



# St Patrick's Parish Gosford

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.

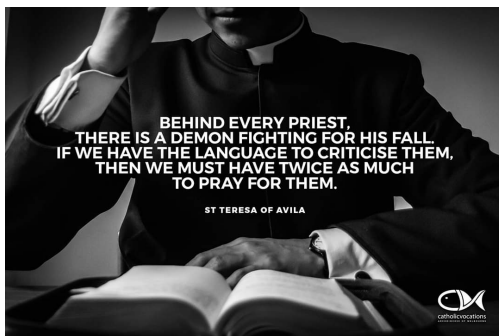


## LOVE IS EVERYTHING.

As we struggle through Mass, following recent court cases, and we feel disillusioned in our faith, turn your eyes to the crucifix that hangs above the altar. It was from a Cross like this, that the future St. Francis an ordinary layman heard Jesus speak to him the words, "Go and rebuild my church for as you see it is in ruins."

Jesus asked us to have faith in the Lord and now is undoubtedly a time when we need faith in the Lord. Rather than turn away from the Church, it is a time to strengthen our resolve, to trust in the Lord.

So, maybe it is time for each of us laypeople to help our Priests and Bishops to rebuild



Jesus Church. By our prayer and commitment to the teachings of Jesus. Laypeople can live their lives as Jesus asked each of us to live. By doing so, they show by example, how the message of Christ can lead to peace and true happiness.

At school, we all learnt that every action has an opposite and equal reaction. If you push against an object, that object pushes back with equal but opposite

## LUKE 13:22 – 30



force. However, even though the opposite of Love is Hate, when you genuinely show Love to someone, the reaction is not the opposite, hate, but Love in return. This is why Jesus spent his time on Earth teaching love.

The Love, we laypeople, can show in our daily lives will also rebuild trust, because we know that Love produces Love. We can trust in ourselves, our Priests and our Church. Love is an infectious emotion that causes a response of Love in return, from those we encounter.

Did you know, Jesus never accused anybody of sinning; he forgave sinners and asked them to sin no more.

Forgiveness, in itself, is a significant form of Love that has a profound healing effect on the one forgiving. Once you have genuinely forgiven someone, you are well on the road to rebuilding yourself from the other's wrongdoing.

So, as we sit in Mass and ponder the Cross, we can pray for forgiveness, for our failures and the failures of others, so the real rebuilding of our Church can continue.

Remember, Love is everything, Jesus taught us that.

[St Patrick's on Facebook](#)

Go to our Facebook page and "Like" St Patrick's, to get the very latest on news and events.



## FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"When in touch with its deepest desires, the heart inevitably aspires to God and heavenly things."



## POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST 2019 INTENTION

Families, Schools of Human Growth.

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

**A warm welcome to our parishioners and visitors who are celebrating the Eucharist with us this weekend at St Patrick's Parish.**



## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

### PASTORAL CARE

**Fr Grzegorz [Greg] Skulski SDS**

Parish Priest

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### SALVATORIANI

**Society of the Divine Saviour**

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

### PARISH OFFICE

Secretary:

**Colleen Kirk** Mon – Thurs:

8:30am – 4:30pm

Friday

8:30am – 1:00pm

Bursar:

Darren Fitzgibbon

Sacramental Programme

Coordinator:

Frances Mathey

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Catechists' Coordinator:

Alain Corne

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Wed:

9:00am – 1:00pm

Thurs:

9:30am – 1:30pm

Youth Ministry:

Matthew French  
Ph: 0411 792 587

Media Coordinator: Tom Croll

Thursday:

9:00am – 2:00pm

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[tcroll@photom.com.au](mailto:tcroll@photom.com.au)

### VOLUNTEER ROLES

Office Admin:

Denise Jay  
Judith Myers  
Maria Andrzejewska

9:00am – 3:30pm

Friday:

AV Presentation:

Bob Smith  
Peter McLean  
Greg McBride

Caretakers:

Ron Begg  
John Malicki

Gardeners:

Trevor Byrne  
Joyce Byrne  
Victor Camilleri

Seniors' Ministry:

Barbara McCarthy  
Ph: 4322 0250

### School Principals

St Patrick's Primary: Mrs Cheryl Walsh 4325 1159

St Joseph's College: Mr Tony McCudden 4324 4022

St Edwards College: Mr Mark Bonnici 4321 6400

St Peter's College: Mr Tim Hilderbrandt 43512344

### Christian Brothers' Community

Frederick Street, East Gosford

Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]

Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

### MONDAY, AUGUST 12 - LECTIO DIVINA

In the Jordan Room after 9:00 am Mass.  
Why not come into the Jordan Room after Mass  
this Monday and experience the spirituality of  
Lectio Divina?

