

Parish of Gosford

The Shrine of St John Paul II

The Communities of St Patricks East Gosford, Mangrove Mountain Community & Holy Trinity Spencer

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HOMILY

BY RICHARD LEONARD

At Rome, during the 16th Century, the most famous confessor in town was St Philip Neri. Popes and paupers sought his counsel and spiritual direction.

One day a famous Duchess came to him and confessed the sin of gossip. Philip Neri told her to go home and get a feather pillow and return to the steps of the Church. Some time later he met her there and produced a small knife. He told the noblewoman to rip open the pillow. As she did, the swirling wind in the square picked up the loose feathers and they danced around the square and down the lanes.

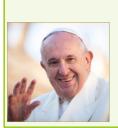
St Philip and the Duchess watched in silence as the feathers went everywhere. He then turned to her and said, "Now, go and collect all the feathers." To which she protested, "They have gone everywhere, I couldn't possibly find and regather them." "So too with your tongue, Madam," St Philip scolded her, "You have no idea where you gossip goes and you can never unsay it."

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us that our words reflect the state of our hearts.

Psychologists tell us that there are three main reasons why people habitually gossip, or 'share the news' as Australian men prefer to call it: power, envy and boredom.

To know something about someone else can put us in a more powerful position with friends or colleagues. By being able to share what we have 'just heard', we are seen to be current and interesting. But this type of power is destructive because our friends normally assume that when they are absent they are maltreated in the same way. Gossipers have more alliances than friendships.

The most malicious gossip often comes out of envy. Envious gossip often sees people make things up about others and pass it off as though it were true. The worst of tabloid newspapers, television and radio trades on this destructive vice. There is no place for the 'rumour file' in the Christian life. Sometimes, when a company or person have to deny the false accusations made about them, we get what we want – their reputations are tarnished and



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention MARCH

For Families in Crisis

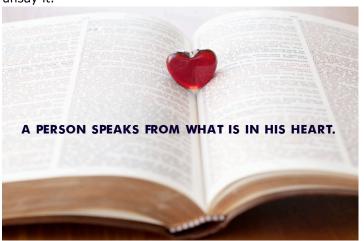
Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each others gifts, even in their differences. even their business can be in danger. No wonder medieval theologians called envy a 'deadly sin'.

Boredom, however, is a modern cause for gossip. Our relationships and the way in which we hold each other's trust and good name to be paramount, are undermined by images from the media about how exciting life should be for everyone. Scene after scene in novels, television programs and films where confidences are betrayed and lives are raked over for comment and intrigue fill in the boredom in our lives with a distorted portrayal of human behaviour. The more we take it in, the more we mirror it in our own conduct.

Jesus does not tell us today that there is no place for criticism, challenge, confrontation and correction in the Christian life. Just that we have the responsibility to very careful about what we say about others and how we criticise and condemn them. Jesus reminds us that most of our condemnation of others, is what we now call, "projection", where we ignore similar failings in ourselves, but roundly condemn them in others.

May this Eucharist, then, help all of us let go of the need to be powerful, the deadly sin of envy and more creative with what we do when we are bored. May it help us make better choices about how we speak, to whom we speak and what we say.

St Philip Neri knew it all too well: most times we cannot know the consequences of what we say and we can never unsay it.





FR. Francis Jordan

For where something good is to come into being, the chisel may not be spared. Therefore, be of good courage and, above all, trust and be cheerful





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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

 Fue:
 9:00am
 Thu:
 9:00am
 Fri: 12:00pm Sat: 9:00am Devotion to St JPII after Mass Fri: Sat:

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 Sat Vigil 5:00pm St Dionysius Church Mangrove Mountain 21 Nurses Road, Central Mangrove

SPENCER, 4200 WISEMANS FERRY RD 4:00pm 2nd Sat of Month

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

POSARY

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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 CHUCH

Monday to Friday Access during Parish office hours

ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

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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 pm
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
	Prayer Group DVDs 1st Monday of the Month
Monday Morning Prayer Groups 9:30 am after Mass	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	Based on the writings of Luisa Piccarreta 6:00pm to 7:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan Room.
Salvatorian Collaborators	3:00pm, 4th 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:

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





46,168 45,000 40,000 35,000 30,000 25,000 20,000 15,000 5,000

PWBB Total to be Raised by Gosford Parish

APPEAL 2024/2025 FINANCIAL YEA

Our allotted target this year is: \$46,168 to be collected by 30th June, 2025.

