



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.



SAFEGUARDING MONTH

The annual Safeguarding Month in Broken Bay began last night with a beautiful Liturgy of Inclusion and Care at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral Waitara.

This is the fourth year the Diocese of Broken Bay has held a Liturgy in Safeguarding Month, and this year the theme focused on Inclusion and Care, particularly for those vulnerable in our communities and those with disability.

The Labyrinth was used as a tool throughout the Liturgy, with participants receiving a card with a raised labyrinth to follow with their finger.

An image of Jesus with ribbons woven across His face was used in the Liturgy to demonstrate how our community is woven together, a unity in our loving God. Participants from across the Diocese removed the ribbons one by one to reveal the image of Jesus as we are born in the likeness and image of Jesus.

Attendants at the Liturgy were asked to take a card containing a word and scripture quote, and a painting from local artists with disabilities from the Boonah Creative Arts Centre. They were also invited to walk the path of the labyrinth in the nearby Nulty room outside the Cathedral to reflect and pray.

The Liturgy of Inclusion and Care is an important event in our Diocesan calendar. We pray for all those that have been hurt in our community by members of the Church, and further our commitment to safeguarding our young and vulnerable persons in our community.

Read more of the Safeguarding Standards that have been formulated by those in Government and adapted by our Diocese of Broken Bay safeguarding team. You can find the remaining standards on Page 4 of this weeks Bulletin.



FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

"May the dear God be with you .
May He inflame your inmost being
always more and more with the fire of
apostolic zeal!"

From Fr Jordan's Last Will and testament.

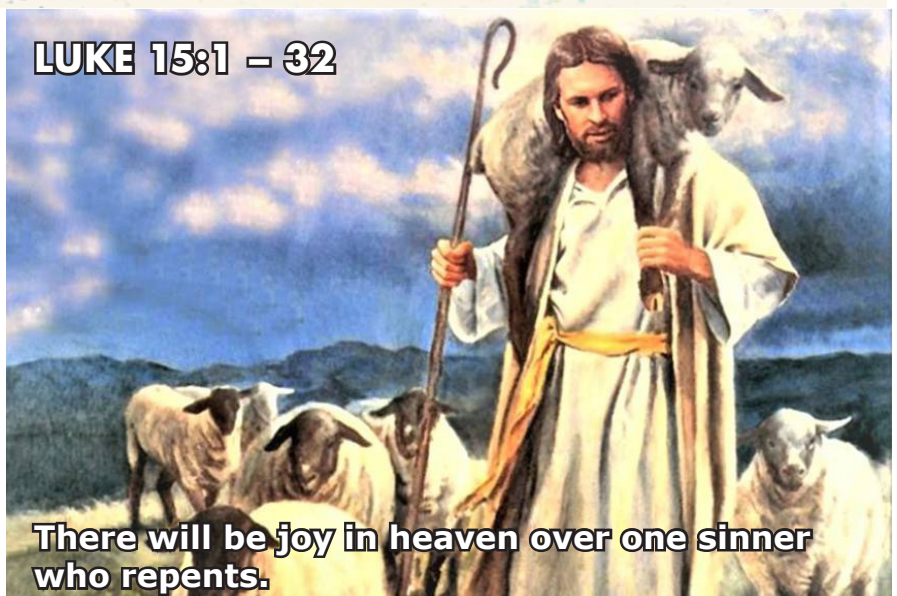


POPE FRANCIS' SEPTEMBER 2019 INTENTION

Universal – Politicians, Scientists and Economists:

"That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans."

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



A PRAYER FOR SAFEGUARDING

Lord, our God, Look with favour on our children whom we as a Church commend to your tender care. Your Son, gladly welcomed little children. He took them in his arms, blessed them, and held them up as an example for us all. We pray that you, Father, will also send your blessing upon all of us gathered here this day, so that we may play our part in helping our children to grow in Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, may they become Christ's witnesses in a world which craves their energy, light and generosity. Allow us to create environments where both children and priests flourish and minister to each other in a spirit of light, love and joy. We also beg your pardon for the times we have failed in this ministry. We remember those who have been hurt and those who are hurting, may your healing be a source of strength and comfort to them and their families. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen Lord, we thank you for the gift of our children; they are our light and our joy. Give us wisdom to guide them, patience to teach them, and a desire to encourage them always. As we strive to love them sincerely, may we never betray their trust, dampen their hope, or discourage their spirit. May we help them achieve their potential and fulfill your dreams for them. May your grace and love fall gently upon them giving them the inner strength, peace and patience they will need for the journey ahead. And as we strive to create safe environments where we can freely minister to them, may we be open to you ministering to us in and through them. Amen



ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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SALVATORIANI

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8:30am – 1:00pm

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Christian Brothers' Community

Frederick Street, East Gosford

Br Peter Hester cfc [Community Leader]

Br Rod Shoebridge cfc

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER GROUP

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

Praying for Christian Unity.



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 Night

7:00pm 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 Sept 15	7:30am 9:00am 10:30 12:00pm 6:00pm	Mass Mass Baptisms Baptism - Bishop David Walker Mass St Joseph's & St Edward's school Youth Mass followed by Youth meeting in Jordan Room
Monday Sept 16	8:30am 9:00am 9:30am 7:00pm	Adoration. Mass. Christian Unity Prayer Group in the Jordan Room. Bible Study Meeting in the Jordan Room.
Tuesday Sept 17	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass.
Wednesday Sept 18	10:00am 11:00am 11:30am	Bible Study Group in the Jordan Room Adoration. Mass
Thursday Sept 19	8:30am 9:00am	Adoration. Mass
Friday Sept 20	9:30am 12:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm	Craft Group in Jordan Room. Mass Adoration in St Patrick's from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Korean Mass
Saturday Sept 21	8:30am 9:00am 10:15am 5:00pm 6:30pm	Adoration. Mass. Choir Practise in Church. Mass Mass at Somersby

ST PATRICK'S A PLACE OF TRUST

Let us all work together to make our Parish one of hope and joy for all. Especially for our children who are in our care. Make it a Place of Trust by our:

- Culture of Leadership and governance
- Informed Decision Making including Children's views.
- Families, carers and communities being involved in promoting child safeguarding
- Equity and diverse needs are respected
- People working with children are suitable
- Processes for raising concerns are responsive, understood, accessible and used by children, families, and all in the community
- We all feel equipped to keep all children safe
- Physical and online environment promote safety and minimise the opportunity for children to be harmed
- Document procedures and continually review them

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

KIDS CORNER

PINT SIZED PADDIES

NEXT EVENT IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

In the School Hall 7:00 pm on 2nd and 4th Friday of each Month. **On Friday September 20, there will be a Movie night – Cost \$5:00.**

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, September 15 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.

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.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

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

ST JOSEPH'S WORKSHOP APPEAL.

St Joseph's Workshop located at 18 Dignity Crescent, West Gosford is looking for men and women volunteers. Hours of work from 7:00 am to 12 noon, one or more days a week making timber furniture for welfare and sale at Vinnie's shop outlets. Training will be given. Please contact Bob on 4323-9013 Monday to Friday to arrange a visit to the workshop.



FAREWELL JADWIGA SKULSKA - [MUM]

What a pleasure it has been to have Fr Greg's mum, Jadwiga, with us this last month but sadly [for us] she departs on Monday to visit her daughter in Western Australia before heading back to Poland. We know she has stocked Fr Greg's freezer with her home made delights, a couple of which we have sampled at the 1st Friday lunch and the cake stall, so we know how much Fr Greg will miss her! Farewell Jadwiga, we wish you safe travel and a wonderful time in the west, and look forward to your return at another time. God bless you.



BUSH DANCE - THANK YOU

Fr Greg would like to publicly thank all those who put so much work into organising the Bush Dinner Dance. All those on the fundraising committee. Fr Greg, Alyce Chin, Cecilia Coughlin, Eunice Dal Busco, Charlene Xuereb, Katrina Pratt, Masie Tenev, Nicole Murphy Pacholek, Catherine Croll and Pattie Beattie.

Alyce and Charlene who donated the desserts, Tom for the photo booth, Cecilia for the Tea and Coffee, all of which helped make the night so special.

Plus the Youth and many others who helped sell tickets, those who helped decorate the Hall including Mangrove Produce and Hardware for the donation of the bales of hay.

And of course, all of you who bought tickets or donated to the cause.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES, SEPT 28.