Meaningful prayer is a way to open the door in  
your heart and soul for the Lord to enter and  
dwell within you.

## CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

### STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

Gosford:

Monday:	9:00am	Wednesday:	11:30am	Friday:	12 noon
Tuesday:	9:00am	Thursday:	9:00am	Saturday:	9:00am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Gosford:

Saturday Vigil:	5:00pm	Sunday:	7:30am	Children's Liturgy:
			9:00am	During 9:00am Mass
			6:00pm	Each Sunday of School Term.

Somersby, 30 Lutana Road: Saturday Vigil: 6:30pm

Spencer, Wiseman's Ferry Rd: 2nd Sunday Monthly: 4:00pm

### OTHER MASSES

Filipino Mass 2nd

Korean Mass Monthly:

Sunday Monthly:

[Enq: Peter 0409-

12 noon

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### ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

Before the Blessed Sacrament

Mon: 8:30am – 9:00am Wed: 11:00am – 11:30am Fri: 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Tues: 8:30am – 9:00am Thur: 8:30am – 9:00am Sat: 8:00am

### RECONCILIATION – 1ST RITE

Gosford:

Mon-Thur:

during Adoration - see above.

1st Friday of Month

Prior to Mass 11:30am

Other Fridays

After Mass 12:30pm

Saturday:

8:30am and 4:30pm.

Sunday:

7:00am and 5:30pm

St Francis of Assisi 30 Lutana Road, Somersby:

Saturday after Vigil: 7:30pm

### CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

After weekday Masses to 3:00pm and to 1:00pm Fridays.

### ROSARIES

Weekday

Monday, Tuesday Thursday

8:05am

Wednesday

10:35am

Friday

11:35am

Saturdays Monthly

8.05am: 1st – For Priests & Religious.

8.05am 3rd Saturday – For Mothers & Abortion.

8.05am 4th Saturday – For Persecuted  
Christians and their Persecutors.

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Last Wednesday of each Month at 12 noon

### ADORATION AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Located on Chapel Lane at the Admin Centre

Monday to Thursday

8:30am – 3:30pm

Friday

9:00am – 3:30pm

### GROUP MEETINGS

Bible Study Lectio Divina / Christian Unity / Christian DVD:

Mondays at

9:30am twice monthly,

Wednesday at

10:00am in the Jordan Room.

Bible Study Monday

7:00 pm in the Jordan Room

RCIA: in Admin Centre 7:30pm Tuesdays.

Contact the Parish Office to register interest.

menALIVE:

7:30pm commencing with Mass

1st Tuesday of Month

9:00am 4th Tuesday Monthly

in Jordan Room

Cancer Prayers:

Grief & Loss, Prayer & Support:

1st Thursday Monthly

2pm in Jordan Room

Craft Group - Friday each week of School Term

9:30am – 12:00pm

Movie Night 4th Sat Night Monthly after 5:00pm Mass.

### SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

After 9:00am Mass in  
the Jordan Room.

All proceeds to  
Charities





## IN YOUR PARISH OF ST PATRICK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday August 25	7:30am 9:00am 6:00pm	Mass <b>First CWF Appeal for 2019/2020 year at all Masses</b> Mass Mass followed by Youth Group meeting after 6:00pm Mass.
Monday August 26	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	<b>Pupil Free Day at St Patrick's school.</b> Adoration. Mass. Lecio Divina, in the Jordan Room. Bible Study Meeting in the Jordan Room.
Tuesday August 27	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 2:00pm 3:30pm	Adoration. Mass. Cancer Prayer Meeting in the Jordan Room Mass at Orana Mass at ELC CS.
Wednesday August 28	10:00am 11:00am 11:30am 12:30pm 3:30pm	Bible Study Group in the Jordan Room Adoration. Mass followed by OLPH Novina Lunch for the Bereved in the Jordan Room Mass at Presb Village CS.
Thursday August 29	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass
Friday August 30	9:30am 12:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Craft Group in Jordan Room. Mass – St Patrick's School fathers Day Mass. Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Korean Mass
Saturday August 31	8:30am 9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Adoration. Mass. Choir Practise in Church. Mass Mass at Somersby

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Last week we first saw Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist wearing a specially made scapula. To denote their ministry and to identify them during Mass and when distributing Holy Communion.

