



Parish of Gosford

The Shrine of St John Paul II

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.



St Patrick's Gosford

Year of

COURAGE

OLD TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

BY MARK O'BRIEN

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

The Wisdom of Solomon is known to us only in Greek as part of the longer list of inspired books in the Greek Old Testament (Septuagint or LXX); it is not in the canon of the Hebrew Bible. It was most likely written in Greek by a Jew living in the diaspora. It is generally dated in the late 1st century BCE and was probably attributed to Solomon in recognition of his legendary wisdom as well as to give the book added clout (a promotional ploy). An interesting feature of the book is the way it reflects changes in Israelite theology under the impact of Hellenistic thought and culture. One might think there are Christian ideas of soul and body, immortality and original sin in our reading but caution is advised. There are significant differences.

For example, the opening lines of our reading could give the impression that, for this author, God created human beings immortal and that immortality was lost through 'the devil's envy' - one of the few Old Testament texts that refer to the garden story of Genesis 2-3 and one that turns the serpent (one of God's creatures) of that story into a demonic figure. However, a consideration of the book indicates the author accepted that all creatures, human beings included, die naturally. What God intended to bestow on the human being was the gift of imperishable life but this was forfeited by the human being transferring its loyalty from God to the devil (exposed by the reality of sin). This leads in turn to a reconsideration of the meaning of the term death in the statement 'it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world'. It would seem that this is best interpreted as a spiritual death that the wicked bring upon themselves. That this spiritual death is something that afflicts the wicked, or with which the wicked are punished for their sins, is borne out by the way the reading does not paint a picture of 'original sin' affecting everyone and indeed all creation in some way. Note the statements that 'the world's created things (including human beings) have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth'. This is a very positive view of creation, echoing the statement in Genesis 1:31 that God saw all that he had made and 'indeed it was very good'.

For an idea of how this author sees the wicked and the spiritual death that is their lives, read the verses in between the selection that is our reading (that is, 2:1-22). Part of this text forms the Old Testament reading for the 4th Friday of Lent. The presence of reported speech in this section suggests to some that the author is quoting the words of his adversaries and that the book is partly the product of an intense and at times hostile



"YOUNG GIRL, I SAY TO YOU, ARISE."

debate in late post-exilic Judaism. New Testament authors no doubt drew on aspects of this author's theology as well as other works of the so-called 'inter-testamental period'.

Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

The responsorial psalm is a thanksgiving psalm and it is a pity that a verse is missing from the selection in the lectionary because it helps to explain such statements as 'His anger lasts a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.' In the missing verse the psalmist confesses to having committed a sin of pride, saying 'in my prosperity, "I shall not be moved"'. He or she forgot that it is God who bestows favour. According to the following verses, God hid his face and 'I was dismayed'. This was experienced as being bested by enemies and coming close to the grave. We always seek to make sense of experience by providing an interpretation of it and relating it to the larger 'whole' of our lives in some way. For people of faith the role of God almost inevitably becomes a factor, as in this case. But what the psalmist sees as the hiding of the divine face was for a good purpose; it led the psalmist to acknowledge his/her wrong and to cry to God for forgiveness. The outcome was presumably a happier life for which the psalmist gives thanks to God ('you have changed my mourning into dancing').

It is at times hard to pin down what is the precise source of, or reason for, a psalmist's lament in some of the psalms. In this psalm one has the initial impression that enemies are the problem but then it is the threat of death, perhaps from sickness or what enemies have done. Other psalms use the imagery of being all alone, of being surrounded by wild beasts, of being tossed about like flotsam in the sea. One has the impression that there was a repertoire of images and metaphors that could be used to voice a variety of laments or to respond to a variety of lamentable situations. This was probably deliberate; it enabled such psalms, whether lament or thanksgiving, to be used by a wide variety of people in a wide variety of situations. In short, it is the ritual or stylized language that one often finds in the liturgy.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

JUNE

For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries..



FR. Francis Jordan

Preaching, confessions, the novices' instructions, interaction with others: do all of this well, also with graciousness and warmth.