While at the Movie Enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner.

Simply bring something of the quantity you would normally prepare for yourself, to share with all, for either the Main Meal, the Dessert, or towards tea, coffee, hot chocolate after dinner while we watch the movie with biscuits or nibbles.

SAFEGUARDING MONTH

SAFEGUARDING MONTH BEGAN LAST WEEKEND AND CONTINUES THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

To find out how you can get involved refer to the following link; <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/safeguarding/education-and-awareness> or speak with your Parish Priest.

This year the Diocese of Broken Bay is celebrating the theme: A safe community is one in which all experience a sense of belonging

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY * CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK *

Creating Communities of Safety and Care

STANDARD 6: PROCESSES FOR RAISING CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS ARE RESPONSIVE, UNDERSTOOD, ACCESSIBLE AND USED BY CHILDREN, FAMILIES, CARERS, COMMUNITIES AND PERSONNEL

- St Patrick's has accessible procedures for raising and responding to concerns and complaints
- St Patrick's takes all concerns and complaints seriously, and follows up with everyone involved.

STANDARD 7: PERSONNEL ARE EQUIPPED WITH KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND AWARENESS TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE THROUGH INFORMATION, ONGOING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Staff and volunteers are regularly encouraged to have access to information on and training on child safeguarding
- Staff and volunteers respond effectively when issues of child safeguarding arise

STANDARD 8: PHYSICAL AND ONLINE ENVIRONMENTS PROMOTE SAFETY AND CONTAIN APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS TO MINIMISE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO BE HARMED

- St Patrick's risk management strategy addresses physical risk
- St Patrick's risk management strategy addresses online risk

STANDARD 9: St Patrick's regularly review and improve implementation of the systems for keeping children safe

- St Patrick's regularly reviews the child safe practices
- St Patrick's uses reviews to improve the child safe practices

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY
Safeguarding Awareness Month!

SEPTEMBER 2019

A SAFE COMMUNITY IS ONE IN WHICH ALL EXPERIENCE A SENSE OF BELONGING

AN INITIATIVE OF
THE DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING
IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT:
bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/safeguarding
or CALL: 02 8379 1605

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

STANDARD 10: policies and procedures document how the St Patrick's is safe for children

- St Patrick's policies and procedures on child safety are documented and acceptable
- Everyone in the organisation of St Patrick's knows how to apply the child related policies and procedures

FEELING WORRIED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF A CHILD?



TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT THAT CAN HELP YOU



**PHONE: THE OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING [CHANCERY]
02 8379 1605**



**EMAIL: THE OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING [CHANCERY] ON
SAFEGUARDING@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU
HILARY.P1@OPTUSNET.COM.AU**

You have a responsibility to do something...

**IF THE CHILD IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER
CALL THE POLICE ON "000"**

THE ABOVE CONTACT CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS TO ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD

THE AV TEAM NEEDS NEW PRESENTERS.

Did you know, running the Mass presentations is quite easy! If you know the order of the Mass, you can work the AV Mass presentations; however, full training is given.

Please contact the Parish Office 4325-1042.

ST PATRICK'S PICNIC

A Thank you to all Parishioners from Fr Greg.

We will be having a Picnic day at St Francis of Assisi Church and grounds on Sunday October 13.

Beginning with Mass at 12:00noon.

All are welcome to join in, get to know others in the Parish and have fun.

We often go to a specific Mass every Sunday and as such don't get to meet others who go to different Masses. This is the event where you can enjoy yourselves with games, conversation and general frivolity.



CATENIANS FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH

Dinner Invitation Ladies and gentlemen of the Central Coast parishes are invited to the next dinner of the Brisbane Waters proposed Catenian circle. The dinner cost is \$30 each, which includes 2 course dinner and wine. The speaker is not yet confirmed. Date is Thursday 19th September 2019, 7:00 for 7:15. At the Davistown RSL. If you have not been to the previous two dinners then there will be no charge.

SALVATION MISSION COLLECTION ON SEPTEMBER 29

The Society of the Divine Savior received from its Founder, Fr. Francis Jordan, the task to never rest content until all creatures know, accept, and love Christ. Salvatorians are called to proclaim the Good News of salvation to all, without distinction, And so Salvatorians are called to continuously open and search new horizons, also geographically, in order to spread and proclaim the goodness and kindness of Christ.

