



St Patrick's Gosford

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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

If there is a common thread running through the readings this Sunday, I think it would consist in that each in some way reveals that the primary intent of God with respect to human beings is to set them free – to call them out of the various captivities in which they find themselves into what Paul called 'the glorious freedom of the children of God' (Romans 8:21).

In the First Reading, Isaiah 43:6-21, the great prophet of Israel's exile compares the liberation and homecoming that is soon to take place with the past deliverance from Egypt, which in effect constituted Israel as a nation. The wonders and glories of the new 'Exodus' will surpass the earlier liberation, with the desert ways turned into a smooth highway to facilitate Israel's return.

In Christian perspective both the Exodus and the return from Exile prefigure the Paschal liberation that God will effect through the death and resurrection of Jesus. And the result, again, will be a people formed 'to sing God's praises'.

In the Second Reading, Philippians 3:8-14, Paul, the former Pharisee and zealot for the law, tells of how Christ 'captured' him – a 'capture' that, in fact, set him free. Within one of his favourite images, that of an athletic contest, Paul then describes where he now finds himself in the race: not back at the start, not yet arrived at the perfection of the finish, but still running, putting the past behind him, eyes upon the finishing post and prize that lies ahead.

How much aberration in Christian spirituality and practice could have been avoided had Paul's sanely realistic assessment of present Christian life been adopted. We are not to live back in the guilt of past sin; nor should we require – either of ourselves or of others – a perfection that really belongs to the future. We are to see ourselves, as God sees us, as people 'on the way'.

As is well known, the episode told in today's Gospel, John 8:1-11, is something of a foreign body in the Fourth Gospel. It is missing in all the major manuscripts and its tone and content is redolent more of the Gospel of Luke than that of John. We can surely be grateful, however, that it found a home here in the scriptural canon.

For the scribes and Pharisees the main point is not to get the woman punished but to set a trap for Jesus. Would he defy the prescriptions of the law of Moses or would he, by condemning the woman, usurp the prerogative of the Roman occupying power who reserved the death penalty to themselves (18:31)?

Readers of the gospel have long – and fruitlessly – speculated on what it was that Jesus wrote on the ground. We do not know. Perhaps he was only doodling. What the writing does, however,



"Let the man without sin be the first to throw a stone."

is provide a space of time for the opposition to melt away. Jesus does not confront the law directly. He just points out that the only person who could have a right to condemn another is one who has never sinned. If the eldest leaves first, that is because he has had a longer space of life in which to accumulate sin.

This way the punitive legal prescription simply falls away. Jesus has a better way of dealing with sin than condemnation and punishment. He does not deny or condone sin (the episode does seem to presuppose that the woman is in fact guilty – though we might well ask about her male accomplice). But his concern is to rescue the woman from her terrible plight and set her free for a new life: 'Go and sin no more'.

A subtle point about the episode is that Jesus never actually looks at the woman while she is the subject of accusation. His bending down and writing may be a ploy to avoid this. It is only when her accusers have melted away that, from this humble position, he pronounces judgment: 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you. Neither do I condemn you.' He who is without sin (2 Cor 5:21), the only one actually credentialled to judge her from 'on high' – actually goes down on the ground and looks up at her to restore her dignity and self-esteem.

The 'orphaned' status of this story in the textual tradition probably reflects early Christian uneasiness with Jesus' apparent leniency in a case of sexual misconduct. So much more prone is the religious instinct to condemn and punish rather than to rescue and set on the path to life. And often, of course, the most paralyzing accusations are those that we inflict upon ourselves. If Lent is about conversion of heart and deeper knowledge of God, nothing could be more helpful than meditation upon this precious gem from the gospel tradition. - © Brendan Byrne S



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"...to give myself totally to the Society, come what may. Do everything according to the spirit of the founder."

MM Diary 1889 in LD Note 92.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

For health care workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

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

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Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

WEEKEND MASSES INCL CONFESSION 30 MIN BEFORE

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

Filipino Mass: 2nd Sunday of each month: 12:00pm

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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 8:05 am to 8:25 am

Tuesday 8:05 am to 8:25 am "Right to Life"

Wednesday 10:35 am to 10:55 am

Fridays 11:35 am to 11:55 pm

Saturday 8:05am until 8:25am: 1st Priests & Religious
2nd Mothers & Babies
3rd Persecuted Christians

Sunday 7:05 am to 7:25 am

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL, AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

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

ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

Cancer Prayer Group After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month, in the Jordan room.