The Australian Conference of Bishops in cf no. 390 states.

"Acolytes, lectors, and other lay ministers may wear the alb or other suitable vesture that is lawfully approved by the Conference of Bishops (cf no. 390)."

Fr Greg has chosen the Scapula as a means of dignifying and bringing reverence to the role.



## PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

### NEXT MOVIE NIGHT - 31st Aug.

Movie:- **RING the BELL (G)**

*Ring The Bell* shares the story of a slick, big city sports agent Rob Decker who seems to have it all. But on his latest mission to sign a high school baseball superstar, Rob becomes stranded in a small town where the simplicity of life-and the faith of the people-stand in stark contrast to his own fast-paced, win-at-all-costs mindset. Torn between these two worlds, will Rob have the courage to let faith transform his life? This heartwarming story of redemption is sure to entertain"



- ♥ COME AND JOIN US IN THE JORDAN ROOM LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH. STARTING AT 7.00PM
- ♥ SHARE A SATURDAY NIGHT RELAXING WITH FRIENDS FROM OUR OWN COMMUNITY
- ♥ ENJOY A POT LUCK DINNER AND A MOVIE AFTER; WE ARE USUALLY FINISHED BY 10.00PM.
- ♥ WE MAKE IT EASY TO MEET NEW FRIENDS.

**Pot Luck Dinner:-** Simply bring something to the quantity of what you would normally prepare for yourself, to share with all, for either the Main Meal, the Desert, or towards Tea, Coffee, Hot chocolate after dinner while we watch the movie with biscuits or nibbles.

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### KIDS CORNER PINT SIZED PADDIES

#### NEXT EVENT IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

In the School Hall 7:00 pm on 2nd and 4th Friday of each Month.

Parents of Primary School Children contact **Melissa Monaghan** and book your youngsters in for a few hours of fun in a spiritual environment.

Enquiries to Melissa 0434 251 481

### ST PATRICK'S PARISH YOUTH GROUP YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Tonight, August 25 after 6:00 pm Mass in the Jordan Room. Pizza, food, games, memes and more. Exploring the Catholic faith through talks, small groups, prayer and bible study, all as part of a stable community of young people. Good Music. Quality Banter.

Tel: 4325-1042 ♦ email: [patsgos@acs.net.au](mailto:patsgos@acs.net.au) ♦ Web: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/gosford)

### SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES, AUG 31.

**RING THE BELL  
Win at all cost  
was not the  
answer Rob  
though it was.**

While at the Movie  
Enjoy a Pot Luck  
Dinner.

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### A LETTER TO THE PARISHIONERS

From Very Rev Dr David Ranson Diocesan Administrator.

Fr David Ranson has written a Pastoral Letter to the People of the Diocese in relation to the unsuccessful appeal of Cardinal Pell. The letter in part says:

"The dismissal by the Victorian Court of Appeals on 21 August of Cardinal George Pell's appeal against his conviction of 11 December 2018, for child sexual abuse, and his subsequent sentencing on 13 March 2019, will be met with many diverse reactions, especially amongst our Catholic community. These events represent a most significant development in the history of the Catholic Church in Australia and for the practice of Australian law more generally. Most especially they bring us to a new chapter in the most regrettable and shameful history of sexual abuse within our community of faith, in which the full implications are even yet difficult to gauge..."

"As we continue to be disturbed even in new unexpected ways by this wretched history of ours, our confidence is shaken; our trust is confused; our faith itself is rocked. Yet, even in the most painful of experiences of our life, an invitation awaits us. If we can but stay with such difficult experiences long enough to perceive that invitation, then the experience can become for us not something that works against us, leaving us in despair and isolation, but one that that becomes for us something 'redemptive' - in other words, one from which a new possibility might emerge. To paraphrase TS Elliot, we cannot be those who have the experience and miss the meaning. See TS Elliot, "The Dry Salvages" (1941), in Four Quartets. It is the Lord of Life who calls us always to new possibility. This is the gift of the Resurrection to us - yes, even in the darkest moments of our life. If you require any assistance, I welcome you to contact our Diocesan Office for Safeguarding on (02) 8379 1605 or Lifeline 13 11 14."

