



Welcome Gosford Parish

**We're glad
you're here...**



ST PATRICK'S, EAST GOSFORD
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, SOMERSBY
HOLY TRINITY, SPENCER

Welcome...

On behalf of Gosford Parish, it is my pleasure to warmly welcome you to our home. We are so very glad to have you here!

Whether you've just moved to the area or you've been here for years, we would love to get to know you and help you feel at home in our parish family.

Our parish is comprised of three communities:

- St. Patrick's, East Gosford
- St. Francis of Assisi, Somersby
- Holy Trinity, Spencer

...and three schools:

- St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School
- St. Joseph's Catholic College
- St. Edward's College

As the largest geographical parish in the Diocese of Broken Bay, our parishioners are from all walks of life: lifelong Central Coast residents, Sydney migrants, commuting professionals, young families, farmers, students... We look forward to opening our heart to you, connecting with you, learning your story and seeing what a unique gift you are to our parish!

Most of all, we hope the love shared with you by our parish community is a radical expression of God's love for you.

Please take your time reading through this welcome pack, and head over to our parish website and Facebook page too!

With God's love, you are welcome...

Fr. Greg Skulski SDS



Vision, Mission & Values



During His ascension to Heaven, Jesus announced the Great Commission to the disciples and community of believers. As a part of this universal missionary church, our priests and Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) feel it is necessary to define our role and goals in helping fulfil Christ's mission in the greater Gosford region.

In 2020, a parish survey was undertaken to assist in the development of the Parish Vision, Mission and Values Statement. This important document will be used by our priests and PPC to help guide the pastoral needs of the parish over the next 10 years. We hope to finalise and release the statement in 2021.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

Mt 26:19-20

Our Parish History

1888

Gosford Parish established

1892

Our Lady of the Rosary Church opened in Donnison St. Gosford

1909

Holy Trinity Church opened in Spencer

1910

Our Lady of the Rosary School opened in Gosford

1959

Our Lady of the Rosary School closed, moving to current St. Patrick's site

1961

St. Francis of Assisi Church opened in Kulnura

1965

Our Lady of the Rosary Church closed, Parish Centre moves to St. Patrick's, East Gosford

1986

Diocese of Broken Bay established

1999

St. Francis of Assisi Church closed, community moves to new chapel in Somersby

2003

Gosford Parish is placed under the pastoral care of the Society of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorians)





Society of the Divine Savior
SALVATORIANS
Apostles for our times.

*In 2003, Gosford Parish
was placed under the
pastoral care of the
Salvatorian Order*

*The Society was founded in Rome,
8 December 1881
by Fr. Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan*



*Blessed Mary of the Apostles,
co-foundress of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour,
was beatified in 1967*

*Fr. Francis Jordan will be beatified
on 15 May 2021*



*The Salvatorian Family has three branches:
Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers
Salvatorian Sisters
Lay Salvatorians*

Salvatorians arrived in Australia in 1961



*Fr. Francis Jordan gave us the command and the mission to not rest
content until all people know, love, and serve Jesus Christ as their Saviour*

As a parish community, we offer many groups and events for you to gather, pray and experience the joy of being part of Christ's body.



Alpha



Prayer Groups



Craft Groups



Grief and Loss Support



menAlive



Bible Study



Salvatorian Collaborators



Women's Faith Circle



Youth & Young Adult

Getting involved

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Mt 19:20



AV Ministry



Acolytes & Servers



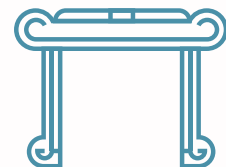
Lectors & Commentators



Eucharistic Ministers



Counters



Altar Society & Linen



Children's Liturgy



Parish Bus



Hospital Visitation

There are various ways you can use your gifts and talents in service for others, and contribute to the life of the parish and its members.

Source & Summit

Liturgy Times

ST. PATRICK'S, EAST GOSFORD

Open for prayer weekdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - 9 am

Wednesday - 11:30 am

Friday - 12 noon

Confession, Adoration & Rosary for 30 minutes before each mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil - 5 pm

Sunday - 7:30 am, 8:45am, 10:15am, 6pm

Confession for 30 minutes before each mass

Rosary for 30 minutes before Sunday 7:30 am masses

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Monday to Thursday - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Friday - 9 am to 3:30 pm

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, SOMERSBY

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm

HOLY TRINITY, SPENCER

2nd Saturday of the month - 4 pm



*"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love; It signifies Love, It produces love.
The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."
St. Thomas Aquinas*

Celebrating life, especially through the Sacraments, is an important part of the Catholic faith, for both the individual and the entire church community. The physical symbols used during these rites offer a unique and powerful way to experience the love and presence of God in our lives. Through the communal celebrations of the Sacraments, the church is built up and strengthened in its mission of revealing God's love to the world. We look forward to journeying through life with you, celebrating these special moments together. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Celebrating Life