Craft Group 9:00am to 12:00pm Every Friday in the Jordan Room

Grief & Loss Support 2:00pm 1st Thursday of the month, in the Jordan room.

MenAlive 7:00pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Mass followed by meeting in the Jordan room.

Monday Morning Prayer Groups 9:30 am after Mass **Prayer Group DVDs** 1st Monday of the Month

Prayer & Bible Discussion 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday of the Month

Prayers for Christian Unity 3rd Monday of the Month

Bible Study - Monday night 7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday, in the Jordan Room, all are welcome!

Movie Nights 1st Saturday of month at 6 pm, after Vigil Mass

Salvatorian Collaborators After 9:00am Mass, 1st Thursday of the month, in the Jordan room.

Womens Faith Circle 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month in the Jordan Room 9:00am to 11:00am

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 Hilderbrandt 43512344

UPCOMING EVENTS

For normal Mass Times see opposite on Page 2

Any exceptions will be listed below.

Date	Time	Event
Sun 03/04/22	7:30am 9:30am	Breakfast Served in the Jordan Room after Masses
Sun 03/04/22	3:00pm	Meeting in Church for all Senior Servers and Acolytes
Tue 05/04/22	9:30am	Seniors Bus Trip to Mt Penang Gardens
Tue 05/04/22	7:00pm	MenAlive Mass and gathering
Tue 05/04/22	7:00pm	Woy Woy Church 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Wed 06/04/22	6:00pm	Somersby - Stations of the Cross
Wed 06/04/22	6:30pm	Somersby - Mass
Wed 06/04/22	7:pm	Kincumber Church 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Wed 06/04/22	7:30pm	Sacramental Program Leaders Meeting in Parish Office.
Thu 07/04/22	7:00pm	St Patrick's Church 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Fri 08/04/22	7:00pm	Arise Youth meeting in Parish Hall
Sun 10/02/22	9:30am	Mass celebration for Fr Greg's Birthday plus cuppa and cake in the Jordan Room after Mass
Tue 12/04/22	7:30pm	Chrism Mass at Cathedral Waitara. Bus leaving St Patrick's at 5:30pm.- Booking for bus is essential.
Thu 14/04/22		No Morning Mass or Womens Faith Circle meeting
Thu 14/04/22	7:00pm	The Lords Supper
Fri 15/04/22	10:00am	Both Gosford and Somersby. Stations of the Cross
Fri 15/04/22	3:00pm	Both Gosford and Somersby The Passion of the Lord
Sat 16/04/22		No morning Mass
Sat 16/04/22	11:00am	Blessing of Food at Gosford
Sat 16/04/22	7:00pm	Both Gosford and Somersby Easter Vigil Service
Sun 17/04/22	7:30am 9:30am 6:00pm	Easter Sunday Mass Gosford Easter Sunday Mass Gosford Easter Sunday Mass Gosford

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

GOSFORD - THU, APRIL 7 AT 7:00 PM

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. It begins with the community listening to the word of God. The homily emphasises our need for repentance and the infinite mercy of God. During the examination of conscience, the assembly reflects together on where and how they have fallen short of their baptismal commitment to follow Christ.

The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the confessors in full view of all present. The priests stand

at appropriate points around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. While no restriction is placed on the individual's confession, good manners and common sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS - PALM SUNDAY

Will take place prior to each Palm Sunday Mass. If attending the 9.30am Mass please meet at the school grounds before processing into the church. At all other Masses, please meet in front of the Jordan Room at Mass commencement time.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH MAKING PALM CROSSES FOR PALM SUNDAY?

If you would like to learn how to make the crosses in either a group at the admin centre on Wednesday, April 6 at 9.30 am or at home, to be given out on Palm Sunday, don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office to help.

Looking to you for your usual generous support.

Fr Greg & Fr Paul.

CHURCH CLEANING:

MONDAY APRIL 11 AFTER THE 9AM MASS.

We are calling for Volunteers to help clean the church prior to the Season of Easter. We will be cleaning inside and out, and as always many hands make light work. Of course great company and cuppa served in the Jordan room after the cleaning. 😊

BUS TO CHRISM MASS

BUS BOOKING SHEET IN THE FOYER TODAY

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 12 April at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The priests of our Diocese gather for this celebration with Most Rev Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitment. During Mass, the oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and then taken back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. **The Bus will leave at 5:30pm.**

Don't forget to book your seat on the Bus!