\$24,206.55
BALANCE OWING:

\$21,961.45

Thank you so much for your generosity to date.

A long way to go!



LENT & H@LY WEEK



Ash Wednesday

March 05, 2025

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.



1st Sunday of Lent March 09, 2025



Palm Sunday April 13, 2025





Maundy Thursday April 17, 2025



3rd Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025



Good Friday April 18, 2025



Laetere Sunday March 30, 2025



Holy Saturday April 19, 2025



5th Sunday of Lent April 06, 2025



Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

DAYS OF PENANCE

- 1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.
- 2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
- (a) prayer for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
- (b) self-denial for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.



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Mr Kevin Williams Principal



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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

All Parishioners are invited to join the local Christian community for the World Day of Prayer for 2025 which will be held at Gosford Anglican Church (3 Mann Street, Gosford) on **Friday the 7th of March 2025 at 10.30am**. The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who encourage Christians to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year the World Day of Prayer Australia offerings will be used to provide grants to various women and children's programs in the Cook Islands. Further details can be provided by phoning Gosford Anglican Church on 43 232312.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Within Saint Patrick's Church every Friday during Lent at **11.30am** prior to the midday Mass

Public station of the Cross 28th March 6pm

INSTALLATION OF RELIC

St John Vianney at Mary Immaculate, Manly | **2 March**

Bishop Anthony has designated Mary Immaculate, Manly as the Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations for the Holy Year, under the patronage of St John Vianney.

The relic of St John Vianney will be installed at the Shrine by the Bishop at the evening Mass on Sunday 2 March, 2025. Come along and pray for your own Parish Priest at this special Mass! Join us also in praying for people discerning - or living already - their vocations to the many states God calls us to – married life, religious life, and the committed single life. Yes, if you read that sentence twice and thought "that means everybody" then you read that sentence right! The Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations is for everybody!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

NOW OPEN

For children in grade 3 - 6, 8 - 12 years old. Applications available from the Parish office, School office or Church foyer. Confirmation date **24**th **May**

SUPPORTING SALVATORIAN SEMINARIANS

This weekend our Parish will hold a special collection to support Salvatorian seminarians and their formation. Australian Salvatorian's currently have 15 seminarians in the seminary in the Philippines, undertaking their studies and formation.

All seminaries will do their ministry in the future in Australia as priests. By supporting the seminiarians formation now we are ensuring that we will have future priests for our own Parish. The cost of one seminarian's formation per year is \$14.000.

Please see below QR code and enclosed form for direct deposits. Envelopes are available on the pews. Thank you for your consideration.





SALVATORIAN FORMATION DONATIONS

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THE SHRINE OF HOPE FOR FAMILIES INVITES YOU...

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VOWS

& SPECIAL BLESSING

1-2 MARCH

DURING EACH MASS
ALL COUPLES MARRIED SACRAMENTALLY INVITED

GOSFORD PARISH









Congratulation to Tom and Mary Brown on 64 years of Marriage 4th March. Peter and Emily Rudd on 50 years of Marriage 23rd March. Graham and Diana Addis on 55 years of Marriage 28th March.

A PERSON SPEAKS FROM WHAT IS IN HIS HEART.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF PSALM 17:19-20

The Lord became my protector.

He brought me out to a place of freedom;

he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING

SIRACH 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,

similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. SEE v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord

to make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-58

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PHILIPPIANS 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LUKE 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by

its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF PSALM 12:6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,

sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

DONATE TO OUR PARISH

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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.

