



Parish of Gosford

The Shrine of St John Paul II

The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosford, Mangrove Mountain Community, & Holy Trinity Spencer Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.



Gosford Parish

Year of

JOY

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

This Sunday in Advent was traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday because of the theme of 'rejoicing' that pervades it ('Gaudete', the Latin for 'Rejoice', being the opening word of the old entrance ['Introit'] antiphon). The liturgy invites us to rejoice because at the halfway moment of Advent we are aware of how close we are to proximity of the salvation that will come to us at Christmas.

The main theme in the First Reading, from Zephaniah 3:14-18, is 'Do not fear'; Israel's God is so close as to be actually already 'in your midst'. Even more striking perhaps is the assurance that the Lord God 'will renew you by his love' and 'will dance with shouts of joy for you'. Scripture is constantly challenging our image of God. The idea of the Lord God as one who 'dances with Israel as on a day of festival' is perhaps novel in Australia – though I have been at liturgies in Africa where everyone, including the clergy, join in the dance. We have lost a great deal by reducing our liturgical celebrations to something so 'spiritual' and so cerebral. If Scripture invites us to think of God as dancing with shouts of joy, perhaps we should not be so hesitant to bring our bodies and their capacity for movement back into our celebrations.

Likewise, St Paul insists in the Second Reading, from Philippians 4:4-7, that his community rejoice. Joy stems above all from a sense of being loved. In the Christian community the experience of the Spirit is essentially a sense that one is loved by God and lovingly grasped within God's saving design (Rom 5:5; 8:15; Gal 4:6-7). Of course, anxieties and worries remain. Paul's remedy for this is that they be taken to God in prayer. Also, he urges the community to cultivate at all times a sense of thanksgiving. Thanking and blessing God, even for the difficult things that come our way, creates a mysterious sense of peace that is truly the gift of God.

The Gospel, Luke 3:10-18, returns to the preaching of John the Baptist. This comes in two rather different parts. In response to the people's query as to how conversion of heart might work itself out in practice, John first offers some concrete suggestions, addressed to three distinct groups: the crowds, tax collectors and soldiers. Beneath the advice in each case is a central Lukan concern: nothing so hinders relationship to God, nothing so dehumanizes human beings and ruins life in community, as attachment to wealth and possessions. In each case John urges justice and generosity. The tax collectors and the soldiers (soldiers in Palestinian society of the time had the role, more or less, of police in our



society today) were both in a position to extort money from ordinary people. John exhorts the tax collectors to exact no more than is their due. The soldiers on the other hand were to 'be content with their pay' in the sense of not seeking to augment it by violence and extortion. Social justice is always the acid test of true conversion of heart.

The second part of John's message returns more directly to his role as precursor of Christ. Deflecting expectation away from the idea that he himself might be the Messiah, John points to the distinction between his role and that of the One who is to come. He baptises with water – a simple ritual of repentance. The Messiah will baptise 'with the Holy Spirit and fire'.

This description of the role of Jesus sounds rather threatening. In effect, however, the 'baptism' that Jesus brings should be understood in a metaphorical sense. It probably should be referred to the experience of the Spirit, where the Father's address to Jesus following his baptism ('You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you' [Luke 3:22]) is extended to believers. The love and favour that Jesus experiences from the Father will become the experience of all who respond in faith to the Gospel. The Church will undergo this 'baptism' at Pentecost when the Spirit comes down upon the disciples in tongues, 'as if of fire' (Acts 2:1-4), empowering them to take up the mission of Jesus.

John's final description of the Coming One's mission evokes the vivid image of wielding a winnowing fan to separate wheat from chaff. In fact, Jesus will hardly take up the threatening pattern of ministry that John sketches for him here. He will heal and forgive and warn, yes, but not judge or condemn; with sinners he will celebrate the mercy of God (5:27-32; 15:1-2). The divergence may explain why later, from prison, John sends messengers to ask whether Jesus is truly the One to come (7:20). As so often in Luke's Gospel, we find both continuity and surprise in equal measure.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

DECEMBER

For Pilgrims Of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



FR. Francis Jordan

If you have left all things in fact and with your will you cling to Christ alone, then you will convert many to Christ, then you will achieve great things! What a great calling!