- Baptism of infants & children
- Children's Sacramental Program & Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
 - Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation and Communion
- Weddings
- Funerals



*Sacraments - "An outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace."
St. Augustine of Hippo*

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

To reveal God's merciful love, Christ often healed and forgave the sins of His faithful followers. The power and authority of this incredible gift of grace has been given to us through the Sacraments of Healing. If you feel you are in need of God's merciful love and healing power, you are welcome to meet with one of our priests during Reconciliation times before mass, or making an appointment through the parish office. Our priests can also offer the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for people who are ill, have a serious diagnosis, are awaiting surgery or have diminished health through advanced age.

We all need help sometimes

*For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'?
But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"
—he then said to the paralytic—
"Stand up, take your bed and go to your home."
Mt 9:5-6*

Home and Hospital Visitation & Communion

If you or a family member are no longer able to attend Mass, our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist can bring Holy Communion to your home or hospital. Please contact the parish office.

Prayer & Counselling

Our clergy are not professional counsellors, but can meet with parishioners to listen and pray with them when needed.

We also recommend

- **Mary Mac's** - Open to anyone who is homeless, transient or needing a helping hand, Mary Mac's provides social, community and friendship opportunities for men, women, families, young people, the elderly, and the socially and economically disadvantaged.
This service is located at the Ethel Cox Centre
100 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy NSW
(02) 4341 0584
marymacs@catholiccaresdbb.org.au
- **CatholicCare** - The Church's social services agency, offering in-home care, disability services, counselling, domestic and family violence support, family dispute resolution and mediation, parenting and relationship education.
(02) 9481 2600
info@catholiccaresdbb.org.au
www.catholiccaresdbb.org.au
- **The St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies)** - Assist people in temporary financial need with financial counselling and no-interest loans.
13 18 12
www.vinnies.org.au

FAMILIES

Your presence at the celebration of mass is a gift to our parish. Just as Jesus welcomed children, we want you and your family to feel comfortable at mass, and thank you for making the effort to celebrate with us. To help, and for your convenience, we offer:

- A change table in the disabled toilet adjacent the church building
- Activity sheets at the Welcome Desk in the foyer
- Children's liturgy during school terms at Sunday 10:15 am Mass
- Although we don't mind hearing the sound of a crying child, if you feel more comfortable you are welcome to use the confessional room during mass



Feeling Welcome at St. Patrick's

*"Let mutual love continue.
Do not neglect to show
hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have
entertained angels without
knowing it."*

Hebrews 13:1-2

ACCESSIBILITY

Everyone should have the ability to feel welcome and included. We offer:



