HUY

The word Advent is originally derived from the Latin word *adventus* which means coming or arriving. The Latin word expresses the memorial of the first coming of Jesus Christ as a baby incarnated to the Virgin Mary more than two thousand years ago on Christmas Day. It also indicates the Second Coming of Christ in glory. However, the Vietnamese translation of the word advent which is "vọng" – Advent Season to "Mùa Vọng" – designates another aspect of the season. "Vọng" means waiting, looking forward to. The waiting that "vọng" implies is not any kind of waiting such as waiting for the line in the supermarket or waiting for traffic but it is waiting with hope and joy. *Adventus* illustrates the action of God. Meanwhile "vọng" calls us as the other party of the Covenant to take action.

So, how does this waiting affect us?

The atheist French philosopher Jean Paul Sartre once wrote that our judgement or our intuition is impacted not only by the presence of the surrounding objects but also the nothingness of something. In other words, the absence of something that we are waiting or expecting to happen also influences us significantly. Although from an atheist philosopher to me this could teach us something about the truth. When we actively wait for something, perhaps more importantly someone, the absence of the person or the event yet to come significantly colours our thinking and our senses. When we wait for a friend in a park who is late or when we wait for our children coming home for Christmas, the park becomes full of the absence of our friend when we look for him, or the prepared dinner in the dining room is full of the absence of our children who have not yet come home. Our mind could run through many scenarios like this.

This waiting and the impact of it are depicted clearly in the Bible when the people of Israel were waiting for God to come to rescue them. The Psalmist describes the effect of waiting making them "as a deer long for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God" (Psalm 41:1) or "my soul

*"Blessed is she who believed."*



thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water" (Psalm 61:1). Their anticipation of God transformed their whole life.

Nonetheless, waiting on God is not easy. As Jesus says: "you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). The uncertainty of the day God comes to us in the final hour of our lives or the second coming of Christ makes us forget to wait on God most of the time in our lives. We prefer to be preoccupied by many other things, although good and necessary. Our intuition of the world is not coloured and impacted by God most of the times.

Let's take this advent season for example. Let us ask ourselves that are we looking forward to Christmas day to celebrate Christ's birthday or are we only looking forward for a festival no different than other festivals. Are our minds and hearts filled with many worries, Christmas parties, booking for holidays, shopping, or are they filled with the joy of waiting on God?

From the example of this advent season, we consider again the coming of Christ to individuals and the second coming of Christ. Is our life joyfully and hopefully affected by the absence of the event yet to come for which we are waiting for? Are they filled with Christ and his teaching, his love and his hope for us? Or else, does it not really matter to us?

God Bless you all

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### POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER 2021 INTENTION

#### FOR CATECHISTS

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



### FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"You should ground your outlook on faith and not on public opinion. The world often judges quite incorrectly!"

MM Our Exemplar 1870 in Poems.



## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

### PASTORAL CARE

**Fr Grzegorz [Greg] Skulski SDS**

Parish Priest

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**Fr Paul Tran SDS**

Assistant Priest

email: paulduongsds@gmail.com

### SALVATORIAN

**Society of the Divine Saviour**

<http://www.sds.org.au>

### PARISH OFFICE

Secretary:

**Colleen Kirk** Mon – Thurs: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

**Bursar:** Darren Fitzgibbon

**Sacramental Programme**

**Coordinator:** Frances Mathey

Email: franceshanna@yahoo.com

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Email: saintpatscdd@acs.net.au

Wed: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Thurs: 9:30am – 1:30pm

**Youth Ministry:** Jaimi-Lea Andrews

Ph: 0452 480 112 Email: jaimilea.andrews@gmail.com

**Media Coordinator:** Tom Croll

Thursday: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Email: tcroll@photom.com.au

Phone: 0411- 962 122.

### VOLUNTEER ROLES

**Office Admin:**

Friday: 9:00am – 3:30pm

**AV Presentation:** Peter McLean

**Caretakers:**

**Baptism Co-ordinator:**

All bookings must be made through the parish office.