JT 1898/02/04



ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF SALVATORIANS
Society of the Divine Saviour

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

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:	Hilary Pope hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au
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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
Filipino Mass:	2nd Sunday of each month: 12:00pm
Mangrove Mountain	Sat Vigil 5:00pm St Dionysius Church 21 Nurses Road, Central Mangrove
SPENCER, 4200 WISEMANS FERRY RD	
	4:00pm 2nd Sat 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, 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:	8:00am to 5:00pm
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
Men of the Sacred Heart	3 rd Saturday of the month. 5:00pm Mass followed by meeting in the Jordan room.
Seniors Ministry	Activities 1st Tuesday of the month. Enquiries: Barb: 4322 0250 or Eunice: 0438 272 141
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

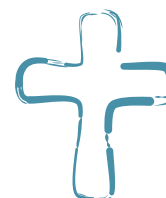


NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

Committed leadership, governance & culture

Key Elements of Standard 1:

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



FR GREG'S MOTHER

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to ask you to join me in prayer for my beloved mother Jadwiga. More than one week she is in the hospital in very bad condition. Doctors support her with palliative care and will not continue to do any more chemotherapy treatment. Every day she becomes more weak and can't even walk, eat and even speak too much. I'm prepared at this moment to leave immediately if I have to go to Poland in next few days if her condition will not improve.

In this very busy time of the year it is very difficult but gain straight from trusting God and accepting his will for our family.

Please continue to pray for my mother and my family.

Thank you and God bless!

Fr Greg,

Parish Priest

ANNUAL SALVATORIAN SEMINARY APPEAL 2024

On behalf of the Salvatorian Fathers, I would like to wholeheartedly thank you for all your prayers, and most kind donations towards our Salvatorian Seminary Appeal in 2024. Every amount donated helps contribute financially towards the 12 seminarians currently in formation in the Philippines. As the financial cost is quite substantial at \$14,000 for each seminarian annually, and with a vision to welcome another 3 candidates in 2025, we greatly appreciate your continued financial support, which is vital towards the formation of future vocations in Australia. May God bless you in abundance.

Fr. George Kolodziej SDS,

Superior of the Salvatorians, Australian Region.

A HUGE THANK YOU

TO MRS BARBARA MCCARTHY

for her beautiful commitment to the Catechist Ministry. Barbara dedicated 41 years to sharing God's good news to our Parish public school students. With Barbara's retirement from the Catechist Ministry we would love to find someone to take Barbara's class. Please contact Raelene for further details 0499 995 292.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENT WITH OUR PARISH AND THREE SCHOOLS LAST WEEK



OUR NEW SACRISTY

is finally finished! We would like once again thank Paul and Mary for their support to cover all costs of that project. God bless them.



VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING MASS & SUPPER LAST TUESDAY



COMMITMENT TO LAY SALVATORIANS LAST SUNDAY

Congratulations to Elvira and Mark Benette who became Lay Salvatorians last Sunday in our parish!



JPII CENTRE

We would like to advise everyone that the JPII Centre display rooms will be closed until the end of January 2025. Thank you to everyone who visited. We look forward to welcoming everyone in the new year to see our displays.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEANING

We invite one and all to join us for a morning of cleaning the church on Thursday December 19 following the 9am Mass, and then followed by morning tea in the Jordan Room. Just bring yourselves, your energy, and perhaps some cleaning products.

VISITING THE SICK OR HOUSEBOUND BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Frs Greg & Bronek would like to visit and offer the sacraments to anyone who is unable to make it to church to receive them. If you know of someone who would like to be visited on Thursday Dec 19 from 11.30am until 1.30pm or on Friday Dec 20 from 9.30am until 11.30am, could you please advise the Parish Office on 4325 1042.

INVITATION TO CLERGY AND THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN BROKEN BAY

Bishop Anthony prayerfully welcomes clergy and the People of God in Broken Bay to join him on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday 29 December for 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara and to officially mark the beginning of the 2025 Holy Jubilee.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

May the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

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Joseph House is a place of intentional discernment. Residents engage in daily prayer, fraternity, and spiritual formation, helping them realise the universal call to holiness received at Baptism and discern God's specific plan for their lives. This is achieved while they continue with their regular employment, studies, and social activities.



