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St Patrick's Gosford

Year of

DISCIPLESHIP

NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10; MATTHEW 5:17-37

by Mary Coloe PBVM

Here Paul is at his paradoxical best. Remember he is arguing against those who want to present the Christian message as an intellectual revelation, an ideology. Greece was the birthplace of Western Philosophy (Philos: love; Sophos: wisdom) and in Corinth Paul has to deal with this tendency to intellectualise the Gospel. Paul takes up the Corinthians' love of wisdom to show them what true wisdom looks like.

The wisdom Paul offers about Christ is only accessible by those who have reached a level of maturity, and it is not the wisdom of this age – Paul even implies that this is mere childish wisdom. What Paul offers is God's wisdom kept secret till now. What a great way to start an argument! All his listeners would want to consider themselves mature, and would want to be let into a secret that others do not know.

This secret wisdom is known by God's own spirit which plunges the depths of God and can be known only by those who possess God's spirit, not the world's spirit. Paul will say more about this spirit as his letter continues.

Unfortunately, in the liturgy it is really difficult to appreciate the flow and logic of Paul's argument since we only get little snippets of it each week. I recommend you read these first chapters of 1 Corinthians aloud, so you can enter into Paul's argument.

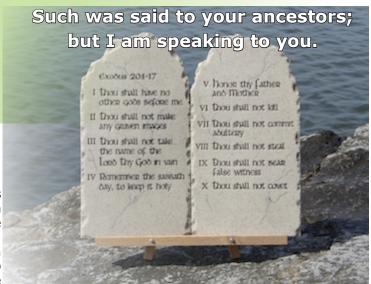
The opening verse of today's Gospel presents a difficulty. Jesus states, 'I have not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets ... till heaven and earth pass away, not one dot, not one little stroke shall disappear from the Law until its goal is achieved.' But then, Jesus goes on to reinterpret and even change the law. 'You have learned that it was said .. but I say...'. How can we make sense of this apparent contradiction.

Firstly we need to remember that Matthew's community have come to faith through Judaism and so have valued

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February



For Parishes
We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



the Law and the Prophets. It would be difficult to present Jesus if this meant completely denying the value of their Jewish traditions. So throughout the Gospel Matthew shows Jesus upholding righteousness and even demanding a greater perfection than the written Torah.

Secondly, we need to understand the phrase, 'till heaven and earth pass away'. Matthew, like other Christians of his time, saw in Jesus the coming of God's reign and the ending of the reign of Satan. In Jesus a new Age was being inaugurated, what is called the Kingdom of God. The ultimate defeat of Satan occurs in Jesus' complete surrender to God in death and God then vindicates Jesus in his resurrection. So Jesus' death marks the end of the old age, the time of Satan's power, and the birth of a new era of the Spirit of God. If you look ahead to Matthew's depiction of the crucifixion (Chapter 27) he describes cosmic upheaval at the moment of Jesus' death. 'The earth shook, rocks split, tombs were opened and the dead raised.' Matthew here describes the moment when 'heaven and earth pass away' and a new creation dawns.

Matthew's community, now living in the post-resurrection new Age of the Spirit are challenged to live the same righteousness of Jesus. The Law and the Prophets have been fulfilled and now the community is to 'obey all that I have commanded you' (Matthew 28:20).

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

This weeks Bulletin contains information about upcoming St Patrick's Parish Council Nominations! See page 4 for details on how to nominate yourself or someone else. Please talk to the other person to find out if they would want to be nominated for consideration.



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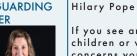
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Tue:	9:00am	Thu:	9:00am	Sat: Devotion after Mass	

Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

Mass live stream: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EKIJUFJpvg

WEEKEND MASSES INCL CONFESSION 30 MIN BEFORE

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Sat Vigil: 5:00pm Sun: 7:30am, 9:30am & 6:00pm Filipino Mass: 2nd Sunday of each month: 12:00pm

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ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH Before the Blessed Sacrament

Mon 8:30 - 9:00am	Wed 11:00 - 11:30am Fri 12:30 - 3:00p		
Tue 8:30 - 9:00am	Thu 8:30 - 9:00am	Sat 8:30 - 9:00am	
ROSARY -	PLUS ON LINE DA	AILY @ 9PM	
Mon, & Thu	8:05 am to 8:25 am		
Tuesday	8:05 am to 8:25 am "Right to Life"		
Wednesday	10:35 am to 10:55 am		
Fridays	11:35 am to 11:55 pm		
Saturday	8:05am until 8:25am: 1st Priests & Religious		

7:05 am to 7:25 am BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

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

2nd Mothers & Babies 3rd Persecuted Christians

ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

Jordan room.