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ROSTER	MARCH 9TH			1 ST SUNDA	Y IN LEN
Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Mangrove Mt Vigil 5:00 pm
Date	08.03.25	09.03.25	09.03.25	09.03.25	08.03.25
Audio Visual	Annette Fernandes	Sheila Evans	Peter McLean	Rayden Gomez	
	Johnson Fernandes	John Ryan	Peter Julius	Jon Kealy	
Acolytes	Sam Giddings	Eunice Dal Busco	Peter Cho	Patrick Nicholls	
Commentator	Hilary Pope	Gerard Price	Chris Paget	Gemma French	Dakota Xuereb
Lectors	Thea Dowsett	Margaret Eadie	Neil Murphy	Sebastian Eager	Sonia Cummings
Lectors	Ron Begg	Gerard Price	Nica Pardo	Rick Llige	Marisa Xuereb
Extraordinary Ministers of	Anita Fernandes	Jane Eager	Liz Malik	Anna Llige	
The Eucharist					
	Natasha Pettitt	Amelia Eager	Elinor Aldaoud	Vito De Toffol	
Altar	Soren Patelia	Faith Eager	Phoebe Gottardo	Remi De Toffol	
Servers	Jeoan Jobin	Theodore Huang		Luca De Toffol	
50.70.5	Aila Rahkola	Hugo Huang		Xavier Werder	
	Alvita Fernandes			Reagan Gomez	
COUNTERS	ALTAR LINEN	ALTAR SOCIETY	Parish Bus	FRIDAY HOSPITAL	SUNDAY HOSPITAL
	Pick up 03/03/2025	Sat 08/03/2025	09/03/25	14/03/2025	02/03/25
03/03/25	Return 07/03/2025	Fran Thompson	Driver -	Co- Patricia McCaskie	Robyn McBride
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PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Peter Rudd, Gloria Emara, Tom Milostic, Kevin O'Donnell, Mary-Anne Bonnici, Lynette Ridgewell, Carmen Gaha, John Powell, Chris Golden, Clair Hasting, Paul & Patricia Jones.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Carmen Cassar, Judy Wennerbom, Philomena Mary Pannell, Catherine Beezley, John Woodward, Josephine Gauci, Jadwiga Skulska, Janet Hicky, Tony Murphy, Gabrielle Cerveau, Victor Azzopardi, Benedetto Bortone

ANNIVERSARIES:

CC Raphael, Zoe & Annette Patten, M Jane, Michael Angelo Buhagiar, Gilberto Dal Busco, John Hiep, Dean Davids, John Muir, Colin Pratt, Betty Van Yzendoorn, Yvette Lindor, Sheila Mary Myers, Martin Brown.

REMEMBRANCES:

Julia, Victor & Edwin Romain, Peter and Glen Mills, Friquet Family & Ronald FreemanMaude & Regis Monvoisin, Gabrielle Cerveau, Ian D'Mello.

CONDOLENCES:

We offer our sincere condolences to anyone in our Parish who have recently experienced the loss of loved ones, particularly the family of Judy Wennerbom. May God welcome them into his Heavenly home and grant them eternal rest.

Judy Wennerbom's Funeral Requiem Mass will be held at Saint Patrick's Church on Tuesday the 25th March at 11.00am

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 1/3	9:00am Gosford	JPII Intentions
Sat 1/3	4:00pm Spencer	
Sat 1/3	5:00pm Gosford	Church & School Anniversary Michael & Margaret Lynch 65 th Wedding Anniversary
Sat 1/3	5:00pm Ct Mangrove	Recently deceased Carmen Cassar
Sun 2/3	7:30am Gosford	Parish Intentions
Sun 2/3	9:30am Gosford	Recently deceased Judy Wennerbom
Sun 2/3	6:00pm Gosford	Death anniversary CC Raphael
Mon 3/3	9:00am Gosford	Death anniversary Zoe & Annette Patten
Tue 4/3	9:00am Gosford	Souls of Julia, Victor & Edwin Romain

Date	Mass	Intention
Wed 5/3	11:30am Gosford	Remembrance Peter Mills
Thu 6/3	9:00am Gosford	Remembrance Glen Mills
Fri 7/3	12:00pm Gosford	Healing of the sick especially Pope Francis and Peter Rudd
Sat 8/3	9:00am Gosford	JPII Intentions
Sat 8/3	5:00pm Gosford	Intention available
Sat 8/3	5:00pm Ct Mangrove	Intention available
Sun 9/3	7:30am Gosford	Parish intentions
Sun 9/3	9:30am Gosford	Remembrance of Friquet Family & Ronald Freeman
Sun 9/3	6:00pm Gosford	Intention available

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