



Gosford Parish

The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosford,
St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer
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Community

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS DAY

The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:10-14

Glory to God in the highest! The celebration of the glorious birth of Christ the Lord has begun...Merry Christmas!

Try to put yourself in the shoes of these shepherds. Little excitement would have regularly come their way. They were poor, simple shepherds who spent their days and nights tending the sheep of the fields. That night, a group of them had gathered together for camaraderie. It's easy to imagine the scene of normal talking, laughing and being together. Little did they realize what was about to happen.

As they were gathered, an angel of God appeared to them announcing "good news of great joy!" They must have been stunned. But that's only the beginning. The angel announced that the Savior of the World had been born and then, much to their surprise, they witnessed the whole host of heavenly angels singing praises: "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" "Glory to God in the highest!"

These humble shepherds were the first to be called by God to go and greet the newborn King. What's amazing is that God did not first call the "important" of the age to come worship. He called these poor shepherds.

One thing this tells us is that, in the eyes of God, all are equal. God does not pick favorites from among those who are seen as important in the eyes of the world. No, He sees the great value and dignity of each and every person and desires all of us, rich or poor, powerful or weak, to



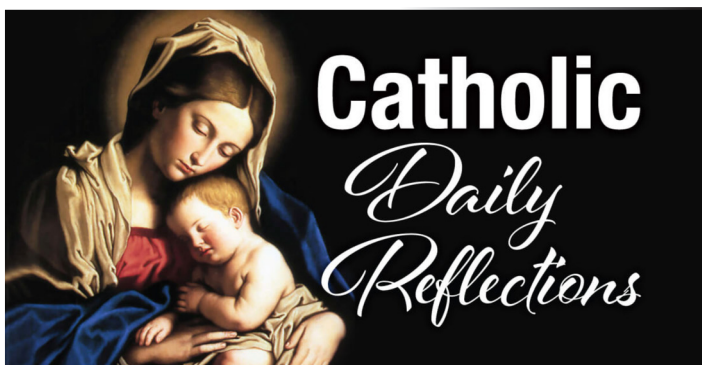
come to Him in adoration and love.

Christmas is a time filled with many exciting things. Often there are gifts and gatherings, food and good times. But more than anything else, Christmas must be seen as a time for us to step back and take in the deep and rich meaning of this sacred event. We must see, first, that God entered our human condition and, in doing so, is able to identify with all that we experience in life. God understands human life! He lived it.

Second, we must understand that the birth of the Savior of the World and His appearance to shepherds reveals that each and every one of us is invited to come and meet Him. God humbled Himself in the most profound way so that we could come to know Him and His perfect love for us. "Do not be afraid," as the angel said, to come and behold the Christ who came as your Savior. Do not be afraid to come to meet Him, love Him, adore Him and get to know Him. God is given to us, today, as an infant. Small, weak, fragile and innocent. Do not be afraid to gaze upon His humble presence and to give glory to God for His blessed coming.

Lord, I love You and adore You. I thank You for the unfathomable gift of Your divine presence among us. I thank You, especially, for the invitation You offer me to join the poor shepherds as they come to adore You. May this Christmas celebration be one in which I understand, more deeply, the incredible love You have for all Your children. May I know that You came for me, to save me and to invite me to worship. May I, this day, enter into that worship and adoration with all the Heavenly Host. Jesus, I trust in You.

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If you see any activities involving children or vulnerable adults that worries you, please email Hilary Pope, our Safeguarding Officer at hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au

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CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

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

Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

WEEKEND MASSES INCL CONFESSION 30 BEFORE EACH MASS

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

Sat Vigil: 5:00pm **Sun:** **7:30am, 9:30am & 6:00pm**

SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD

SPENCER, 4,200 WISEMANS FERRY RD

Sat Vigil: 5:30pm

4:00pm 2nd Saturday of Month

ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

Before the Blessed Sacrament

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, & Thu 8:05am to 9:00am

Tuesday 8:05am "Right to Life"

Wednesday 10:30am to 11:00am

Fridays 11:35am to 12:00pm

Saturday 8:05am until 9:00am: 1st Priests & Religious
2nd Mothers & Babies
3rd Persecuted Christians

Sunday 7:05am

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL, AT THE ADMIN CENTRE, CHAPEL LANE