VISITING THE SICK IN THEIR HOMES

Fr Greg and Fr Paul are offering from Tuesday, April 6 to Friday, April 8, to visit the sick. If you wish a visit, please contact the parish office to organise an appointment.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) UPDATE

PLEASE KEEP CANDIDATES IN YOUR PRAYERS

We invite you to keep our candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church in your prayers. At the Holy Saturday Easter celebration, Amanda, Brant, Connor and Natalie will celebrate their Sacraments of Initiation.

During Lent, as we all prepare for Easter, our candidates prepare in a special way at three consecutive Sunday masses in rites known as "scrutinies". These scrutinies are a public witness of the commitment these members of our parish are taking. It offers us the chance to pray for and journey with them, as we all continue our lifelong call and conversion to follow Jesus.

SENIOR SERVERS AND ACOLYTES TRAINING - TODAY

FR GREG REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE

FOR THIS IMPORTANT TRAINING TODAY, APRIL 3

The meeting will commence at 3:00 pm in the Church.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 10

We are celebrating Mass for Fr Greg's birthday at 9:30am followed by morning tea and birthday cake in the Jordan Room.

INVALID AND ILLICIT CELEBRATION OF THE MASS.

Dear Parishioners,

Fr Greg is aware that a number of parishioners have received personal invitations to attend the "Latin Mass" at Kariong and implores those who have to please ignore them as this is not a Roman Catholic celebration of the Eucharist.

Indeed the bishop advises all parishioners that to participate in this would be to participate in an invalid and illicit celebration of the Mass.

Bishop Anthony also advises that an approved celebration of the Mass in Latin is held at 4.30pm each Sunday at St Benedict's Church, Arcadia for those who would like to attend Latin Mass.

Fr Greg is open to speaking with anyone who may have questions about this.....

On behalf of Fr Greg.

SUNDAY BUS DRIVERS TO BRING THE ELDERLY TO MASS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Our Sunday team has been hit with everything and we are now down to 1 / 2 drivers to cover four to five runs per month which isn't sustainable. We are desperately in need of drivers with a Light Rigid licence who would be willing to take one run per month to bring our aged care residents and elderly parishioners to the 9.30am Mass. Sadly if we can't find any drivers we will be forced to stop this service to those who have no other way of getting to Mass, or at a minimum, make it fortnightly. Helpers would also be needed to monitor passengers on the journey should we get the drivers to allow us to continue. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to know more. Thank you.



At the same time, we would like to thank Brian Jay, who is continuing to fill in for the upcoming Sundays as we have no other drivers.

Note: The Light Rigid drivers licence is easy to get and is very handy to have in your portfolio, so don't let that stop you from volunteering for the role.

LOOKING FOR ONCE-A-MONTH TEAMS TO STAFF A BBQ AT THE ST PATRICK'S MARKETS

We have been offered the opportunity to raise some funds by providing barbecued snags, bacon and eggs at the markets held at the Victoria Street campus each 3rd Saturday of the month, which we can't do without

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

After 9:00am Mass in the Jordan Room.



your help. We would need at least a couple of teams of say 3 or 4 each to cover a 4-5 hour day. If you are interested in volunteering your time for your parish, please speak with Father or call the Parish Office.

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

While we are about the business of asking for more helpers please to assist once a month at our coffee shop held after the 9am Mass each Saturday [full training given] – [please contact the Parish Office or pop in and speak to one of the volunteers there]

YOUTH ACTIVITY

ARISE GROUP YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Arise Group meet every Friday during school terms, in the school Library.

ASCENT GROUP YEARS 7 TO 12

Ascend Group meet every Sunday night during school terms, after 6:00 pm Youth Mass

AWAKE GROUP 18 TO 35 YEAR OLD

Awake Group meet the last Saturday of each month 7:00 pm in the Jordan Room

HAVE YOU LOST A HEARING AID?

This hearing aid was found on the top playground our weekend carpark.

Contact the Parish office if you have lost this one.



SOME BIG THANK YOUs

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED

TO THE SALVATORIAN SEMINARY COLLECTION

A total of \$2145 was sent to the Salvatorian Seminaries to help maintain them and support the Seminarians.