BL Diary 1890 in ES Note 181.



ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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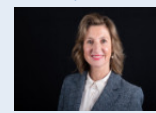
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SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:	Hilary Pope hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au
EMAIL:	If you see any activities involving children or vulnerable adults that concerns you, please email Hilary Pope, our Safeguarding Officer.



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 Devotion to St JPII after Mass

Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

WEEKEND MASSES INCL. CONFESSION 30 MIN BEFORE

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

Sat Vigil: 5:00pm	Sun: 7:30am, 9:30am & 6:00pm
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Filipino Mass:	2nd Sunday of each month: 12:00pm
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SPENCER, 4200 WISEMANS FERRY RD	4:00pm 2nd Sat of Month
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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, Tue, Wed, Thu	Rosary Begins 1 Hour Before Mass
Fridays	11:35 am to 11:55 pm (30 Mins Before Mass)
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

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	Please contact Margaret on 0439257817..
Women's Faith Circle	2nd and 4th Friday of the Month in the Primary Learning And Resource Centre 6:00 pm to 7:45 am
MenAlive	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 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!
Divine Will Prayer Group	6:00pm to 7:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan Room.
Salvatorian Collaborators	3:00pm, 4 th Saturday of the month, in the Jordan room.
Paddies - Youth	Years 3 & 4 students, meet every Friday during school terms in the Hall 3:00 to 4:30 pm.
Arise - Youth Group	Years 5 & 6 students, meet every Friday during school terms, in the school Library 6:00pm.
Ascend - Youth Group	Years 7 to 12 meet every Sunday night during school terms, after 6:00 pm Youth Mass
Awake - Young Adults Group	18 to 35 year olds meet the last Saturday of each month 7:00 pm in the Jordan Room
Children's Liturgy	Every Sunday during the 9:30am Mass except during school holidays and during Sacramental program formation. All Children's Liturgy Leaders are cleared with Working with Children Checks.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

Committed leadership, governance & culture

Key Elements of Standard 1:

- † A Commitment to Safeguarding
- † Promoting a Safeguarding Culture
- † Safeguarding Policies
- † Code of Conduct



UPCOMING EVENTS

FOR NORMAL MASS TIMES SEE OPPOSITE ON PAGE 2 ANY EXCEPTIONS WILL BE LISTED BELOW.

Date	Time	Event
Wed 03/07/24	7:00 – 8:00pm	Alpha Program
Fri 05/07/24	12:00pm	Healing Mass
Fri 05/07/24	6:00 – 8:00pm	Arise at Hall Wkly During School Terms

PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY

ANY DONATIONS TO PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY ARE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

PWBB APPEAL - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Our Diocese of Broken Bay continue their appeal to support the pastoral works program which supports a wide range of charities in our Diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities and the Ephpheta Centre which supports the deaf community. This financial year, Gosford Parish has been asked to collect \$60,319 for the 2023/24 appeal. More information about donations below:

PWBB Total to be Raised by Gosford Parish

60,319	APPEAL 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR <i>Our allotted target this year is: \$60,319 to be collected by June 30, 2024.</i> COLLECTED TO DATE: \$53,415 BALANCE OWING: \$6,904
60,000	
55,000	
50,000	
45,000	
40,000	
35,000	
30,000	
25,000	
20,000	
15,000	<i>Thank you so much for your generosity to date.</i> A long way to go!
10,000	
5,000	



Thank you for your generosity

Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donations support two key diocesan ministries:

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay



Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Catechists taking the gospel to state school students.



Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners

Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or are sick in hospital.



St Lucy's School

Serving year K-12 students with disabilities.



St Edmund's College

Serving year 7-12 students with disabilities.



Ephpheta Centre

Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.



All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. ABN 87 849 944 998
To donate, complete the form in the envelope available in your parish and return to your parish.
Or go online by scanning the QR code or visiting: bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S & ST EDWARD'S STUDENTS: RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS AT OUR VIGIL MASS THIS WEEKEND

Mr Tony Beacroft of St Edward's and Mr Scott Beattie of St Joseph's Colleges have been working with a number of students who have expressed a desire to become Catholic or complete their sacraments. The conclusion of this takes place at our Vigil Mass this weekend when we welcome our Celebrant, Bishop Anthony Randazzo, the students and their families on this very special occasion. Please keep them in your prayers.