Mon to Thu: 8:30am to 3:30pm **Fri:** 9:00am to 3:30pm

ST PATRICK'S GROUPS MEETINGS

Cancer Prayer Group

Craft Group

Grief & Loss Support

MenAlive

Prayers for Christian Unity

Prayer Group DVDs

Prayer Group & Bible Discussion

Bible Study - Monday night

Salvatorian Collaborators

Womens Faith Circle

AS SOON AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE WE WILL NOTIFY EVERYONE REGARDING THE RESTARTING OF GROUP GATHERINGS

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- ✦ A COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING
- ✦ PROMOTING A SAFEGUARDING CULTURE
- ✦ SAFEGUARDING POLICIES
- ✦ CODE OF CONDUCT

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Hilary Pope



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[CLICK HERE TO VIEW OR DOWNLOAD OUR DIOCESAN COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARDING](#)

CHRISTMAS LETTER TO THE PARISH

FROM FR GREG

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

I wish a Holy and Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year to all my dear parishioners. May the Love, Joy and Peace of the Baby Jesus be in your hearts and make Christmas a really joyful occasion.

As we celebrate Christmas Masses on this special day of the year as one big parish family, each one of you can be sure and certain that you are all remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

All the readings for all the various Christmas liturgies proclaim the same mystery. God not only authors life and pours out grace in the midst of it, he chooses to join us in our lives by becoming one of us. Jesus enters into life that we might do the same. Whatever the circumstances of your life right now: grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt; Jesus has lived it himself, and he longs to live it with you. Choose life with Jesus! Let Him be born again in your heart. Allow Him to enter into your moments and give you the life for which you were created.

I would like to thank all of our parishioners for your commitment to our parish this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our churches and setting up for the different liturgies, this season and throughout the liturgical year. And a special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministries in our parish and especially to those few who work quietly behind the scenes.

Especially our amazing staff members!

Maybe the Christmas message this year should be a challenge for all of us to become more involved especially in this year of community we have in our parish? It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. After all, that's what God was doing when he got involved with us and our world at the first Christmas. Christmas belongs to faithful, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. This is why He came. God will fill us with His peace if there is room in our lives for Him.

I would also like to sum up the 2021 year and acknowledge the many new initiatives and projects we were able to accomplish this past twelve months, such as:

- Monthly Markets
- Family Group formation
- Development of our Youth Ministry
- Winning the government grant for the refurbishment of the foyer
- The Salvatorian order celebrated beatification of Francis Jordan, founder of the Salvatorians
- Youth group meetings on zoom
- Live streamed Masses, adorations, rosaries
- Gosford church ranked as number one of all Christian churches in Central Coast
- Faithful counselling instituted.
- Our Parish Secretary, Colleen, celebrated the 25th anniversary of her work in the office
- Fr Paul was able to visit his family in Vietnam and after 18 months of his priesthood, finally celebrated Thanksgiving Mass for his family
- We painted the drive and walkways around the

church and presbytery

- Formation talks about St Joseph and Sacrificial love
- We renovated and successfully reenergised the Piety shop
- Our parish was able to prepare videos with prayers for the Plenary Council in Australia
- In September together with the principals of our three schools we renewed our safeguarding commitment in our parish
- We celebrated a Christmas in July party on zoom during lockdown
- On 28th May I celebrated the 10th anniversary of my priesthood at a parish dinner
- During Lent our parish had a parish retreat on Hope
- Members of our parish prepared a booklet with written reflections for each day of Lent

In closing, my only prayer today is that you, your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Hope, Joy and Love. At the same time, I thank you all sincerely for your thoughtful prayers and the Christmas greetings and gifts Fr Paul and I received. May all my dear parishioners be overshadowed with the mighty and powerful blessings of the Baby Jesus.

Yours in Christ

Fr Greg Skulski SDS

Parish Priest

NEW YEARS MASSES

TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR

Fr Greg invites us all to celebrate the New Year with the community of St Patrick's. What better way to start a new year than by attending Mass and share in God love with our fellow parishioners.

