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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

Elijah's experience occurred on the mountain of God. Though in one tradition this mountain is Sinai (see Ex 19:1-6), this tradition identifies it as Horeb (see Dt 4:10-15a). Such a theophany was accompanied by spectacular phenomena. Perhaps the Israelites described it in this way to show that their God, not the god of the Canaanites, governed the powers of nature. Elijah witnessed the phenomena, but did not experience God within it. It was only when he heard a tiny whispering voice that he was gripped with the realisation of God's presence. No divine words were delivered. The voice itself was the experience. This suggests that the insignificant events of life can be the stage upon which God is revealed.

The psalm presumes a community waiting for a

prophetic oracle that will announce peace (v.9). The people's confidence in God rests in the conviction that they are God's own people. There is great expectancy here. The people have done what they can to get God's attention. The next move is God's. Lovingkindness, truth, justice and peace (v.11) are characteristics of the covenantal relationship. When they meet and embrace each other, salvation is complete, truth springs up from the earth, and justice comes down from heaven. All of creation, from earth to sky, shares in the benefits of the salvation by God. Paul speaks of his ardent attachment to his Jewish compatriots. Though he devoted himself to the conversion of the Gentiles, he never ceased loving the people from whom he came. Distressed that they did not accept Jesus as messiah, he is willing to be considered cursed (anáthema) and cut off from Christ for their sake. Paul was not the first leader to be willing to forfeit his future with God for the sake of his own people. Moses made the same offer (see Ex

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August



For World Youth Day We pray the World Youth Day in

Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



32:32). Paul lists seven prerogatives that his people enjoy as the chosen people of God. Interestingly, the greatest boast is that the Christ, the anointed one of God, came from their line.

In the gospel account, Jesus addresses the terror that the disciples experienced in seeing him walking toward them on the water with a typical divine response: Do not be afraid! To this he adds the theophanic exclamation: It is I; I am (ego eimi)! By walking on water, Jesus assumes the role of the creator-god who alone governs chaotic waters. Peter's faith is not strong enough to overcome his fear of such waters, and so he sinks. Thus he is a model of both faith and lack of faith. Ultimately, it was faith that won out, for Peter is saved when he cries out to Jesus. Those in the boat then pay Jesus homage, identifying him as the Son of God. The entire event was a manifestation of the extraordinary power that resided in Jesus. © Dianne Bergant CS





FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

Let us always reverence the Cross - then love and joyousness come by themselves. MM Letters 1903/08/27.





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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 - P	LUS ON LINE DAI	LY @ 9:00 PM		
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			
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Mon to Thu: 8:30am to 3:30pm Fri: 9:00am to 3:30pm

ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month, in the **Cancer Prayer Group** Jordan room. **Craft Group** 9:00am to 12:00pm Every Friday in the Jordan Room **Grief & Loss Support** Please contact Margaret on 0439257817... **Womens Faith Circle** 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month in the Primary Learning And Resource Centre 9:00am to 11:00am

7:00pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Mass followed by

meeting in the Jordan room. Seniors Ministry Meet 1st Tuesday of the month. Enquiries:

Monday Morning Prayer Group DVDs 1st Monday of the Month **Praver Groups** Prayer & Bible Discussion 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday

9:30 am after Mass of the Month Prayers for Christian Unity 3rd Monday of the Month

Bible Study - Monday 7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday, in the Jordan Room, all are niaht **Divine Will Prayer** 6:00pm to 7:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan Group Room. Salvatorian

3:00pm, 1st Saturday of the month, in the Jordan **Collaborators** Paddies - Youth Years 3 & 4 students, meet every Wednesday during

school terms in the Hall 3:00 to 4:30 pm. Years 5 & 6 students, meet every Friday during school terms, in the school Library 6:00pm. Arise - Youth Group

Years 7 to 12 meet every Sunday night during school Ascend - Youth Group terms, after 6:00 pm Youth Mass

18 to 35 year olds meet the last Saturday of each month 7:00 pm in the Jordan Room Awake - Young Adults Group

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For normal Mass Times see opposite on Page 2 Any exceptions will be listed below. Date Time Event Tue 15/08/2023 9:00 am The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Morning Mass. [Holy Day of Obligation] St Patrick's School Mass Somersby Mass 11:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00pm Mass at St Patrick's 6:00 pm Korean Mass followed by supper in 18/08/2023 Jordan Room Fri 6:00 pm Arise Youth Group in the School Hall. 18/08/23 Sat & Sun 19 & 20 All Masses Polish Donuts Parish Fundraiser Sun 20/08/23 3rd Sunday Morning Tea in the Jordan Room after Mass. 9:30 am Fri 25/08/23 7:00 pm Healing Evening Sun 2:30 pm Central Coast Choral present: 27/08/23 "Baroque and Beyond

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY'S OF THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

FOR 1ST RECONCILIATION & 1ST EUCHARIST WELCOME TO THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE PROGRAM

This Sunday, we welcome the Children preparing for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist to Mass. Over the next few weeks, these children will join us in the Mass to observe and learn the ritual of the Mass. We pray for the Holy Spirit to be present in them so they can understand the significance and true meaning of the Mass and this most blessed sacrament.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



August 15, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy. For further reading:

https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/the-assumption-561



WE ARE STILL DESPERATE FOR YOUR HELP!

