

Parish of Gosford

The Shrine of St John Paul II

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



Year of JOY



OLD TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

BY MARK O'BRIEN
Isaiah 62:1-5

This prophecy is located towards the end of the book of Isaiah, in a section that is believed to be a late addition (chapters 56-66). The purpose and destiny of Zion/Jerusalem and the Davidic dynasty that ruled there are a major focus of the book of Isaiah. Earlier chapters warn Zion that she has become corrupt and that the Lord has resolved to do something definitive about it (a prophecy of the Babylonian exile?). Chapters 40-55 prophesy a glorious future for the city after her purge, and that she will be reunited with her children (the exiles). Our passage is preceded and followed by a series of texts that reflect division and corruption and the call for repentance and renewal, despondency and despair and the call to hope in God. It would seem that as time went on after the exile and the prophecies of Zion's glorious future were not fulfilled - in the eyes of the beholders - disputes erupted and people lost hope. Our passage seeks to bolster this flagging faith and put an end to disputes by reaffirming God's unswerving commitment to Zion. People may give up ('be silent') and 'grow weary' but God doesn't.

The restoration of Zion is an integral part of God's purpose for all of humanity and creation; hence her integrity and salvation is to shine out 'like the dawn', like the 'flames of a torch' and all the nations will see it. The prophecy focuses on two things in particular. One is that Zion and her land will receive new names that will completely replace/erase the mocking names that both have presumably had to bear - 'forsaken' and 'abandoned' during the period of tribulation. The new names point in turn to the second focus of the prophecy, namely the wedding that is about to take place between God and Zion in the land. The marriage metaphor provides a rich vein for reflection on the covenant relationship between God and Zion and probably borrows from the earlier prophet of the northern kingdom, Hosea. In response to the challenge posed by the Canaanite fertility god Baal, Hosea claimed that YHWH is the real source of fertility in the land and among the people, and that Israel is YHWH's wife. It is noteworthy that when faced by a challenge from the surrounding world and culture, Hosea was inspired not to flee from it but to confront it, to 'steal' and reshape its theology. It looks like Isaiah applied the metaphor to describe the relationship between YHWH and Zion/Jerusalem, which was believed to be the city that God chose out of all the tribes for the central temple of worship.



THE FIRST OF
THE SIGNS
GIVEN BY JESUS
WAS AT CANA
IN GALILEE.

The Mt Zion-Davidic dynasty tradition may have originated independently of the Sinai-Moses one and may even at times have been a rival. Each locates God on a mountain communicating to a chosen 'disciple'. Eventually of course the two traditions needed to be related and the relationship, as found in the canonical text of the Bible, is well expressed by the Jewish scholar Jon D. Levenson, who states:

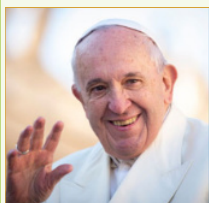
'God's continuing availability is at Zion, not Sinai, but the canonical division of the Pentateuch from the rest of the Hebrew Bible, adumbrated in Deut 34:10, insures that the heir will be eternally subordinate to the testator, Zion to Sinai, David to Moses.'

Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10

The responsorial psalm can be read as the faith response of those who accept the prophecy of the book of Isaiah and its assurance. Within this context, one could say that what works for one will work for all. If we believe that God is looking after tiny Israel and its equally tiny capital Jerusalem, then God is looking after all peoples and cities. Otherwise, God is a fake or divine power is sorely limited. Based on this conviction, the psalm urges all the earth to sing praise to God and this proclamation should be made unceasingly ('day by day') and everywhere ('among all the peoples'). The second stanza takes this a step further; given that God looks after one as much as God looks after all, then all the peoples are both one and many - hence the address to 'you families of peoples'. The final stanza plays on this relationship between the one and the many, the particular and the universal, from another angle. In a bold piece of poetry it pictures the earth (the universal dimension) as a humble, trembling supplicant entering the temple (the particular dimension) and worshipping there. The message is that the whole earth should do this gladly because the king who is present there is the righteous one who 'will judge the peoples in fairness'. It is only when we know the truth about ourselves and others that true relationships and true peace can be established.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

JANUARY
For the right to an education.



Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



FR. Francis Jordan

Oh Lord, You know, You know, I cannot express it! In You I can do all things. Oh God, Oh Almighty One, Oh Immensity, Oh Jesus, Oh Saviour of the World! Here I am, send me -

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ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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CHURCH OPEN DAILY DURING OFFICE HOURS

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 PRIOR

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 BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN OUR CHURCH

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 WITHIN THE CHURCH

Monday to Friday Access during Parish office hours

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



SUPPORTING MY PARISH

Parishes have an essential role in making Christ present in our local communities. The parish church is often an important landmark in a local community but it is the people who gather there who are the Church.

Our parish provides places for people to gather and worship, Catholic schools to teach our children and committed teams of volunteers who reach out to their neighbours. All that is possible because of the generosity of those who financially support their local parish.

The Australian Catholic people have always been generous in supporting their priests and their parishes and your financial support through the parish collections enables the Church to continue its Mission.

This information explains the various parish collections and how your contributions to them support the work of the parish and the Church in Australia.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

THE FIRST COLLECTION

Money received from the first collection supports the needs of priests of the parish.

- * Priests' monthly stipends.
- * Priests' household costs e.g. food, utilities, cleaner etc.
- * Priests' health insurance and care costs
- * 15% contribution to the diocese of Broken Bay
- * Salvatorian mission and formation within and outside

Australia.

Income from other sources includes Easter and Christmas offerings (via envelope contributions made at these times).

THE SECOND COLLECTION

Money received from the second collection supports the maintenance of the parish buildings, administration and pastoral programs.

Some of the expenses covered are:

- * Parish running costs, e.g. liturgical expenses, insurance, utilities, general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery and parish property.
- * Parish staff salaries including superannuation.
- * Youth evangelisation programs
- * Other pastoral services and programs
- * The collection combines income from planned giving envelopes, cash on plates, tap and go donations and direct debit (credit cards).

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

* PWBB - 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.

* Project Compassion Appeal held in Lent supports the charitable works of Caritas Australia in developing countries.

* Catholic Mission's focus is on the Church's worldwide missionary activities.

* The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Christmas Appeal provides assistance to society's needy and disadvantaged persons.

* Salvatorian seminary supports formation of future priests.

THANK YOU!

Your generosity in supporting the priests and good works of the Church is gratefully acknowledged. Each person's capacity to give is different and depends on individual circumstances and you are not expected to give anything more than is reasonable.

However your contribution not only benefits this parish but also many other charitable organisations and missionary work.

May God bless you.

JOIN PLANNED GIVING IN OUR PARISH

Planned giving is a meaningful way to support your parish community, both now and for future generations. Here are a few reasons why you should consider joining a planned giving program:

1. Sustaining the Mission: Planned giving helps ensure that the parish can continue its vital ministries. Whether it's supporting the formation of young people or maintaining the parish's physical space, your gift contributes to the ongoing mission of the Church.

2. Empowering the Parish's Growth: Planned giving allows the parish to plan budget for future projects and initiatives, from expanding outreach programs to enhancing the church building. Your contribution makes these goals attainable.

3. A Faithful Response: Stewardship is a core principle of the Catholic faith. Planned giving is an opportunity to express gratitude for God's blessings by giving back in a meaningful and lasting way. It's a way to participate in the work of God. We

By joining planned giving, you help secure the future of your parish and ensure that its ministries continue to thrive for years to come.

To join planned giving please contact parish office

Tel: 4325-1042 or email: patsgos@acs.net.au

ST PATRICKS YOUR PARISH

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

THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS AVAILABLE

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 speak to Fr Greg, or contact the Parish Office on 4325 1042.

OR

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

"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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Institution of the sacrament of reconciliation:

"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained"
John 20:22-23

What are some benefits of going to confession ?

Confession helps us to better "know myself." Confession brings us peace. Confession helps us become more saintly, more like Jesus. Confession makes our will stronger.