NEW YEARS EVE MASS GOSFORD 6:00 PM
NEW YEARS DAY MASS GOSFORD 9:00 AM

SEMINARIAN HUY IS LEAVING US

HUY, WILL BE LEAVING US ON BOXING DAY

We would like to thank him for his service to our parish during his short visit and we wish him well as he continues on his journey to becoming a priest. May God bless him and keep him safe.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSING FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

The office staff will be taking the Christmas break from the afternoon of 24th December until 17th January.

During that time the office will be only be opened on Monday 10th Jan and Thursday 13th Jan from 9am-1pm

MORE TO THANK

Thank you in to Kelly Paget for her help with the preparation of the videos at our Christmas Masses.

Also thank Lyn & Bob Pankhurst for the loan of Oliver the donkey and their pony for the children's delight at our 5pm Family Mass.

Thank you to the O'Connors for the morning tea last Saturday



St Patrick's Gosford
year of
Community

GROUPS IN THE PARISH – PLACES YOU CAN BELONG

| Group | Description | How to Find Out More |
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| Youth Ministry | <p>Arise – Youth in years 5 and 6, gathering on alternate Fridays for fun, friendship, food and faith. At St Patrick's hall, Victoria St school campus at 7pm.</p> <p>Ascend - Youth from high school, gathering every Sunday for fun, friendship, food and faith. At Jordan room near the church from 7pm.</p> <p>Awake – 18-35 gathering on the last Saturday of the month for fellowship, formation through talks, discussion about important topics of life, conversation, etc. In Jordan room near the church from 7pm.</p> | If you would like to join any of these groups, please contact our Youth Minister, Jaimi-Lea at jaimilea.andrews@gmail.com or 0452 480 112. |
| Family Group | An opportunity for families to get together for fellowship, friendship, formation specific to family life, children's activities, support and encouragement. | Contact Maria via Gosford.Families@gmail.com |
| MenAlive | This is a group for men of all ages gathering together on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm, starting with Mass in the church and followed by gathering for prayer, discussions, talks, reflections, sharing and socialising in the Jordan Room. | Contact Peter Axon ptaxon11@gmail.com |
| Women's Faith Circle | An opportunity to explore our faith, to reflect, pray and build community. 9am Mass followed by formation and morning tea at the Jordan Room. 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month. For Mothers with school aged children. School Terms only. | Contact Jane Eager 0417 660 078 |
| Seniors Ministry | <p>Meeting first Tuesday monthly at the Jordan room (after morning Mass) at 9:30am, for fellowship, reflection, sharing, discussion, support. Once in a while there will be also be an outing – please see Bulletin for details.</p> <p>Please also note that there is a Healing Mass on the first Friday of the month, followed by lunch for seniors in the Jordan room.</p> | Contact Barbara - 4322 0250, or Eunice – 4365 1857. |
| Salvatorian Collaborators | <p>A group of people who support the works of the Salvatorian religious order, to whom our parish is entrusted.</p> <p>Meeting once a month (time TBA)</p> | If you would like to know more, please contact katrina.pratt.laysalvatorian@gmail.com |
| Children's Liturgy | <p>Every Sunday during 9:30am Mass (except Family Mass and school holidays).</p> <p>Activities relating to the Sunday readings aimed specifically for children. Join us for drawing, craft, videos etc.</p> | Contact Margaret Eadie E26margaret@outlook.com |
| Bible Study | <p>Gathering of people who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Word of God. Every meeting provides new opportunities and new reflections with like-minded people. Our parish offers different times to meet at the Jordan Room:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday 9:30am a couple of times a month - Monday 7pm weekly | <p>Monday Morning Contact Cecilia Coughlin ccoughlin3@bigpond.com</p> <p>Monday Evening John & Ros Van Lierop Johnros_6@bigpond.com</p> |
| Monday Morning Group | Come and join in to pray and reflect on Bible readings or watch Christian DVDs after the 9am Mass at the Jordan Room. 1st, 2nd & 4th Mondays monthly. | Contact Cecilia Coughlin ccoughlin3@bigpond.com |
| Craft Group | Every Friday morning during school term gathering in the Jordan Room from 9:30am-12pm for sewing, knitting, etc. | Contact: Eunice Dal Busco eunice.dalbusco@bigpond.com Helen Moore helenandbobmoore@gmail.com |
| Cancer Prayers | This group meets the 3rd Tuesday monthly, 10am at the Jordan Room in support and prayers for those who have a Cancer diagnosis or are family or carers of someone who has Cancer. | Cecilia Coughlin ccoughlin3@bigpond.com |
| Grief & Loss Prayer & Support Group | This group meets the 1st Thursday monthly at 2pm at the Jordan Room in support of those suffering grief or loss in any form. | Margaret Eadie E26margaret@outlook.com |
| Prayers for Christian Unity | Every 3rd Monday monthly at the Jordan Room after the 9am Mass. This group dedicates strives through prayer for unity amongst all Christian Churches. | Robyn Nevin 0403 052 229 |