Ramps to access the church and other buildings

Disabled parking, accessed off Central Coast Highway

A disabled toilet adjacent the church building

Wheelchair accessible spaces in the front pews

A hearing loop for hearing aids on the Western side of the church building

THINKING OF OTHERS



Please refrain from smoking on church grounds

Don't forget to silence or turn off your phones while in the church building

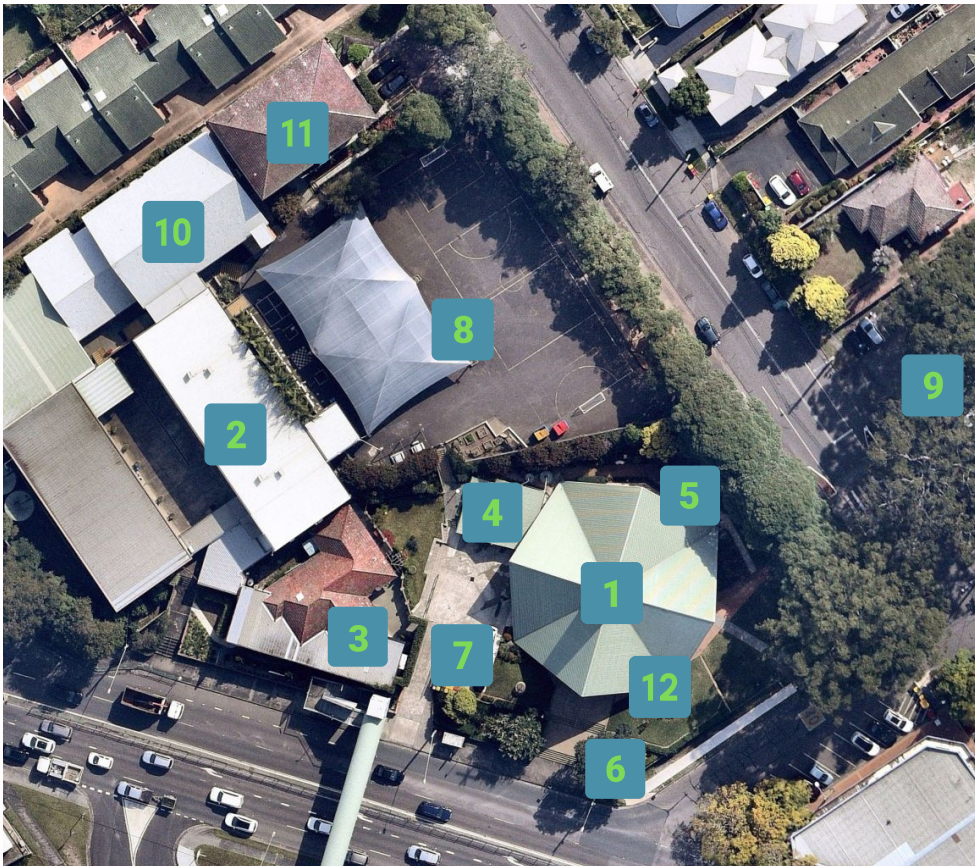


Please refrain from eating inside the church building

Before mass, and during dedicated prayer times, please be respectful of those in quiet prayer

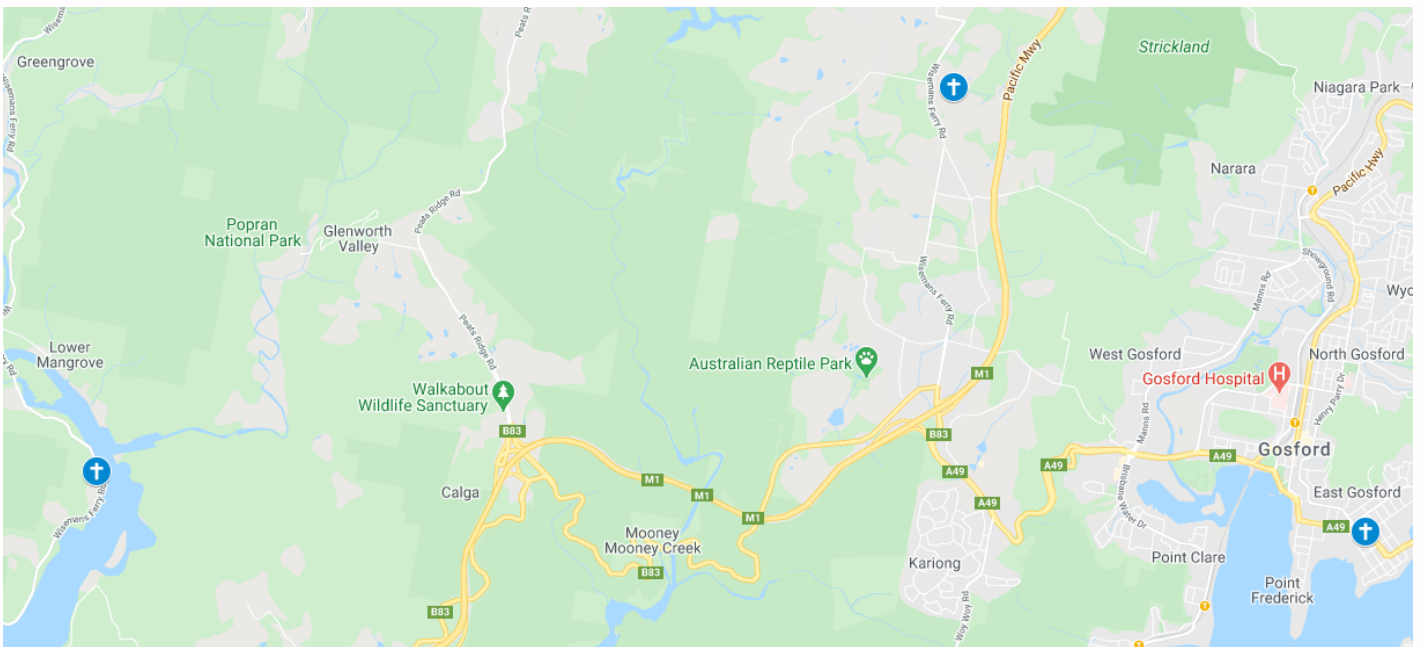


Getting around



St. Patrick's Precinct

1. Church
2. Primary Campus
3. Parish Office
4. Jordan Room
5. Memorial Wall
6. Safeguarding Memorial
7. Accessible Parking
8. Parking (school)
9. Parking (council)
10. Hall
11. St. Joseph's Convent (Monastery)
12. Piety Stall



Our Community Churches

ST. PATRICK'S

76 York St.
East Gosford

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lutana Rd.
Somersby

HOLY TRINITY

Wiseman's Ferry Rd.
Spencer



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We're ready to talk