In the last 20 years the Society established its presence in 18 new countries. Most of those countries could be called "mission" countries, although some are in traditionally Catholic areas.

The general mission secretary, on behalf of the generalate, oversees the expansion, the new foundations, the missionary efforts of the Society, including financing. Since the Society finds itself in a period of renewed expansion, the need for new forms of fundraising is obvious.

Therefore on the weekend of Sunday 29 September we will be having a fund raiser for the Salvatorian Missions.

CATHOLIC YOUTH BROKEN BAY

TWILIGHT TALKS

Catholic Youth Broken Bay invites you to Twilight Talks. Join Young Adults (18+) from around the Diocese to connect, share a meal, pray and be nourished by inspiring speakers. This month we will be focusing on and breaking open Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit*. Hear from a panel of young adults with some of their insights, and join in discussion around the Holy Father's latest document to young people and the Church.

Date: Tuesday 17 September 2019

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Venue: Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills



A great way to engage in youth spirituality.

Good food and refreshments plus discussing the Popes thoughts.

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 14/9	9:00a Gosford	+ Anniversaries MARIA & PAUL BIGENIS
	5:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance RUPERTO POTESAS
	6:30p Somersby	+ Anniversary MARY-JANE BUHAGIAR
Sun 15/9	7:30a Gosford	1ST Anniversary GWEN FITZPATRICK
	9:00a Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
	4:00p Spencer	Recently Deceased ARA DUABAN
	6:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance FRIQUET FAMILY
Mon 16/9	9:00a Gosford	+ 1ST Anniversary THÉRÈSE MURTAGH
Tues 17/9	9:00a Gosford	+ Remembrance KEEVERS, KNIGHT & MERCHANT FAMILIES
Thu 19/9	9:00a Gosford	+ Anniversary JOHN O'DONOVAN
Fri 20/9	12:00n Gosford	+ 40 Day Anniversary MARIA DEL CARMEN TERALTA
Sat 21/9	5:00p Gosford	+ Remembrance ANTHONY FERNANDES+ Anniversary MARY-JANE BUHAGIAR
	6:30p Somersby	
Sun 22/9	7:30a Gosford	+ Remembrance LLOYD WOODS
	9:00a Gosford	Parish Intentions
	6:00p Gosford	+ Anniversaries OLGA QUINN JOYCE LITTLEMORE PARISH INTENTIONS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Megan McGown, Kellie Nevin, 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, Margaret Gunnison, Sonia Cummings, Anna-Marie Rowan, Melita Waters, Judy Wennerbom, Helen Bligh, Scott McKinnon.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Del Carmen Teralta, Frank & Carmen Said, Ara Duaban.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gwen Fitzpatrick, John O'Donovan, Thérèse Murtagh, Rius Galea, Maria Galea, Joan Stevenson, Sam Galea, Maria & Paul Bigeni, Maria & Paul Bigeni, Mary Jane Buhagiar.

REMEMBRANCES:

Ruperto Potesas, Friquet Family, Kever, Knight & Merchant Families, Steven Kim, Lionel & Phyllis Owens, Moore & Maher Families, Leo Fry, Marguerite & Alexander Morrison, Michael Kokegel.



Matthew 5:4
Blessed are those who
mourn, for they will
be comforted.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. SIR 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.

Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING

EX 32:7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. LK 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

SECOND READING

1 TM 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St

Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 COR 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LK 15:1-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The

younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Your Roster – September 22, 25th Sunday Ordinary Time Year [C]					
MASS	VIGIL 5:00	7:30am	9:00am	6:00pm	Somersby - 6:30
DATE	21.09.19	22.09.19	22.09.19	22.09.19	21.09.19
Audio/Visual	Robert Biviano	Glad Williams	Arthur Holland	Thomas Werner	Melissa Monaghan
Acolytes	Sam Giddings Peter Young	Alan Pont Gerard Price	Peter McLean Peter Cho	Patrick Nicholls Kevin O'Donnell	Altar Society: Vicki Muscat
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Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

FRIDAY 20

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SATURDAY 21

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1st – Amos 8:4-7
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Gospel – Lk 16:1-13

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