CATECHIST CORNER

OUR PARISH CATECHIST TEAM, INVITE PARISHIONERS TO JOIN OUR MINISTRY, IN A RELIEF TEACHING CAPACITY TO SUPPORT OUR EXISTING CATECHISTS.

Relief teaching would typically require a once a term commitment on a Wednesday or Thursday.

There are also 1 Teaching Position available at Point Clare and 2 Teaching positions available to teach at Kariong and East Gosford Public Schools on Thursdays.

Please contact Raelene 0499 995 292 for further details and information.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH!

MINISTRIES

- Eucharistic ministers
- Acolytes & Senior altar servers
- Junior altar servers
- Musicians / Choir
- Readers
- Hospital visitation
- Altar society (flowers)
- Welcoming committee
- Piety shop
- Catechists
- Children's liturgy
- Counters
- Gardeners and caretakers
- AV presentation

If you would like to involve yourself as a volunteer in any of the ministries in the parish, please contact the parish office for more details.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- Community dinners such as international food night, Italian night, bush dance and more!
- Movie nights??3rd Saturday of the month.
- Coffee shop – every Saturday morning at the Jordan room after 9am mass.
- Breakfast every 1st Sunday of the month after morning masses at the Jordan Room
- Seniors lunches (as above)
- Parish picnics at various times throughout the year
- Morning tea and coffee after 9:30 mass on 3rd Sunday of the month
- Sausage sizzle once a month (4th Sunday) after youth mass

ONLINE

- Livestreamed mass
- Rosary every evening
- Facebook/youtube/instagram/website
- Email
- Website

SERVICES

RCIA – program for adults who want to become Catholic or complete their sacraments

Contact Chris Paget: cpaget01@gmail.com or the Parish Office [4325 1042].

Faithful counselling: Contact the Parish Office [4325 1042]

St Vincent de Paul Society: 4322 5861



POSITION VACANT

Personal Assistant to the Vicar General, Office of the Bishop

Permanent, part-time position (4 days per week, 9:00am to 5:00pm)

Role split between Pennant Hills and Chatswood locations.

To obtain a copy of the position description or for further details, please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

If you are interested in applying please send your CV and

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**Applications close Wednesday 22 December 2021.
Contact to be made with candidates and interviews
mid-January 2022.**

COVID UPDATE

MASKS AND COVID-19 CHECK-IN

The current rulings from NSW Health relevant to places of worship like churches states.

- **COVID-19 QR-code check-in is still mandatory**

- **Masks are mandatory indoors again as of Midnight 24 December 2021**



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Readings for CHRISTMAS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

PS 2:7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.

It is I who have begotten you this day.

FIRST READING

IS 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A son is given to us.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity.

From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 95:1-3. 11-13 R. LK 2:11

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

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.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

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

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth.

4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth.

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING

TI 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed to all people.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to

do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LK 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LK 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Today a saviour has been born for you.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Creed is said. All kneel at the words and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JN 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

**God Loves
You!**



Readings for Sunday, 26th December The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

FIRST READING

1 SM 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel
For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 127:1-5. R. SEE V.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life.