**Gardeners:**

**Seniors' Ministry:**

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

If you see any activities involving children or vulnerable adults that worries you, please email Hilary Pope, our Safeguarding Officer at [hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au)

### School Principals

St Patrick's Primary: Mrs Cheryl Walsh 4325 1159

St Joseph's College: Mr Tony McCudden 4324 4022

St Edwards College: Mr Mark Bonnici 4321 6400

St Peter's College: Mr Tim Hilderbrandt 43512344



**CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM.**

## STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

**GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD**

**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.**

## WEEKEND MASSES INCL CONFESSION 30 BEFORE EACH MASS

**GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD**

**Sat Vigil:** 5:00pm **Sun:** 7:30am, 9:30am & 6:00pm

**SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD**

**SPENCER, 4,200 WISEMANS FERRY RD**

**Sat Vigil:** 5:30pm 4:00pm 2nd Saturday of Month

## ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

**Before the Blessed Sacrament**

**Mon 8:30 - 9:00am** **Wed 11:00 - 11:30am** **Fri 12:30 - 3:00pm**

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

## ROSARY

**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

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL, AT THE ADMIN CENTRE, CHAPEL LANE

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

## ST PATRICK'S GROUPS MEETINGS

**Cancer Prayer Group**

**Craft Group**

**Grief & Loss Support**

**MenAlive**

**Prayers for Christian Unity**

**Prayer Group DVDs**

**Prayer Group & Bible Discussion**

**Bible Study - Monday night**

**Salvatorian Collaborators**

**Womens Faith Circle**

**AS SOON AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE WE WILL NOTIFY EVERYONE REGARDING THE RESTARTING OF GROUP GATHERINGS**

**BB35 CELEBRATING 35 YEARS**  
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



**THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH & THE FAMILY 2021**

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

### LEADERSHIP, MONITORING & IMPROVEMENT

#### STANDARD 1 – COMMITTED LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & CULTURE

KEY ELEMENTS OF STANDARD 1:

- † A COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING
- † PROMOTING A SAFEGUARDING CULTURE
- † SAFEGUARDING POLICIES
- † CODE OF CONDUCT

## SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Hilary Pope



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[CLICK HERE TO VIEW OR DOWNLOAD OUR DIOCESAN COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING](#)



**WELCOME BACK FR PAUL**

**ON MONDAY 20TH DEC  
FR PAUL WILL BE RETURNING TO  
AUSTRALIA.**

**PLEASE MAKE HIM FEEL WELCOME BACK**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:**



Dates	St Patrick's Gosford	St Francis of Assisi Somersby
Friday 24 Dec	5pm Family 9pm Youth Midnight Mass	5pm Christmas Vigil
Saturday 25 Dec	7:30am 9:00am <i>Live-Streamed</i> 10:30am <small>Note: No evening Mass on Christmas Day</small>	<small>Note: No Saturday Vigil Mass</small>

**NO MASS AT 12 NOON FRIDAY 24TH**

**ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN SEMINARIAN HUY**

For a reflection and prayer in the Jordan Room, every Wednesday at 10am during Advent Session. Due to Govt COVID rules only fully Vaccinated can attend.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ANITA & JOHNSON FERNANDES**

**ON THEIR 20TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

They will be celebrating with a Nuptial Blessing at the 5pm Mass this Saturday.



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSING FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK**

The office staff will be taking the Christmas break from the afternoon of 24th December until 17th January.

**During that time the office will be only be opened on Monday 10th Jan and Thursday 13th Jan from 9am-1pm**

**CHRISTMAS CAKE AND PORT AFTER THE 9:00 PM YOUTH MASS AND MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**WILL BE SERVED IN FRONT OF THE JORDAN ROOM.**

A serving of Christmas Cake and Port after both the 9:00 pm and Midnight Masses has been a tradition at St Patrick's for many years and we will be continuing this fine tradition this year.



**CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS**

**NATIVITY PLAY**

**ANY FAMILIES WITH PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE NATIVITY PLAY THIS YEAR**

**PLEASE EMAIL KELLY PAGET KELLYPAGET@GMAIL.COM OR SEND HER A TEXT MESSAGE ON 0427960305.**



**FAMILY MASS 5:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
FRIDAY, 24TH DECEMBER 2021**

**INCLUDING FARM ANIMALS FOR CHILDREN, FROM 4:30 PM AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH, DURING MASS.**



ST PATRICK'S PARISH INVITES YOU TO

# CHRISTMAS PICNIC

SUNDAY, DEC 19 12:30 PM

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CENTRE  
30 LUTANA ROAD, SOMERSBY NSW 2250

STARTS WITH FAMILY MASS FOLLOWED BY BYO PICNIC

ENJOY THE SOUND OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
BRING YOUR FAMILY, FOOD AND PICNIC GEAR  
FOR A DAY FULL OF MERRIMENT AND  
CHRISTMAS JOY!

ATTRACTIONS  
FOR CHILDREN

GOSFORD.FAMILIES@GMAIL.COM

## CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

ON TUESDAY 21, DECEMBER 2021

We would greatly appreciate you help to clean the Church and surrounds, read for Christmas!

So if you can sweep, clean glass, remove cobwebs or anything else to make our church "spic n span", please join in.

Delicious Morning Tea will be provided after the work is done :)

## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

### ST PATRICK'S TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Put on by the Seniors Ministry

DECEMBER 25 FROM 12 NOON.

If you would like to attend the Christmas Lunch at St Patrick's Hall on Christmas Day, please book by calling the Parish Office. We are hoping numbers won't be restricted, however to help catering, it is essential to book. If you won't be attending but would like to assist with costs by making a small donation, please pop some money marked Christmas Lunch and place it in the receptacle available at any time.

## POSITION VACANT

### Personal Assistant to the Vicar General, Office of the Bishop

Permanent, part-time position (4 days per week, 9:00am to 5:00pm)

Role split between Pennant Hills and Chatswood locations.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

If you are interested in applying please send your CV and a brief cover letter addressing the skillsets required for this role to [recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

**Applications close Wednesday 22 December 2021. Contact to be made with candidates and interviews mid-January 2022.**

## YOUTH MASS LAST SUNDAY

### 8 NEW YOUTH LEADERS

### RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES

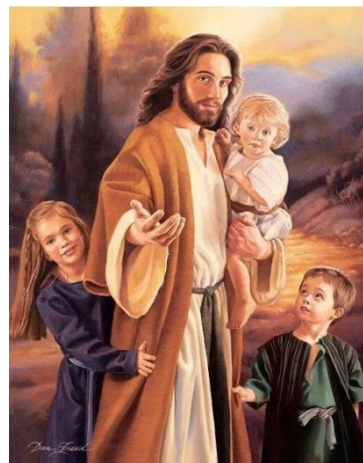


## THANK YOU TO PETER MCLEAN

### PETER INSTALLED CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE JORDAN ROOM FOR OUR FESTIVITIES.

## 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 1 Teaching Position available at Point Clare and 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.**







**VOX EPISCOPI – THE VOICE OF THE BISHOP**

**14 DECEMBER 2021**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,  
 It was a great pleasure to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of Dolours Church, Chatswood last Friday for all those in my Chancery team and remembering all the men and women who support my ministry – be it in the Chancery, in Catholic Schools Broken Bay or CatholicCare Broken Bay.

I said it had once again been a most challenging and humbling year for all but it was also a year filled with graces and blessings, thanks to the hard work of many people and the Holy Spirit who guides us.

My thanks also to our Vicar General and Parish Priest of Our Lady of Dolours, Very Rev Dr David Ranson who hosted us in his church so beautifully and warmly decorated in preparation for the birth of Christ.

[To read the Bishop’s Homily click here](#)

The images on this page are from the Thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady of Dolours.

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

Each week we will be promoting one of our advertisers inside the bulletin.

This week we are promoting Erina Family Dental, for their support of our church. Please consider Erina Family Dental to help you, when you next need work on your teeth .