To apply today go to:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/vocations/joseph-house>
For more information, contact Vocations Broken Bay on
02 8379 1626 | 0418 522 449 or email josephhouse@bbcatholic.org.au

An advertisement for the Shrine of St John Paul II. It features a central image of a golden shrine with a red background. The text is as follows:

SHRINE OF ST
JOHN PAUL II
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

**Devotion to
St John Paul II**

EACH SATURDAY
@ 9AM MASS

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR MASS
AND SPECIAL PRAYERS OFFERED
THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST
POPE JOHN PAUL II

ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD / SHRINE OF JP II

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**25 DEC, CHRISTMAS DAY
11:30AM IN THE JP II CENTRE
DONATION BOX AT THE DOOR
ALL AGES WELCOME!**

**Please RSVP for catering purposes by
Friday, 20th December -
CONTACT BARBARA 4322 0250 /
EUNICE 0438 272 141**

THANK YOU TO...

The Parish Staff and ancillary volunteers who worked to provide a very pleasant evening last Tuesday when we hosted as many of our wonderful volunteers who attended. It was a joyful evening and everyone was quite replete after a tasty dinner. We must then thank George & Angela Chehade for preparing and providing the truly delicious pulled pork we all enjoyed.

George Chehade, again, for supplying and installing a new security panel for our sacristy.

The volunteers who came to assist last Wednesday to decorate the church in preparation for Christmas ... and it looks spectacular!

WE FAREWELL OUR DEPARTING STAFF

You are all aware that Colleen, our current Parish Secretary, retires on December 19 after 28 years in the role and I advise that she will be farewelled at our 9.30am Mass on Sunday December 22, followed by morning tea at the Jordan Room.

Also leaving us will be John French, our Media Coord, on December 20, and Suzy Caruso our bookkeeper on December 31.

Please join me in thanks for their amazing contributions to the parish - Fr Greg.

BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS

Our parish warmly welcomes the families of Rian Jack Doherty; Millie Kathleen Charles, who will be presented for Baptism at the 9:30am Mass this Sunday!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December
@ St Patrick's Gosford
 5pm FAMILY MASS
 9pm YOUTH MASS
 MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY

25th December
 7.30am MASS
 9.30am MASS

SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II | GOSFORD PARISH

'Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God'
 St John Paul II

ADVENT MERCY NIGHT

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
 SEVERAL PRIESTS AVAILABLE FOR CONFESSION!

ADORATION | CONFESSION | PRAYER | PRAISE & WORSHIP

1 8 t h D e c e m b e r @ 7 p m

BRICK & BLOCK LAYER

MARK BENNETT

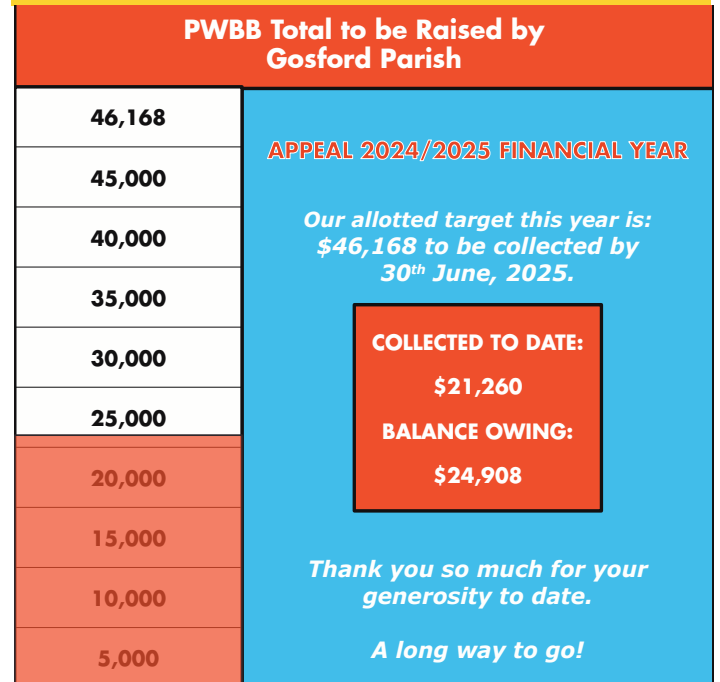
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NEW PWBB APPEAL FOR 2024/25 - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Our Diocese of Broken Bay have commenced 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 \$46,168 for the 2024/25 appeal. This was \$14,000 less than the previous year due to our parish's shortage in income. Please consider donating to help us reach this year's goal. More information about donations below:





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 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.

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



OVERVIEW

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Philippians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:

Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name.

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ISAIAH 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf ISAIAH 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

SAFEGUARDING

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS

As we approach Christmas it is important to keep in mind those within our communities that are most vulnerable. 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.