A complete copy of the letter a copy can be found in the foyer of the church or by contacting the parish office on Ph:4325-1042.

## CAN YOU HELP

### YOUTH BAND

The Youth Band is welcoming new members, so if you are musically inclined, why not join the band. If you are interested, make contact with one of the existing band members or Parish Office.

### CHORISTERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Our choir which now sings at the Vigil Masses twice monthly and the 9am Masses at least twice monthly, is in desperate need of new members - but especially male members as they are currently down to only a few men in the group. Don't be shy, it's a great supportive group and you'll have a joyous time singing for the Lord! If you are interested, please call Avril on 0414 092 883.

### SENIORS MINISTRY

#### HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

We need a lady to join our team who visit seniors once a month at Orana Retirement village. You will be matched with another lady and together to visit old folk at Orana.

### MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

7:00pm in the Jordan Room, all are welcome.

### BUSH DANCE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.

A meal, fellowship and generally a great time to be had. All while fundraising. Ticket sales from the foyer and from the Parish Office.

**Please buy your ticket early to allow the organising team to organise catering.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday August 28 at 7:00 pm.

Fr Greg would like us all to join with him to congratulate all of the children who will attend the 1st Reconciliation service on Wednesday evening. We should also thank all those who helped in preparing the children for this most precious sacrament.

### Congratulations to:

Arango: Antonia	Iwasaki: Cecilia	O'Malley: Isla
Bridekirk: Finlay	Jarman: Lucas	O'Malley: Lilyrose
Burkinshaw: Charlotte	Jimenez: Max	O'Shea: Nat
Chadwick: Sienna	Johnson: Bryce	Playle: Alexis
Condon: Grace	Johnson: Jasmine	Playle: Luke
Ellwood: Finn	Jones: Cohen	Reynell: Jack
Ferragamo: Gianah	Kang: Stella	Riedl: Benjamin
Fittler: Harrison	Koschel: Axel	Romero: Alyssa
Ford: Matthew	Lamb: Ebony	Sanfilippo: Joseph
Forjan: Elvira	Lee: Jazmin	Schuyvens: Ella
Forjan: Daniela	Lee: Jesse	Smith: Gemma Jade
Furley: Freddie	Leete: Georgina	Stark: Cooper
Furley: Holly	Lewis: Scarlet	Stitt: Thomas
Furley: Poppy	Maher: Chloe	Stocqueller: Adelaide
Furley: Robbie	Maloney: Lincoln	Sultana: Amelia
Gomez: Reagan	Marcangelo: Lola-Mae	Thomas: Aibel
Gottardo: Felicity	McArdle: David	Titheradge: Sachin
Gray: Max	McArdle: William	Vassallo: Isabelle
Grigg: Logan	McBride: Darragh	Verolin: Soraya
Hardie: Elijah	Merillo: Angelo	Vumbaca: Matteo
Hardie: Violet	Mexon: Ashton	White: Riley
Haynes: Jasper	Mueller: Mahalah	Yappas: Tiana
Hermann: Amelia	Murray: Alannah	Yappas: George
Hodges: Isabella	O'Beirne: Lucas	
Hooper: Will	O'Dea: Iselt	

## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL 2019

As you are aware, the Upper House has delayed voting on this Bill which would allow abortion until full term, for any reason. There has been much opposition from the public. Communities such as St Patrick's Parish have provided opportunities for people to register their opinion via the petition and encouragement to write letters to your local members. It is reported that the flood of some 14,000 letters caused the decision to allow time for more debate. So these letters should continue while ever there is time to write them. You may write to the Premier at [Willoughby@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Willoughby@parliament.nsw.gov.au), or call her office 8574 5000, or State member for Gosford, Liesl Tech at [gosford@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gosford@parliament.nsw.gov.au) or call 4342 4122. There are many more members to whom you may write, and further names and addresses are available online or in the document available at the foyer today.