BAPTISM PRESENTATION

Our parish warmly welcomes the family of Eli Wolf Hemingway, who will be presented for the Sacrament of Baptism at the 9:30am Mass this Sunday!

JORDAN ROOM CLEAN-UP

Thank you to the team, consisting of Dianne Dankwah, Jim & Jenny Appleby, Dominique Norris, Paul Galea, and Graeme & Anita Venn, who cleaned out the Jordan Room store and kitchen last Wednesday, and to Paul for the use of his trailer. Great work, team.

THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO THE CALL

We appear to have two people interested in taking on the role of Friday Hospital Visiting Coord which will certainly help share the load. They are looking to trial it and we are very hopeful that we will be able to continue to visit and take communion to Catholic patients at Gosford Hospital.

MASSES AT MANGROVE MOUNTAINS

In three weeks time our parish will start again Masses on Saturdays at Mangrove Mountains. A new location and more details will be announced at the middle of July. We look forward to reconnect again with all parishioners from that area.

YOUR PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FOYER

Subscribing to our planned giving program – which is another way of saying that you commit to supporting our 2nd Collection that covers the payment of all operating expenses for the church, which are numerous, and the support of our priests, via popping your donation into an allocated envelope when at Mass that is connected to your name. It is our preferred method of giving simply because it assists us in setting our budgets. Or, the same thing can be achieved by a monthly credit or debit card deduction we could arrange together. Donations are not tax deductible but we would be happy to include a monthly PWBB envelope into your packet as donations to that fund are 100% tax deductible. Please contact the office, or complete and submit the tear off available in this Bulletin, and we'll be in touch. For those already enrolled in the program, your envelopes are available today, and we sincerely thank you for your support.

TEAR OFF

I AM INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PLANNED GIVING. PLEASE CONTACT ME:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

School holidays are almost here!



PROGRAMS HERE

JULY VACATION CARE

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/vacation-care

School holidays are just around the corner! CatholicCare, who manage 17 of our OSHC's have an exciting vacation care program lined up. This holiday break, a wide range of activities and local excursions are happening in your area.

SENIOR'S BUS TRIP

TUESDAY 2ND JULY
MOONEY MOONEY CLUB

DEPARTING @ 9:30AM

\$10 EACH | MORNING TEA PROVIDED | LUNCH AT OWN COST

LUNCH INCLUDES SELECTION OF CHICKEN SCHNITZEL, BATTERED FISH & CHIPS, OR CAESAR SALAD.

PLEASE TELL US YOUR ORDER WHEN YOU CALL OR LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR BOOKING PURPOSES

CONTACT BARBARA 4322 0250
OR EUNICE 0438 272 141
PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE



ST PATRICK'S WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE

2nd and 4th

Friday of the month in the Primary Learning & Resource Centre
6:00-7:45pm

Free, confidential faith based counselling available for parishioners of St Patrick's.

Available for adolescents, adults, couples and families by trained, experienced Clinical Psychologist. Supported by Catholic Care.



TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE



NATIONAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

IGNITE CONFERENCE 24

RISE UP!

INSPIRING RALLIES OUTDOOR FESTIVAL
SOURCE & SUMMIT SACRAMENTS
ENGAGING & PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
STREAMS FOR KIDS, HIGH SCHOOLERS, YOUNG ADULTS AND DEEPER FORMATION FOR 25+



BRISBANE
19-22 SEPTEMBER 2024
ST LAURENCE'S COLLEGE, SOUTH BRISBANE

GREATER SYDNEY
26-29 SEPTEMBER 2024
CATHEDRAL PRECINCT, WATARA

BE IN THE ROOM
BRING A GROUP
SPONSOR A DELEGATE
BRING A FRIEND



PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!