Legal Aid

Legal Issues for Older People



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!



ROSTER — DECEMBER 22ND , FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Mangrove Mt Vigil 5:00 pm
Date	21.12.24	22.12.24	22.12.24	22.12.24	21.12.24
Audio Visual	Michael Lynch	Ron Begg	Greg McBride	Rayden Gomez	
Acolytes	Peter Young	John McCrae	Peter Julius	Kevin O'Donnell	
	Alberto Torres	John Ryan	Peter McLean	Patrick Nicholls	
Commentator	Maisie Tenev	Gerard Price	Patti Beattie	Ange Stitt	Dakota Xuereb
Lectors	Megan Neale	Eunice Dal Busco	Nica Pardo	Abishek Thomas	Mary Luci
	Thea Dowsett	Sheila Evans	Steph Trevenen	Joseph Nicholls	Nai Herford
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Maisie Tenev	Jane Eager	Katie Moss	Anna Lige	
Altar Servers	Dominic Chehade	Veronica Chechelska	Esther Mathey	Reagan Gomez	
	Christopher Chehade	Sabina Chechelska	Jude Mathey	Evana Jose	
	Amin Chehade		Elinor Aldaoud	Gabriel Guirguis	
			Mia Kelly	Diesel Parletta	
			Phoebe Gottardo	Victoria Bennett	
COUNTERS 16/12/24 Trudie Hiep Lyn Beglin Neryl Tyrrell 23/12/2024 Trudie Hiep Ron Begg Victoria Milanovic	ALTAR LINEN P/Up 16/12/24 Marie Cradock Ret'n by 20/12/24 COFFEE SHOP 21/12/24 Raelene O'Connor Bethany O'Connor Tiffany O'Connor	ALTAR SOCIETY Sat 21/12/24 Donna Hobday Pauline Parsons Julianne Hayne CHILDREN'S LITURGY -	PARISH BUS 22/12/24 Driver Rob Surdich Helper Joe Nicholls	FRIDAY HOSPITAL 20/12/24 Co: Patricia McCaskie John McCrae Bigi Kongola Denise Nicholson Sandrea Petith Joan Vella-Critien Gary Wills	SUNDAY HOSPITAL 22/12/24 Robyn McBride Mark Bennett

PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Dale Jimenez, Christine Dornauer, Philomena Pannell, Trish Sedger, Judy Wennerbom, Graham Knott, Robyn Nevin, Josephine & Des Freeman, Mary Brown, Moira O'Neill, Caterina Erbeni, Jessica Anslow, Soon Hock, Paul Jones, Claire Hastings, Joshua Herbert, Mery-Anne Bonnici, Jadwiga Skulska, Joshua McCarroll, Gloria Emara.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Penfold, Aaron Burke, Marie Allman, Margaret Dalglish, Marilyn Wall.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Antonio Aquino, Alan Nolan, Rosalina Gibas, Michael Boccanfuso, Lawrence Boccanfuso, Clare Murphy, Stanislaw Tremtiaczy, Pat KinsellaRosa Pirrottina.

REMEMBRANCES

Ronald Freeman, Friquet Family, Joseph Vaz, Holy Souls, Tina Luci, Angela Vitale, Helen & Charlie Clements, Francis Ng Yat Kong.

CONDOLENCES

We also offer our sincere condolences to anyone in our parish who have recently experienced the loss of loved ones. May God welcome them into His heavenly home and grant them eternal rest.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 14/12	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS	Wed 18/12	11:30am Gosford	Wedding Anniversary Blessing JOHNSON AND ANITA FERNANDES
Sat 14/12	5:00pm Gosford	Healing of JADWIGA SKULSKA	Thu 19/12	9:00am Gosford	Return to health DELLA NAUGHTON
Sat 14/12	5:00pm Central Mangrove	+ Anniversary Rosalina Gibas	Fri 20/12	12:00pm Gosford	+Anniversary ALAN NOLAN
Sun 15/12	7:30am Gosford	PERSONAL INTENTIONS [FG]	Sat 21/12	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sun 15/12	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 21/12	5:00pm Gosford	PERSONAL INTENTIONS [VB]
Sun 15/12	6:00pm Gosford	+ 2ND Anniversary Antonio Aquino	Sat 21/12	5:00pm Ct Mangrove	PERSONAL INTENTIONS [FG]
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