**RELAX**

**WE SERVE THE “NERVOUS”**

**ERINA FAMILY DENTAL**

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**72 KARALTA RD ERINA**  
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**COVID UPDATE**

**MASKS AND COVID-19 CHECK-IN**

The current rulings from NSW Health relevant to places of worship like churches states.

- **COVID-19 QR-code check-in is still mandatory**
- **Masks are not mandatory, but strongly encouraged**



**SALVATORIAN FORMATION DONATION CODE.**

If you would like to support future Salvatorian priests please go to the link. Just scan with your QR Code Reader on your phone.

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### CF. IS 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

## FIRST READING

### MI 5:1-4

**A reading from the prophet Micah**

**Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.**

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. V.4

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:

give us life that we may call upon your name.

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

## SECOND READING

### HEB 10:5-10

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

**I am coming to do your will.**

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### LK 1:38

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

### LK 1:39-45

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

**Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### IS 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

### BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The reference to Bethlehem is rich in early royal importance quite distinct from association with Jerusalem, the capital of the royal family. The ruler promised is not the dynastic successor, but a new Davidic king, fresh and totally committed to God as the young David was. He will be called forth for God and strengthened by God to rule. Kings were frequently characterised as shepherds, because of their responsibility to care for the people. This promised king will shepherd in the strength and majesty of God. The oracle suggests that tribulation will precede the birth of this new ruler. However, once the tribulation of birth is over, the joy of new life will blot out the pain.

The communal lament contains several images of God. As shepherd, God is responsible for the care of the flock, leading it to verdant pastures and protecting it from danger. God is also an imperial ruler, majestically enthroned and surrounded by cherubim. As Lord of Hosts, God can marshal the 'hosts' (units) of heavenly defenders. Finally, as keeper of vines, God cares for the growth and productivity of the community. These apt images characterise the relationship between God and the people. Though God is powerful like an imperial ruler or a military leader, the care that God provides compares to that of an attentive shepherd or a patient vine dresser.

The author of Hebrews contrasts the former sacrificial ritual with Christ's sacrifice. The sacrifices mentioned represent the entire sacrificial system. Christ's sacrifice is preferred over all others, because of the preeminence of his human body as compared with the bodies of the sacrificial animals. The author also contrasts adherence to the law and Christ's obedience to God's will. Christ annuls the first (external adherence) in order to establish the second (internal obedience). By freely offering his body in sacrifice, Christ identifies his own will with the will of God. We are sanctified through this sacrifice, not through any sacrifice required by law. For it was through his human body, a body like ours, that he demonstrated his obedience.

The response of the child in Elizabeth's womb is reminiscent of the joy that filled David as he leaped before the ark of the covenant. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed her faith in the child that Mary was carrying. In both cases, it was the realisation of being in the presence of God that caused them to rejoice. It is as if Mary is the ark and the child within her is the glory of God. There is a sequence of recognition that begins and ends with Mary. At the sound of Mary's greeting the child in Elizabeth leaped for joy, signalling to her the presence of her Lord in Mary's womb; at this, Elizabeth recognises the blessedness of Mary's unborn child and, through him, the blessedness of Mary.

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## THIS WEEK

**Sat 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

## NEXT WEEKS READINGS

**The HOLY FAMILY OF Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**1st: Sam 1:20 - 22; 24 - 28**  
**2nd: 1 Jn 3:1 - 2, 21 - 24**  
**Gospel: Lk 2: 41 - 52**