Five Steps for a Good Confession

- Examine your conscience
- Be sincerely sorry for your sins
- Confess your sins to a priest
- Resolve to change your life
- After your confession, do the penance the priest assigns

How often should I go to confession ?

According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to Confession.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1457

What is a sin?

Sin is an offence against God, His love and His law and turns our hearts away from Him. Mortal sins destroy the grace of God in the heart of the sinner. Mortal sin cuts our relationship off from God and turns us away from Him.

Mortal sin is committed with full knowledge of the sinner.

Mortal sin is committed with full consent of the sinner.

This means that mortal sins cannot be done "accidentally." A person who commits a mortal sin is one who knows that their sin is wrong, but still decides to commit the sin anyway. This means that mortal sins are rejection of God's law and love. Venial sin - is committed without full reflection and consent and doesn't cut us off from Christ. It weakens union with God.

What is the Catholic definition of scrupulous?

In Catholic moral teaching, scrupulosity defines the spiritual and psychological state of a person who wrongly believes he/she is often guilty of mortal sin and therefore not often in a state of grace.

How do you know if you're being scrupulous Catholic?

A scrupulous person has difficulty making choices and decisions even though he desires above all else to please God and to follow God's law." A scrupulous person on the other hand does not really know what sin is, at least in his own case. He is always uncertain. He is troubled with incessant doubt. He cannot be sure whether or not this particular act is a sin. Or, if he knows that the act is a sin, he cannot be sure whether or not he was guilty of it. Someone suffering from scrupulosity has obsessions, feels compulsions, has anxiety, feels distress, and it often affects most other aspects of normal life.

How to identify scrupulosity

Some obsessive intrusive thoughts a person with scrupulosity might include: Repetitive thoughts about being sinful, dishonest, or lacking integrity. Ruminating about past mistakes, errors, or possible sinful behavior. Excessive fear of the possibility of committing blasphemy.

How to overcome scrupulosity as a Catholic?

3 Tips for Overcoming Scrupulosity

1. Practice radical abandonment to the mercy of God. Fact: God loves you and is actively working to lead you to heaven to be with Him forever! ...
2. Don't go overboard in the confessional. The Sacrament of Confession is the font of God's mercy. ...
3. Find a spiritual director.

VIDEOS ABOUT SACRAMENTS:

Baptism: https://youtu.be/yjt0QhQN_oM

Confirmation: <https://youtu.be/mELEVb9BBb0>

Reconciliation: <https://youtu.be/RyNIOHzQxnY>

Eucharist: <https://youtu.be/30jBIPh1j0Y>

AUSTRALIA DAY MASSES



Australia Day falls on a Sunday this year with prayers and thanksgiving within each of our weekend Masses. Blessed Mother Mary help of Christians, pray for us.

YOUTH MINISTRY RETURNS

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

ASCEND | YRS 7 - 12

SUNDAYS 7PM AFTER YOUTH MASS

YOUTH
MINISTRY

FAITH. FOOD. FUN. FRIENDSHIP.

ARISE | YRS 5 & 6

FRIDAYS @ 6PM - 7:45PM


IN SCHOOL HALL

PADDIES | YRS 3 & 4

FRIDAYS @ 3PM - 4:30 PM

IN SCHOOL HALL

Contact Youth Coordinator @ 0491765431
or seb.eager05@gmail.com for more info

connect with us
@spatsyouth_ 

SALVATORIAN COLLABORATORS MEETING

The next collaborators meeting will be held on Saturday January 25th at 3pm in the Jordan room.

SENIORS MINISTRY WELCOME BACK

Mystery Tour - Bus trip. 4th February, stay tuned for more details.

FUNERAL NOTICES-SAINT PATRICKS CHURCH

Benedetto Bortone's funeral Mass, Tuesday 21st January 11.00 am
Margaret Penfold's funeral Mass, Wednesday 22nd January 9.30am followed by morning tea in the Jordan room.

THANK YOU JOSEPH NICHOLLS

Thank you Joseph for all your efforts and carpentry skills timber framing the projector speakers within Saint Patrick's Church.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to all our volunteers that assisted with removing Saint Patrick's Church Christmas decorations on Tuesday. Your efforts are much appreciated.