We are thrilled to announce that our Annual Cake stall was a resounding success. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all Parishioners who generously donated AMAZING baked treats, which were sold at all Masses last weekend. Thank you also to those who purchased baked goodies and supported our parish, we hope that you enjoyed your sweet treats with family and loved ones! Keep an eye on the bulletin to hear about next month's EXCITING new Fundraising initiative.

More details will be announced soon!

NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK

National NAIDOC Week is held every year across Australia, with this year's celebrations starting on July 7th, 2024. This is a time when all Australians can come together to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across Australia.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

We often get calls from people who have left something in the church and often are left searching a number of places before we either find it or determine we don't have it. We now have a 'LOST & FOUND' box near the Welcomers' desk, beside the stairs. If you find something could it please be placed in this box for easy location? Many thanks.

INTERESTED IN A JOB WITH CATHOLICARE?

We are the social care and support agency of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay, assisting children, young people and adults to live more enriched lives.

We provide quality services tailored to individual needs which consider people's social and cultural backgrounds. Our team are inspired, capable, compassionate and embody our values and demonstrate our mission in their work. In return for their passion and commitment we offer great benefits to ensure our people are motivated, challenged and supported to achieve their full potential including flexible work arrangements, employee assistance program, salary packaging options, meal and entertainment benefits, annual leave loading, leadership programs, rewards and recognition and a sign on bonus for selected roles. To see current job vacancies visit the qr code:



CatholicCare
Diocese of Broken Bay

WE ARE HIRING!

CatholicCare is the social care agency of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Our people embody our values and demonstrate our mission in their everyday work.

www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/careers



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OUR 2024/25 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF JUNE

so now is the time to contact the office if you would like to obtain a set of envelopes into which you may place your donations each week, or when you are able. We look forward to your call.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

WOULD THE OWNERS OF PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE NUMBERS 2054 & 2066 PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

DONATE TO OUR PARISH

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT

Account Name:


Gosford Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784

Account No: 100001599

Please remember to always include a reference if a deposit is for a specific purpose, e.g. PWBB. If a deposit is a donation that doesn't require a receipt, the word 'donation' would suffice.

Thank you so much for your generosity!



SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Devotion to St John Paul II

EACH SATURDAY @ 9AM MASS



"YOUNG GIRL, I SAY TO YOU, ARISE."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PSALM 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

WISDOM 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7. 9. 13-15

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others

you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 TIMOTHY 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MARK 5:21-24. 35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Young girl, I say to you, arise.
When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf PSALM 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

SAFEGUARDING

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

The United Nations established World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAD) in 2011 to raise awareness about the abuse, neglect, and exploitation that older persons face while promoting respect and dignity for this population. The programming for WEAD this year, commencing 15 June, places the Spotlight on Older Persons in Emergencies. Emergencies, whether natural disasters, pandemics, or conflicts, disproportionately impact older persons. These events often exacerbate existing vulnerabilities, making it essential to address their needs in emergency planning and response. Older persons may face mobility issues, chronic health conditions, or social isolation, making it difficult for them to access aid, evacuate safely, or receive timely medical care and support services.

Awareness of Elder Abuse within our community

Alarming data released by the NSW Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) shows a 38 per cent increase in statutory reports about the abuse of older people, with 53 per cent of these reports relating to allegations against adult children. The numbers will continue to rise unless we talk more about elder abuse.

The data reported by NSW Ageing and Disability Commission during 2020-2022 showed:

67 per cent of reports about abuse related to older women.

Regional NSW accounted for just over half of reports, with the Hunter, Illawarra Shoalhaven, and Central Coast the most common areas.

Adult Children (29 per cent) and paid workers (28 per cent) were the main reporters.

Signs of abuse can include the older person is no longer receiving the services they need to live, they are being prevented from speaking or seeing family, friends or grandchildren, or they cannot spend or access their own money.

Anyone can call the NSW Ageing and Disability Abuse Helpline on 1800 628 221 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm) for information, support or to make a report.