# God Loves

# You!



# YOUR ROSTER – DECEMBER 26, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:30am	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:00pm	
DATE	25.12.21	26.12.21	26.12.21	26.12.21	Function	25.12.21
Audio/Visual		Ron Begg	Tom Croll	Cheryl Walsh	Audio/Visual	Michael Xuereb
Acolytes		Eunice Dal Busco Peter McLean	Peter Julius Huy Tran Quang	Joseph Nicholls Huy Tran Quang	Altar Society	Mary Luci
Commentator		Gerard Price	Frances Mathey	Youth	Commentator	Dakota Xuereb
Lectors		Gerard Price Sheila Evans	Keith Quinn Emily Rudd	Youth Kevin O;Donnell	Lectors	Charlene Xuereb Antoinette Xuereb
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist		Pam McCrae	Frances Mathey	Trudy Heip	Cleaning	Alyce Chin
Altar Servers		Rowan Talbot Lily Talbot	Cameron Moss Cara Eades Felicity Gottardo Lincoln Gottardo Dennie Paget	Alex Golden Gabby Golden Natasha Golden	Flowers	Dylan Xuereb Roseanne Dominello
<b>COUNTERS</b> 20/12 Eunice Dal Busco Margaret Hunter Victoria Milanovic 27/12 Eunice Dal Busco Ron Begg Marie Cradock	<b>ALTAR LINEN</b> P/Up 20/12 Marie Cradock Ret'n by 24/12	<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b> Thu, Dec 23 Donna Hobday Pauline Parsons Julianne Hayne	<b>CHILDRENS LITURGY</b> Postponed until after School Resumes	<b>PARISH BUS</b> Postponed	<b>FRIDAY HOSPITAL VISITATION</b> 24/12 Coleen Drummond Theresa Giddings Denise Nicholson Sandrea Petith Gary Wills	<b>SUNDAY HOSPITAL VISITATION</b> 26/12 John McRae Cecilia Coughlin

See Christmas Eve Roster on page 8

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Lorraine Collins, Ross Sayer, Fred Boland, Teresa Davar, Rod Pelling, Susan Milne, Bernadette Humphries, Maura Garvey, Allan Hoole, Maree Nolan, 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.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

Jose Bembo, Eris & Sheila Eaton, Fariba Ghazi, Mario Astolfi.

## REMEMBRANCES:

Middleton, Schmitz & Hetherington Families, John Lingbeck Fred Iani, Muir & Murtagh Families Tosca King & Ann Campbell, Ken & Iris Mckenzie, Phil Crawford,

## CONDOLENCES

Condolences to all those who have recently deceased loved ones. May God hold those passed in the palm of his hand.

## MASS INTENTIONS

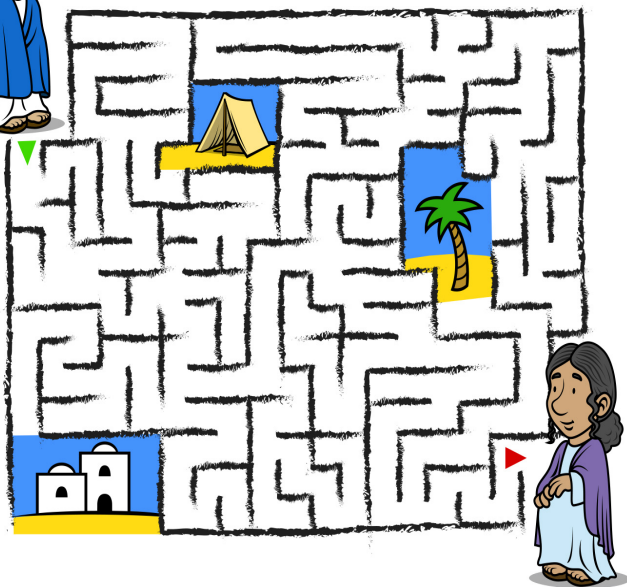
Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 18/12	9:00am Gosford & on line	1. THANKSGIVING FOR VOLUNTEERS 2. COLLEEN'S 25TH ANN	Fri 24/12	12:00noon Gosford	<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat 18/12	4:00pm Spencer	Thanksgiving LEO CHARIT & FAMILY	Fri 24/12	5:00pm Gosford	Rem: FOSS FAMILY MEMBERS
Sat 18/12	5:00pm Gosford	20th Wedding Anniversary JOHNSON & ANITA FERNANDES	Fri 24/12	9:00pm Gosford	Rem: McGUIRE & KIRK FAMILIES
Sat 18/12	5:30pm Somersby	+ Anniversary NEVILLE O'DONOVAN	Fri 24/12	5:00pm Somersby	
Sun 19/12	7:30 am Gosford	+ Remembrance LIBIA, ANTHONY & IAN D'MELLO	Sat 25/12	12:00am Gosford	PARISH & PRIESTS' INTENTIONS
Sun 19/12	9:30 am Gosford	+ Anniversary ALAN NOLAN	Sat 25/12	7:30am Gosford	PARISH & PRIESTS' INTENTIONS Rem: MAGDALEN McNAMARA
Sun 19/12	6:00 pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 25/12	9:00am Gosford & on line	PARISH & PRIESTS' INTENTIONS + Recently Deceased JOHN O'HALLORAN
Mon 20/12	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance PHYLLIS & DICK CHAPMAN	Sat 25/12	10:30am Gosford	PARISH & PRIESTS' INTENTIONS
Tue 21/12	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ 1st Anniversary PAUL SHEERAN	Sun 26/12	7:30 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Wed 22/12	11:30am Gosford	+ Remembrance MARY & JIM RYAN	Sun 26/12	9:30 am Gosford & on Line	Birthday Blessings JOHNSON FERNANDES Prayers on the 3rd Ann of Death of SAVER/O PIRROTTINA
Thu 23/12	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance KEN & MARJOVIE CAVES	Sun 26/12	6:00 pm Gosford	Thanksgiving to the HOLY FAMILY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS  
CHRISTMAS 2021