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- Firstly, thank you to Frances Hickey who has decided to join the team on the 2nd Sunday of the month. You have our deepest appreciation Frances.
- Secondly though, our long time helper, Ellen McNally, has now decided it's time for her to retire and she takes with her our sincere thanks for her time and dedication.
- Lastly though, this now means we are a helper short as Ellen covered the 3rd & 5th Sundays.

Is there anyone who would like to join the team the brings our elderly to Mass – just a once-a-month commitment?? We'd love to hear from you at the office. 4325 1042.

- Sat morn coffee shop helper, specifically for the 1st and 4th Saturday of each month.
- We are also in desperate need of new AV operators for 5:00 pm Sat vigil Mass. It's much easier than you might think and full training is given.

If you can help in either of these roles we are will be forever grateful. Simply contact the Parish Office for more details and hopefully to put your name forward to the office.

LOST ITEMS

Available for viewing in the foyer today. Perhaps you have something there?

See the items on the Welcome Desk:

- Reading Glasses
- Scarfs
- A Gold Opal Card
- Several Rosary Beads
- Other odd bits and pieces

St Patrick's year of
DISCIPLESHIP

WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE

SALVATORIAN PILGRIMS

WELCOME HOME PILGRIMS!.

Our Pilgrims arrived home on Friday night and we will see most of them at Sunday Youth Mass at 6:00 pm this week.

The following photos are from the Main WD Mass with the Pope and from Fatima.









DIOCESAN PILGRIMS













ST PATRICK'S — YOUR PARISH

If you would like to support your parish long after you have gone, perhaps you may consider leaving a bequest?

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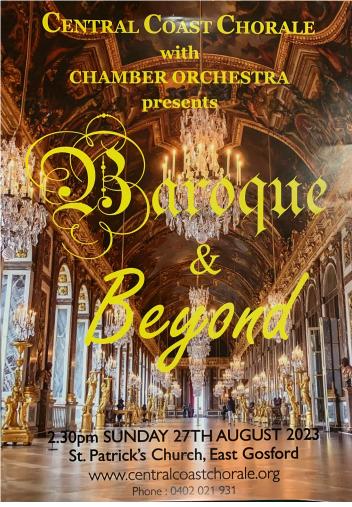
1. You may consider a living bequest, where you can see the benefit of your giving? If you prefer the idea of a living bequest, please just speak with Father, or contact the Parish Office On 43251042."

2. If you would like to leave a bequest in your Will, please ask your solicitor to include the following in

"I give, devise and bequeath [the sum of ... or my property known as ... or ...% of my estate] free of all duties and taxes to the parish priest of St. Patrick's Parish of the Roman Catholic Church East Gosford to be used for the purposes of that parish.

OR









God loves us so we can pass it on to others







ENTRANCE ANTIPHON CF PSALM 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING

1 KINGS 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 84:9-14. R. V.8

- (R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
- 1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it Mon St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be

condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **PSALM 129:5**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON **PSALM 147:12,14**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

THIS WEEK

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Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am

ASSUMPTION Tue of the **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Mass St Patrick's 9:00 am

Weekday, in Ordinary Time 19 Mass at St Patrick's 11:30 am

Thu Weekday, Ordinary Time 19

Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am

Weekday, Ordinary Time 19 Fri

Mass 12:00 noon

Weekday, Ordinary Time 19 Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am

Sat Vigil 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TTMF

> at St Pat's 5:00 pm at Somersby 5:30 pm

Sun 20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TTMF

> Mass at St Patrick's 7:30 am Mass at St Patrick's 9:30 am* Mass at St Patrick's 6:00 am

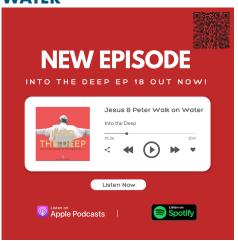
* Designates Mass is Live-streamed

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st: Is 56:1, 6-7 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 Ps 2nd· Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28 Gos:

NEW EPISODE OF INTO THE DEEP OUT NOW! **JESUS & PETER WALK ON** WATER



Join Jaimi for a solo episode this week as we dive into this week's Gospel, Matthew 14: 22-33. Exploring one of her favourite stories from the Gospels, Jaimi discusses what this story of Jesus and Peter walking on the water reveals about our hearts and Christ's heart, how God calls us into relationship with Himself, and challenges us to consider how we are allowing Jesus to climb into our own boats everyday. Let's dive in!