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

SECOND READING

1 JN 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

COL 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

LK 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to

look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

BAR 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

THIS WEEK

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| Mon 27 | St John, apostle, evangelist |
| Tue 28 | The Holy Innocents, martyrs |
| Wed 29 | 5th day in Octave of the Nativity |
| Thu 30 | 6th day in Octave of the Nativity |
| Fri 31 | 7th day in Octave of the Nativity |
| Sat 1 | MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD |

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

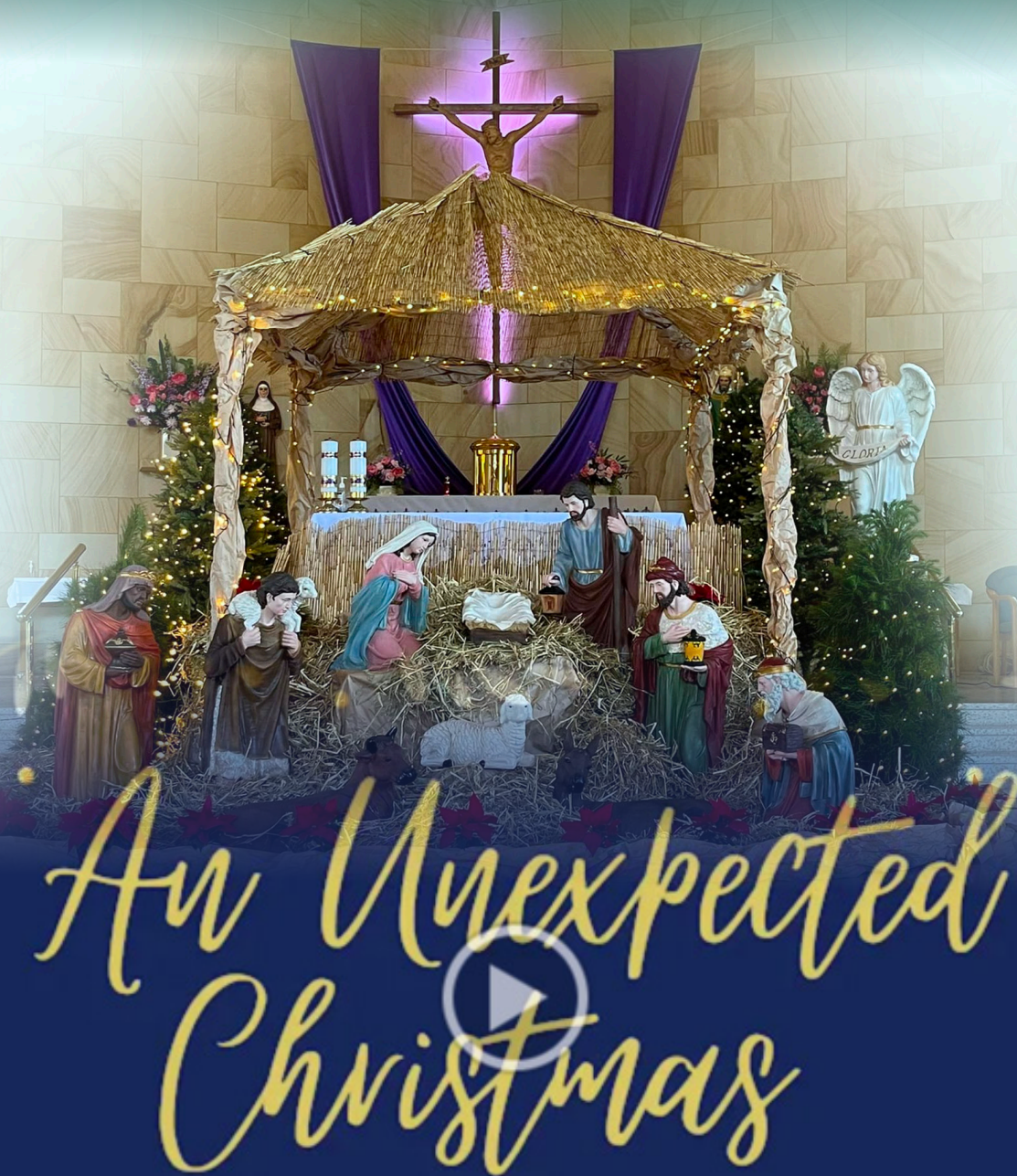
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| 1st: | Is 60:1-6 |
| Ps: | 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 |
| 2nd: | Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 |
| Gospel: | Mt 2:1-12: |