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/members/Pages/all-members.aspx>

## CAKE STALL - THIS WEEKEND

The youth will be providing many plates of cakes please enjoy the fruits of thier labour and all those others who helped provide these delights. Proceeds will help send our youth to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth



ST PATRICKS PARISH YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS:

# CAKE STALL

AUG 24 & 25 MASSES | ACYF FUNDRAISER | PLEASE DONATE A PLATE

HELP SEND OUR YOUTH TO THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

## CATHOLIC WORKS FUND APEAL - PLEASE HELP

**OUR PARISH COMMITMENT IS MORE THAN \$30,000 FOR THE YEAR.**

*"The Catholic Church was there for my mother during her greatest trial". Sonia*

*Patricia was diagnosed with Stage 4 ovarian cancer in 2014. Over the 18 months that she was in and out of hospital, she was visited by one of our CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners at Gosford Hospital. Today we hear how this service supported Patricia and her family and remember her on the fourth anniversary of her death (4 August 2015).*

To read more on Patricia's story, please read the article in August edition of Broken Bay News.

Your donations to the Charitable Works Fund are distributed amongst five Catholic services that assist the people of our Diocese.

Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your kindness, your thoughtfulness and your generosity.

**CatholicCare Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program** – where five Pastoral Care Practitioners reach over 3,000 patients, 700 families and over 180 hospital staff each year across seven hospitals in our Diocese.

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** – creating and updating teaching materials and training catechists who minister to public school students across the Diocese.

**St Lucy's School** – for primary school students with disabilities.

**St Edmund's College** – for secondary school students with disabilities.

**Ephpheta Centre** – serving the Catholic deaf community.



## MENALIVE SPECIAL MEETING

### Guest Speaker

On the Thursday, 5th of September, Robert Falzon of MenAlive will be presenting on the importance of fathers in society and the family.

**This will be a great event for all to attend,** to receive his wisdom and to learn about this important topic. See the advertisement on Page 7.

## FRIDAY HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Firstly may we thank Karan Moroney who's been a member of the Friday team for a number of years but now has to step back from the role. Sadly this leaves us with a space to fill and we invite you to consider whether you would be willing to become involved. Yes, there's a few little hoops to jump, but once through them you would only have to visit weekly, fortnightly or monthly – your choice. To know more, please contact Theresa via the Office on 4325 1042.

## OUR ALTAR SOCIETY THANKS YOU.

Following our advertisements recently we've had two lovely ladies enquire about joining a group, Catherine & Pauline, and we thank them mightily for their assistance. Catherine offered to join our Candle Cleaning team as well. We appreciate your stewardship, and your generous hearts.

## PRESENTATIONS FOR BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Harrison Patrick Schrauvena, Zyla Mae Sell, Isabella Caldas, Jai Fuller McLean and Hadley Jane Simpson into our parish community. They will be Baptised in the next few weeks.

May the Lord watch over them and their families so they are surrounded with Love and peace.



St. Patrick's Parish, Gosford

# Bush Dance



**JOIN US ON**

**SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER**

**FOR A GOOD OLE'**

**BUSH DANCE**

**6PM ST PATRICK'S HALL**

**ADULTS \$35**

**CHILDREN 6-16YRS \$10**

**<5YRS FREE**

**DINNER INCLUDED**

**BYO DRINKS**

**SOFT DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM PARISH OFFICE AND AFTER SOME MASSES**

**[SEE BULLETIN]**



*Please note: tickets will NOT be available on the night due to catering requirements*

## YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

### MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 24/8	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford 6:30p Somersby	+ Anniversary JAMES O'DONOVAN + 3RD Anniversary PETER WHITE + 4th Anniversary MARY ANNE BUHAGIAR
Sun 25/8	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford 6:00p Gosford	'JUSTICE & PEACE FOR JENNY' Parish Intentions + Remembrance RENE HANNEQUIN
Mon 26/8	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance FRANZ HAKVOORT
Tues 27/8	9:00a Gosford	+ Anniversary PAT KETTLE
Wed 28/8	11:30a Gosford	MASS FOR THE BEREAVED
Thu 29/8	9:00a Gosford 12:00p Gosford 7:30p Gosford	+ Remembrance BERNADETTE FRIQUET +Ann: THERESE & MICHAEL MURTAGH Parish Intentions
Fri 30/8	9:00a Gosford 12:00n Gosford	+ Remembrance RIC MCGUIRE + Remembrances KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES
Sat 31/8	9:00a Gosford 5:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance LEO FRY + Remembrances MARGUERITE & ALEXANDER MORRISON, WILLIAM ADAMS & ROSS RODGERS
Sun 01/9	7:30a Gosford 9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance LLOYD WOODS Parish Intentions