	CHILDREN'S MASS 5.00	YOUTH MASS 9.00	MIDNIGHT MASS	CHRISTMAS DAY (7.30)	CHRISTMAS DAY (9.00)	CHRISTMAS DAY (10.30)
<b>AUDIO VISUAL</b>	<i>Ron Begg</i>	<i>Youth</i>	<i>Greg McBride</i>	<i>Michael Lynch</i>	<i>Tom Croll</i>	<i>Anna Jung</i>
ACOLYTES	Kevin O'Donnell	Anna Jung	Sheila Evans	John Ryan	Peter McLean	Patrick Nicholls
	Huy Tran Quang	Huy Tran Quang	Peter Young	Eunice Dal Busco	Katrina Pratt	Joseph Nicholls
			Katrina Pratt			
1st READER	Children	Youth	Keith Quinn	Josie McGuinness	Neil Murphy	Joan Vella-Critien
2nd READER	Children	Youth	Stephanie Trevenen	Regina Fong	Emily Rudd	<b>Required</b>
COMMENTATOR	Children	Youth	Barbara McCarthy	Josie McGuinness	Hilary Pope	<b>Required</b>
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When Mary heard that her much older cousin Elizabeth was with child, she hurried to Elizabeth and Zechariah's house in the hills of Judea. Can you help Mary find the correct path to her cousin Elizabeth?



At Christmas time we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by doing special things. Write down why you think it's important to do each of the following things as well as adding one of your own.

I celebrate Christmas by giving gifts to others.

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I celebrate Christmas with a family meal.

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I celebrate Christmas by going to Mass.

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I celebrate Christmas by....

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**DE-CODE ELIZABETH'S MESSAGE**

Use the key below to find out what Elizabeth said to Mary.

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| A - 20 | F - 25 | K - 19 | P - 17 | U - 5  |
| B - 12 | G - 1  | L - 22 | Q - 26 | V - 4  |
| C - 6  | H - 3  | M - 14 | R - 2  | W - 13 |
| D - 10 | I - 9  | N - 11 | S - 15 | X - 21 |
| E - 18 | J - 24 | O - 7  | T - 8  | Y - 23 |
|        |        |        |        | Z - 16 |

20 15 15 7 7 11 20 15 9 3 18 20 2 10

23 7 5 2 1 2 18 18 8 9 11 1

14 23 12 20 12 23 12 18 6 20 14 18

3 20 17 17 20 20 11 10 14 7 4 18 10

18 9 8 3 9 11 14 18



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