PLANNED GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We are planning to build a grotto of Our Lady of Fatima in the school grounds and will be looking for bush rock in sizes of no less than 30cm and no bigger than 70cm to complete the project. We would like to start collecting these by the end of January so construction may be complete by the next Fatima Night in May. If you have any bush rock to contribute please speak with Fr Greg or the office to arrange collection.

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

POPE FRANCIS SPEECH ON HAPPINESS



"You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments.

To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity.

Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul. It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life.

Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us.

To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple.

It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes".

It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry".

It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you".

It is to have the ability to say "I love you".

May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ...

That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom.

And when you make a mistake, start all over again.

For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance.

Use your losses to train patience.

Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity.

Use pain to plaster pleasure.

Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence.

Never give up Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show." (Pope Francis).

SHRINE OF ST
JOHN PAUL II
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
Devotion to
St John Paul II
EACH SATURDAY
@ 9AM MASS



THE FIRST OF THE SIGNS GIVEN BY JESUS WAS AT CANA IN GALILEE.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**PSALM 65:4**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING**ISAIAH 62:1-5**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3**

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING**1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11**

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of

service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**2 THESSALONIANS 2:14**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL**JOHN 2:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first,

and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON**Cf PSALM 22:5**

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**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. 1st collection, 2nd collection, 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 JANUARY 26 TH , THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Mangrove Mt Vigil 5:00 pm
Date	25.01.25	26.01.25	26.01.25	26.01.25	25.01.25
Audio Visual	Michael Lynch	Sheila Evans	Greg McBride	Jackie Wilks	
Acolytes	Peter Young	John McCrae	Peter McLean	Mark Bennett	
	Joseph Nicholls	Alan Pont	Peter Cho	Kevin O'Donnell	
Commentator	Nicole Murphy	Ron Begg	Emily Rudd	Barbara McCarthy	Mark Bigeni
Lectors	Val Dibben	Gerard Price	Liz Malik	Rick Llidge	Judy Grenfell
	Regina Fong	Ron Begg	Neil Murphy	Joan Vella-Critien	Sonia Cummings
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Fiona Bolton	Korina Konopka	Margaret Mathieson	Anna Llidge	
Altar Servers	Natasha Pettitt	Amelia Eager	Elinor Aldaoud	Vito De Toffol	Dylan Xuereb
	Soren Patelia	Faith Eager	Phoebe Gottardo	Remi De Toffol	
	Jeoan Jobin		Theodore Huang	Luca De Toffol	
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RECENTLY DECEASED:

Victor Azzopardi, Benedetto Bortone, Margaret Penfold, Fay Easey, Hazel Wright, Michael Pooley, Carole Robertson

ANNIVERSARIES:

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CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere condolences to the families of Victor Azzopardi, Benedetto Bortone and Carole Robertson. May God welcome them into his Heavenly home and grant them eternal rest.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 18/01	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS	Wed 22/01	11:30am Gosford	Recently Deceased MARGARET PENFOLD
Sat 18/01	4:00pm Spencer		Thu 23/01	9:00am Gosford	Remeberance GABRIELLE CERVEAU
Sat 18/01	5:00pm Gosford	+ 31st Anniversary VERGINA GALEA	Fri 24/01	12:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased CAROLE ROBERTSON
Sat 18/01	5:00pm Ct Mangrove	+ Anniversary ANTONIO MONACHINO	Sat 25/01	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sun 19/01	7:30am Gosford	Special intentions of A & M RANKINE	Sat 25/01	5:00pm Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sun 19/01	9:30am Gosford	+10TH Anniversary BOB MOORE	Sat 25/01	5:00pm Ct Mangrove	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sun 19/01	6:00pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sun 26/01	7:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Mon 20/01	9:00am Gosford	Personal Intentions [FG]	Sun 26/01	9:30am Gosford	Birthday remembrance for the Soul of IAN D'MELLO
Tue 21/01	9:00am Gosford	Recently deceased VICTOR AZZOPARDI	Sun 26/01	6:00pm Gosford	Blessings on the PATELIA FAMILY

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