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Kellie Nevin, Bob Smith, Charlie Sammut, Rachael Lees, Brian Graham, Arlene Peters, Kath Ryan, John Burg, Peter & Lena O'Donovan, Tina Learwood, Allan Francis, Brian Loo, Bev Meehan, Michael Graham, Glenn Mills, Frank McGuinness, Angela Cunningham, Simon Low, Christopher Graham, Frances Cannon, John Riley, Margaret Gunnison, Sonia Cummings, Anna-Marie Rowan, Melita Waters, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh, Scott McKinnon.

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Riley, Pedrito Daza, Dionisio Gler, Steven Kim, Lisa Hennessy, Andrew Murphy.

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Pat Kettle, Mary Jane Buhagiar, Carl O'Malley Jones, Maria Porpiglia, Mavis Hyland, David Kettle, James O'Donovan, Peter White, Ron Hinckman, Mary Jane Buhagiar, Rizzo Family, Therése & Micaél Murtagh, Kristie Camilleri Scibblia.

### REMEMBRANCES:

René Hannequin, Franz Hakvoort, Bernadette Friquet, Ric McGuire, Maria Dabski, Ronald Freeman, Ian McGuinness, June Farr, Nelson Fernandes, Keevers, Knight & Merchant families, Michael Kokegei.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

### CF. PS 85:1-3

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;** save the servant who trusts in you, my God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

## FIRST READING

### IS 66:18-21

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**They will gather all of your people from all nations.**

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

**The word of the Lord**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### PS 116. R. MK 16:15

**(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

**(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

**(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

## SECOND READING

### HEB 12:5-7, 11-13

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

**The Lord disciplines those he loves.**

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment

is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

**The word of the Lord**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### JN 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### LK 13:22-30

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

**From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.**

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

### CF. PS 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

## COMMENTARY BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The prophet announces that foreign people are called together by God. This will become a sign to other foreigners of the glory that they themselves have seen. This prophetic vision is quite surprising, for Israel was not a nation that engaged in much missionary activity. Furthermore, Israel developed very stringent laws that separated it from what was considered ritually unclean. This included foreign people. Here, foreigners are brought together by God to behold divine glory and to worship the God of Israel in the temple in Jerusalem. Both ethnic privilege and cultic regulations are set aside, and this all happens through the action of God.

The psalm is a hymn with a universal point of view. All nations and all peoples are called on to give praise and glory to the God of Israel. The reason for this praise is the wonderful deeds that God has accomplished on behalf of Israel. This brief psalm points out a very important dimension of the election of Israel: the blessings granted to Israel were not intended for that nation alone; Israel was to be the instrument of God's universal goodness. Others were to look on Israel and see, not a great nation, but a lowly one, a nation that became great through the mercy of God. This was the message that Israel was chosen to proclaim, this was the good news of universal salvation.

The community to whom the Letter to the Hebrews was addressed could not explain the misfortune it was undergoing. This suffering was not the inevitable consequence of imprudent or sinful behaviour. It was considered a form of discipline intended to make them strong. The author of the letter first rebukes the community for not having remembered the teaching found within its own religious tradition. He then appeals to a well known proverb that provides the explanation that he is suggesting (cf. Prov 3:11-12). Both the original proverb and the author of Hebrews attempt to soften the view that suffering is discipline from God by appealing to the relationship of parent to child.

Jesus turns the focus of discussion from the salvation of others to concern about one's own future. He exhorts his hearers to put all their energy forward. As in athletic competitions, they should struggle for the prize, commit themselves wholeheartedly. A story illustrates how difficult it will be for some to be saved. It shows that some do not make the necessary effort to get into the banquet hall. Some who expect to be admitted are turned away. While those whom they look down on as outsiders will actually be brought in to the festivities, they will remain outside, weeping in disappointment and gnashing their teeth in envy. This gospel shows some of the surprising reversals that the reign of God will bring forth.





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## TUESDAY AUGUST 20

St Monica

## WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21

St Augustine, bishop, doctor.

## THURSDAY AUGUST 22

The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER, 1

### 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

1st – Sirach 3:17–20, 28–29

2nd – Heb 12:18–19, 22–24

Gospel – Lk 14:1,7–14

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