O' to live a
life the Jesus
would be
proud of

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Nativity play

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| YOUR ROSTER - JANUARY 2, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| MASS | VIGIL 5:00 | 7:30am | 9:30am | 6:00pm | Somersby - 5:00pm | |
| DATE | 01.01.22 | 02.01.22 | 02.01.22 | 02.01.22 | Function | 01.01.22 |
| Audio/Visual | Anna Jung | Michael Lynch | Arthur Holland | Lee Sullivan | Audio/Visual | Michael Xuereb |
| Acolytes | Peter Young Alberto Torres | Gerard Price John McCrae | Katrina Pratt Peter McLean | Kevin O'Donnell Mark Bennett | Altar Society | Nai Herford |
| Commentator | Maisie Tenev | Josie McGuinness | Emily Rudd | Cheryl Walsh | Commentator | Michael Monaghan |
| Lectors | Val Dibben Bridget Sharp | Josie McGuinness Sheila Evans | Ellen Antonino Carol Bailey | Rob Surdich Joan Vella-Critien | Lectors | Sarah Xuereb Mary Luci |
| Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist | Jan Blanch | Joy McHugh | Margaret Mathieson | Angela Stitt | | Michael Monaghan |
| Altar Servers | Lachlan Murphy | Amelia Eager Laura Eager | Yuna Iwasaki Shiho Iwasaki Helen Shiju | Vito De Toffol Remi De Toffol Luca De Toffol Xavier Werder | Cleaning | Nai & David Herford |
| | | | | | Flowers | Mia Xuereb Doris Vassallo |
| COUNTERS 27/12 Eunice Dal Busco Ron Begg Marie Cradock 03/01 Gary Smith Lyn Beglin Margaret Hunter | ALTAR LINEN P/Up 27/12 Aimee Sands Ret'n by 31/12 | ALTAR SOCIETY Sat, Jan 01 Eunice Dal Busco Mabel Kan Anita Venn Susan Tabone | CHILDRENS LITURGY Postponed until after School Resumes | PARISH BUS Postponed | FRIDAY HOSPITAL VISITATION 07/01 Christina Miller Margaret Eadie Mabel Kan John McCrae Coleen Martin Denise Nicholson Sandra Petith Gary Wills | SUNDAY HOSPITAL VISITATION 09/01 Sheila Evans Michael Lynch |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Lorraine Collins, Ross Sayer, Fred Boland, Teresa Davar, Rod Pelling, Susan Milne, Bernadette Humphries, Maura Garvey, Allan Hoole, Maree Nolan, William Parkhouse, Anne Holohan, Brent Senger, Oliver Senger, Christopher Michael Graham, Angela Gibbs, Peter Allman, Peter Gloss, Pat Lowe, Maria Keisellis, Pam O'Malley-Jones, Megan McGowan, Judith Wennerbom, Marie O'Donovan, Frank McGuinness.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joseph Jones, Ted Pereira, JOHN O'HALLORAN, Cathy Murray, Carmel Xerri, Elvis Gaulbert, Luigina Caccato, Jim Dibben, Louie Lombardo, Kathleen Jones.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Thelma Tate & Joyce Littlemore, Saverio Pirrottina, Johan Van Zyl, Jose Bembo, Eris & Sheila Eaton, Fariba Ghazi, Mario Astolfi.

REMEMBRANCES:

Fariba Ghazi, Val & Eric Neilson, Moore & Maher Families, Magdalen Mcnamara, McGuire & Kirk Families, Foss Family Members, Muscat Family, John Burg.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Eric Murray who has recently lost his wife Cathy. May God hold Cathy in the palm of his hand and comfort Eric and all the family and friends.