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R O S	TER – AUGU	ST 20, 20	th SUNDAY	IN ORDINA	RY TIME -	YEAR A
MASS	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM	Somersb	y - 5:30 PM
DATE	19/08/23	20/08/23	20/08/23	20/08/23	Function	19/08/23
Audio/Visual	Bernie Pannell	Sheila Evans	Peter McLean	John French	Audio/Visual	Matthew Xuereb
Acolytes	Sam Giddings	Huy Tran	Peter Cho	Joseph French	Sanctuary Setup	Nai Herford
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			Victoria Bennett			
21/08/23 Eunice Dal Busco Diana Addis Neryl Tyrrell 28/08/23 Eunice Dal Busco Ron Begg /ictoria Milanovic	ALTAR LINEN P/Up 14/08 Aimee Sands Ret'n by 18/08 COFFEE SHOP 19/08 Raelene O'Connor Bethany O'Connor Tiffany O'Connor	ALTAR SOCIETY Thu, 17/08 Maree Nolan Anna Neale Pauline Nesbitt Ros Moriarty Margaret Pratt	CHILDREN'S LITURGY 13/08 Sacramental Program No Children's Liturgy	PARISH BUS 20/08 Driver: Jorge Osorio Helper: Pauline Nesbitt	FRIDAY HOSPITAL 18/08 Elvira Bennett John Mccrae Bigi Kongola Coleen Martin Denise Nicholson Sandrea Petith Joan Vella-Critien Gary Wills	20/08 Sheila Evans Michael Lynch

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Shirley Anslow, Derek Melia, Lynn Watts, Judith Vale, Paul Jones, Cath Goudie, Jim Smith, Aaron Burke, Cheryl Barany, Margaret Gunnulson, John Bendkowski, Marie Allman, Christine Mary Page, Margaret Eadie, Peter Glow, Mike Morris, Robert Clark, Ranjan Fernando, Michael Ludemann, Marie Nolan, Caterina Erbeni, Philip Soady, Sheryl Rogers, Bernadette Humphries, Megan McGowan, Mery-Anne Bonnici, Ross Sayer, Teresa Davar, Susan Milne, Maura Garvey, Anne Holohan, Angela Gibbs, Peter Allman, Pam O'Malley-Jones, Judith Wennerbom.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mariana Kuitkowska, Bryson Dimovski, June O'Hare, Denis Watt, Loraine Collins, June O'Hare, Robert [Bob] Miller, Brian Graham, Derek Adams.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ron Hincksman, Thelma Tate, Connie Mae Vaughan, Raffaele Spano, Daryl Collins, Carmelo Luci, George Frediani.

REMEMBRANCES

Rexley Joan Shears, Val & Eric Neilson, Ronald Freeman, the Friquet Family, Maria Dabski, Joyce Shanks, Grace & Lorenza Bajada, Aniela Dabska, Malcolm Frost-Foster, Val & Eric Neilson, Michael Kokegei.

CONDOLENCES:

Sincere condolences to the family of June O'Hare, on the recent passing of June.

Also, condolences to Clara Watt and her children on the passing of husband and father, Denis Watt, who recently passed.

The most important prayer in the world is just two words long:
"Thank You.".

-Meister Eckhart

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention	
Sat 12/08	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTERCESSIONS	Wed 16/08	11:30 am Gosford	PRIVATE INTENTION	
Sat 12/08	4:00pm Spencer	+ Remembrance REXLEY JOAN SHEARS				
Sat 12/08	5:00pm Gosford	PRIVATE INTENTION	Thu 17/08	9:00 am Gosford	Recently Deceased DENIS GEORGE WATT	
Sat 12/08	5:30pm Somersby	+ Remembrance VAL & ERIC NEILSON	Fri 18/08	12:00pm Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance	
Sun 13/08	7:30 am Gosford	Parish Intentions			MARIA DABSKI	
Sun 13/08	9:30 am Gosford	Recently Deceased MARIANA KUITKOWSKA	Sat 19/08	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTERCESSIONS	
,	& on line	KUITKOWSKA	Sat 19/08	5:00pm Gosford	PRIVATE INTENTION	
Sun 13/08	6:00 pm Gosford	Recently Deceased BRYSON DIMOVSKI For the Intentions of the Driver of the Vehicle	Sat 19/08	5:30pm Somersby		
		Vehicle	Sun 20/08	7:30 am Gosford		
Mon 14/08	9:00 am Gosford	PRIVATE INTENTION	Sun 20/08	9:30 am Gosford	+ Anniversaries	
Tue 15/08	9:00 am Gosford	PRIVATE INTENTION	,	& on line	MARIA & GIUSEPPE PORPIGLIA	
	11:00 am Gosford	+ Remembrances RONALD FREEMAN & THE FRIQUET FAMILY	Sun 20/08	6:00 pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	
	5:00 pm Somersby	+ Remembrances				
	7:00 pm Gosford	VAL & ERIC NEILSON + Remembrance MARIA DABSKI				

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