ROSTER — JUNE 30TH , THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm
Date	06.07.24	07.07.24	07.07.24	07.07.24
Audio Visual	Johan Fernandes	Ron Begg	Greg McBride	Sam O'Connor
Acolytes	Johnson Fernandes	Sheila Evans	Tim Dasan	Kevin O'Donnell
	Alberto Torres	Eunice Dal Busco	Peter McLean	Mark Bennett
Commentator	Maisie Tenev	John Konopka	Emily Rudd	Cheryl Walsh
Lectors	Val Dibben	Chris Golden	Maria Nardi	Rayden Gomez
	Thea Dowsett	Margaret Eadie	Steph Trevenen	Nora Koleszar
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Anita Fernandes	Joy McHugh	Steph Trevenen	Sherree Sullivan
Altar Servers	Dominic Chehade	Veronica Chechelska	Cara Eades	Reagan Gomez
	Christopher Chehade	Sobina Chechelska	Alexander Warner	Evana Jose
	Amin Chehade		Jamie Nardi	Gabriel Guirguis
	Alvita Fernandes		Montana Nardi	Diesel Parletta
	Annette Fernandes			Victoria Bennett
COUNTERS 24/06/24 Eunice Dal Busco Diana Addis Ron Begg	ALTAR LINEN P/Up 01/07/24 Aimee Sands Ret'n by 05/07/24	ALTAR SOCIETY Sat 06/07/24 Eunice Dal Busco Mabel Kan Susan Tabone Thea Hemming	PARISH BUS 07/07/24 Driver Dominik Giemza Helper Carmen Chetcuti	FRIDAY HOSPITAL 05/07/24 Co:Theresa Giddings Colleen Drummond Bigi Kongola Coleen Martin Denise Nicholson Sandrea Petith Joan Vella-Critien Gary Wills
01/07/24 Trudie Hiep Lyn Beglin Ron Begg	COFFEE SHOP 06/07/24 Jenny Appleby Anita Venn Michael Tabone	CHILDREN'S LITURGY 07/07/24 No Children's Liturgy [Family Mass]		SUNDAY HOSPITAL 07/07/24 John McCrae Nora Koleszar

PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Josephine & Des Freeman, Mary Brown, Moira O'Neill, Caterina Erbeni, Brian Connell, Jessica Anslow, Soon Hock, Margaret Mathieson, Paul Jones, Claire Hastings, Joshua Herbert, Mery-Anne Bonnici, Aaron Burke, Robyn McBride, Jadwiga Skulska, Joshua McCarroll, Gloria Emara.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dorothy Auld, Joyce Lee, June Edwards, Hector Borg, John Thompson, Adam Vella, Angela Van Dyke.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marie Smith, Miceal Murtagh, Margaret Cook, Maria Dabski, Lawrence Muir, Elaine Murphy, Olga Quinn, Pasquale Meduri.

REMEMBRANCES

Holy Souls, Raffael Spano, Charlie Luci, Keval Murphy, Ronald Freeman, Friquet Family.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to any members of our parish who have experienced the recent passing of relatives and friends. May God welcome them into his Heavenly home and grant them eternal rest.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 29/06	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sat 29/06	5:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrances MAUDE & REGIS MONVOISIN PRIVATE INTENTIONS [FG]
Sun 30/06	7:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 30/06	9:30am Gosford	+ 1ST Anniversary MARIE SMITH
Sun 30/06	6:00pm Gosford	In Thanksgiving EMILY RUDD
Mon 01/07	9:00am Gosford	Recently Deceased JUNE EDWARDS
Tue 02/07	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversary MICEAL MURTAGH
Wed 03/07	11:30am Gosford	+ 7TH Anniversary MARGARET COOKE

Date	Mass	Intention
Thu 04/07	9:00am Gosford	HOLY SOULS
Fri 05/07	12:00pm Gosford	Thanksgiving to the MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Sat 06/07	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sat 06/07	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary MARIA DABSKI
Sun 07/07	7:30am Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sun 07/07	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 07/07	6:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrances RAFFAELE SPANO & CHARLIE LUCI

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