Once again Well done St Patrick's

THANK YOU TO SCOTT BEATTIE

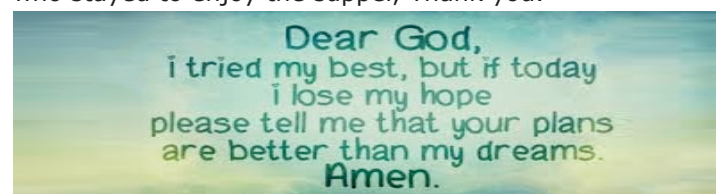
For all of his work in organising St Patrick's meetings and Response submissions for:

Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project

As part of the 35th anniversary of our Diocese of Broken Bay, Bishop Anthony Randazzo invites the community of the church on the Central Coast to journey forward together as pilgrims and missionaries. Bishop Anthony has identified the Central Coast as a particular context for a renewed proclamation of the Gospel, for evangelisation and catechesis, and for innovative pastoral creativity. Our pastoral discernment is an invitation to recall how the Spirit has guided our journey.

THANK YOU TO MARK AND ELVIRA BENNETT

For preparing light supper in Jordan Room after the Bishop's Penitential Service on Friday March 18. From those of us who stayed to enjoy the supper, Thank you.



PLENARY COUNCIL TAKES NEXT DISCERNMENT STEP

The four-year journey of discernment for the Fifth Plenary Council took a step forward this month, with Council Members invited to reflect on proposals emerging from the Council's first assembly, held last October.

Towards the Second Assembly: A Working Document for Members offered a focus for Members' continuing prayer and reflection, especially during March. It includes proposals drafted as part of the process of preparing resolutions for the Council's second assembly in July.

The Members were to spend the month of March in personal and shared reflection on the document, prepared in four sections by expert writing groups.

Towards the Second Assembly draws primarily on the "fruits" of the first assembly's discernment, discussion and contributions, published in December 2021.

The December document articulated the first assembly's raw proposals, which were later gathered into four themes:

- ◇ A Deeper Communion Enriched by Diversity;
- ◇ Ecclesial Leadership and Governance – Growing as Disciples and Servants of the Gospel;
- ◇ To Witness to Faith, Hope and Love as Missionary Disciples in the World;
- ◇ To Proclaim God's New Creation as People of Prayer, Healing and Hope.

"Towards the Second Assembly shows further movement of the Spirit; it emerges from discussion, reflection, shared prayer and collaborative writing," Bishop Shane Mackinlay explained.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE COUNCIL JOURNEY

A great way to reconnect with or enter more deeply into the Plenary Council journey is to read some of the key documents from the past four years. They capture how far the People of God

in Australia have travelled in that time. Documents you might wish to read again -- or read for the first time -- include:

Listen to What the Spirit is Saying -- the final report from the initial Listening and Dialogue phase of the Council;

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY –

the instrumentum laboris (working document) for the Council, published in mid-2021;

First Assembly Proposals from Small Groups and Individuals -- often referred to as the "Fruits of the First Assembly", published in December 2021.

You can find other key documents, including the six Thematic Discernment Papers, on the Plenary Council website.

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Easter Services for Gosford Catholic Parish				
Date	Time	Service	St Patrick's 76 York Street East Gosford	St Francis of Assisi 30 Lutana Rd Somersby
April 7	7 pm	2nd rite of Reconciliation	✠	
Holy Thursday				
April 14	7 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	✠	
Good Friday				
April 15	10 am	Stations of the Cross	✠	✠
	3 pm	Passion of the Lord	✠	✠
Easter Vigil				
April 16	7 pm	Service of the Light	✠	✠
Easter Sunday				
April 17	7:30 am	Mass	✠	
	9:30 am	Mass	✠	
	6: pm	Mass	✠	

MenAlive MEETING!

Tuesday 5th April at 7pm.

Men of the parish are invited to our Meetings


We meet at 7:00 pm, in the Church for Mass

Followed discussion in the Jordan room

If you're new to the parish or looking for an encouraging group this will be a perfect time to come and check out Men Alive!

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

IS 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 125. R. V.3

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

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

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

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

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

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND READING

PHIL 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JL 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