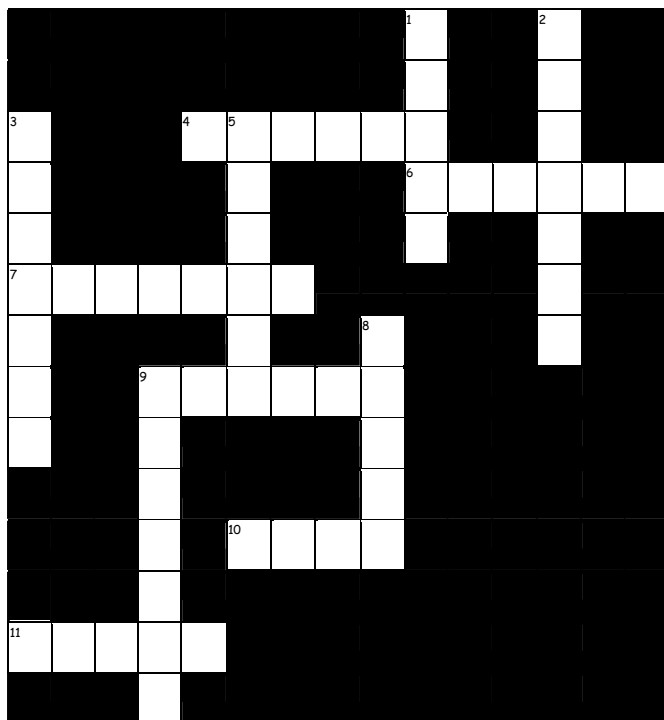
MASS INTENTIONS

| Date | Mass | Intention | Date | Mass | Intention |
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| Fri 24/12 | 5:00pm Gosford | Rem: FOSS FAMILY MEMBERS | Mon 27/12 | 9:00am Gosford | Ann: SAVERIO PIROTTINA on the 3rd Ann of his Death |
| Fri 24/12 | 5:00pm Somersby | Rem: MUSCAT FAMILY; CARMELO & NANCY VELLA | Tue 28/12 | 9:00am Gosford | + Remembrance MOORE & MAHER FAMILIES |
| Fri 24/12 | 9:00pm Gosford | Rem: MCGUIRE & KIRK FAMILIES | Wed 29/12 | 11:30am Gosford | + Remembrance Glen Mills |
| Sat 25/12 | 12:00am Gosford | 1. PARISH INTENTIONS 2. PRIESTS' INTENTIONS | Thu 30/12 | 9:00am Gosford | + Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI |
| Sat 25/12 | 7:30am Gosford | Rem: MAGDALEN MCNAMARA | Fri 31/12 | 12:00pm Gosford | Rec Dec: TED PEREIRA |
| Sat 25/12 | 9:00am Gosford & on line | + Recently Deceased JOHN O'HALLORAN | Fri 01/01 | 6:00pm Gosford | Rec Dec: JOSEPH JONES |
| Sat 25/12 | 10:30am Gosford | Ann: JOHAN VAN ZYL | Sat 01/01 | 9:00am Gosford & on line | THANKSGIVING TO THE HOLY TRINITY |
| Sun 26/12 | 7:30 am Gosford | PARISH INTENTIONS | Sat 01/01 | 5:00pm Gosford | HOLY SOULS |
| Sun 26/12 | 9:30 am Gosford & on Line | Birthday Blessings JOHNSON FERNANDES Prayers for of SAVERIO PIROTTINA on the 3rd Ann of his Death | Sat 01/01 | 5:30pm Somersby | |
| Sun 26/12 | 6:00 pm Gosford | Thanksgiving to the HOLY FAMILY | Sun 26/12 | 7:30 am Gosford | PARISH INTENTIONS |
| | | | Sun 26/12 | 9:30 am Gosford & on Line | +Anniversaries THELMA TATE & JOYCE LITTLEMORE |
| | | | Sun 26/12 | 6:00 pm Gosford | |

CROSSWORD

Today is born our Saviour

Is 9:2-4, 6-7
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12a
Ti 3:4-6
Lk 2:1-14



Across

- 4: Jesus slept in one of these
6: Messiah
7: soon to be married
9: Mary's husband
10: good natured
11: the angels sang, " _____ on earth"

Down

- 1: compassion
2: Christ the Lord is our _____
3: truthfulness
5: they sang in the heavens
8: a young person
9: rightful judgement

FUN FOR YOUNG AND OLD

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Today is born our Saviour

Is 9:2-4, 6-7
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12a
Ti 3:4-6
Lk 2:1-14

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E Q H K V X I T H Y F A B D O
L G P P F Z B Y Y X S R F D I
S O P U R J C H R I S T R B Z

Try to find these words:

Christ
Joseph
Saviour
angels
child
engaged
honesty
justice
kind
manger
mercy
peace



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Draw the angel speaking to Joseph in his dream.



Joseph listened to the angel's warning because he trusted in God. Write down some of the names of those who you trust.

DECODE THE PROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message

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