JN 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in

full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

THIS WEEK

Monday of the 5th Week of Lent

Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am*

Tuesday of the 5th Week of Lent

Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am*

Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent

Mass at St Patrick's 11:30 am*

Thursday of the 5th Week of Lent

Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am*

Friday of the 5th Week of Lent

Mass at St Patrick's 12:00 pm*

Saturday of the 5th Week of Lent

Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am*

Saturday 9th April Vigil Mass

Mass at St Patrick's 5:00 pm

Mass at Somersby 5:30 pm

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass at St Patrick's 7:30 am

Mass at St Patrick's 9:30 am*

Mass at St Patrick's 6:00 pm

* Designates Mass is Live-streamed

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

1st: Is 43:16-21

Ps: 21:8-9,17-20,23-24

2nd: Phil 2:6-11

Gos: Lk 22:14 - 23:56



YOUR ROSTER - APRIL 10, PALM SUNDAY

MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:30am	6:00pm	Somersby - 5:30pm	
DATE	09.04.22	10.04.22	10.04.22	10.04.22	Function	09.04.22
Audio/Visual	Anna Jung	Peter McLean	Tom Croll	Rayden Gomez	Audio/Visual	Michael Xuereb
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					Flowers	Rita Galea
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04/04 Gary Smith Diana Addis Neryl Tyrrell 11/04 Eunice Dal Busco Marie Cradock Margaret Hunter	P/Up 05/04 Thea Dowsett Ret'n by 09/04 SATURDAY COFFEE 09/04 Paul and Helene Hussein	Thu, Apr 09 Fran Thompson Audrey Morris Thea Dowsett Barbara Mills	10/03 To be Advised	09/04 Brian Jay Thank you again Brian! WE NEED MORE DRIVERS IF YOU HAVE A LIGHT RIGID DRIVERS LICENCE PLEASE JOIN THE ROSTER.	15/04 Theresa Giddings Mabel Kan Bigi Kongola Coleen Martin Denise Nicholson Sandra Petith Gary Wills	17/04 Robyn McBride Patsy McCaskie

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Sheryl Rogers, Bernadette Humphries, Marie Nolan, Megan McGowan, Damien Vella-Critien, Aaron Burke, Mery-Anne Bonnici, Lorraine Collins, Ross Sayer, Fred Boland, Teresa Davar, Rod Pelling, Susan Milne, Maura Garvey, Anne Holohan, Brent Senger, Oliver Senger, Christopher Michael Graham, Angela Gibbs, Peter Allman, Pam O'Malley-Jones, Judith Wennerbom, Marie O'Donovan, Frank McGuinness.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Clark, Joan Hill, Sisa McInerney, Gloria Morarth, Brian Norris, Frank Sultana.

ANNIVERSARIES:

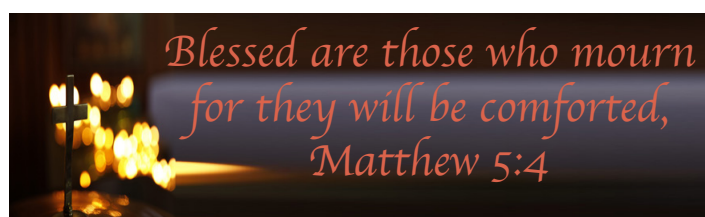
John Burg, Bill Anslow, Annie Muir, 2nd Anniversary Loretta Vianello, Anna Maria Maisano, Anne Van Ross.

REMEMBRANCES:

Rosa Pirrottina, Daryl Collins, Anna Maria Maisano, John Burg, Fariba Ghazi, Effie Fernandes, Glynn Mills, Val & Eric Neilson, Michael Kokegei.

CONDOLENCES:

Our condolences to all the family and friends of those recently deceased. We pray their souls rest in the arms of our Lord.



MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 02/04	9:00am Gosford & on line	+ 1ST Anniversary JOHN BURG
Sat 02/04	5:00pm Gosford	HOLY SOULS
Sat 02/04	5:30pm Somersby	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 03/04	7:30 am Gosford	+ Anniversary BILL ANSLOW
Sun 03/04	9:30 am Gosford	+ Remembrance DARYL COLLINS
Sun 02/04	10:30pm Spencer	
Sun 03/04	6:00 pm Gosford	2nd Anniversary LORETTA VIANELLO
Mon 05/04	9:00am Gosford & on line	52ND Wedding Anniversary GERARD & LUCY PRICE
Tue 06/04	9:00am Gosford & on line	"FOR THE ATKINS FAMILY"
Wed 07/04	11:30am Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance GLENN MILLS

Date	Mass	Intention
Thu 08/04	9:00am Gosford & on line	Birthday Blessings BRIALLEN MADGEN
Fri 09/04	12:00pm Gosford & on line	Special Intentions of the RANKINE & NEWTON FAMILIES
Sat 09/04	9:00am Gosford & on line	"PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND RUSSIA"
Sat 09/04	5:00pm Gosford	"FOR PHYL BOYD"
Sat 09/04	5:30am Somersby	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 10/04	7:30 am Gosford	+ Anniversary ANNIE MUIR
Sun 10/04	9:30 am Gosford & on Line	FR GREG'S BIRTHDAY MASS
Sun 10/04	6:00 pm Gosford	+ Remembrance ROSA PIRROTTINA

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