Room.

After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month, in the

9:00am to 12:00pm Every Friday in the Jordan Room

7:00pm to 8:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan

Grief & Loss Support	2:00pm 1st Thursday of the month, in the Jordan room.	
MenAlive	7:00pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Mass followed by meeting in the Jordan room.	
Monday Morning	Prayer Group DVDs 1st Monday of the Month	
Prayer Groups 9:30 am after Mass	Prayer & Bible Discussion 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday of the Month	
	Prayers for Christian Unity 3rd Monday of the Month	
Bible Study - Monday night	7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday, in the Jordan Room, all are welcome!	

Movie Afternoons 1st Sunday of month at 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm Salvatorian 3:00pm, 1st Saturday of the month, in the Jordan **Collaborators** room. **Womens Faith Circle** 2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month in the Jordan Room 9:00am to 11:00am

Paddies - Youth Years 3 & 4 students, meet every Wednesday during school terms in the Hall 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

Years 5 & 6 students, meet every Friday during school terms, in the school Library 6:00pm. Arise - Youth Group Years 7 to 12 meet every Sunday night during school **Ascend - Youth Group** terms, after 6:00 pm Youth Mass

18 to 35 year olds meet the last Saturday of each Awake - Young Adults month 7:00 pm in the Jordan Room Group

SCHOOL PRINCIPLES				
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	4351 2344		

Sunday

Craft Group

Group

Crief & Loce Sun

Divine Will Praver

Cancer Prayer Group

UPCOMING EVENTS For normal Mass Times see opposite on Page 2 Any exceptions will be listed below. Date Time Event Mon 9:30am Prayers for Christian Unity 13/02/23 after Mass. All Welcome. Fri 6:00pm "Arise" youth group in 17/02/23 School Hall. 6:00pm Korean Mass followed 17/02/23 by supper in the Jordan Room.

WELCOME SEMINARIAN HUY TRAN

PLEASE MAKE HUY FEEL WELCOME

Seminarian Huy Tran will be resident at Gosford parish until Christmas.

SPECIAL TRAINING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

READERS

SUNDAY 19/02 3:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

All readers are required to attend this training.

SENIOR SERVERS, ACOLYTES AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

SUNDAY 19/02 3:45 PM IN THE CHURCH

Fr Greg requests all servers to attend this training.



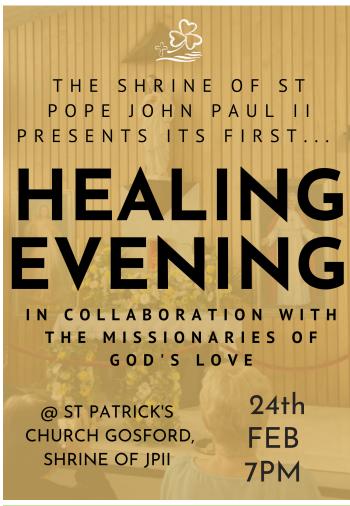
COFFEE SHOP

We need 2 or 3 Helpers to join the roster for 2nd Saturday of the month. Contact the parish office if you can help.

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

After 9:00am Mass in the Jordan Room.





ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS TIMES

ST PATRICK'S - 11.30AM AND 7PM SOMERSBY 6PM

THE CENTRAL COAST SECULAR FRANCISCANS

Are holding their first meeting for 2023 on SUNDAY 19th

The meeting will begin at 10:30 am straight after the 9:30 Mass at The Entrance Catholic Church in the Reynolds room.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend this monthly meeting.

Secretary: Gerard Price ofs Mob. 0439 519 018.



RISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

POSITIONS AS COUNCILOR REPRESENTING THE 5 FIELDS OF MISSION ARE VACANT AND READY TO BE FILLED.

Want to know more about the available roles, and how to nominate? Position descriptions will be available from the welcome desk next weekend.

PARISH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

THE FIVE FIELDS OF MISSION

THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

The primary responsibility of a Parish Pastoral Councillor is to be an active collaborator in the activation of the Parish vision and mission statement. To effectively exercise this role, a councillor should be familiar with the spiritual and physical needs of the Parish community, with an understanding of the structures, functions and people that sustain the Parish. It is also important for a councillor to have an appreciation of the needs and values of the local society in which Gosford Parish is located. With this basis - and a humble and prayerful desire to serve the Parish and its members councillors can effectively work together in aiding the Parish Priest to discern the goals and strategies that will activate the Parish's vision and mission statement.

In addition to the primary functions, a councillor will be become a liaison for one of the 5 Fields of Mission:

Parish Operations

Ministries that serve the functional needs of the parish.

Evangelisation

Ministries that allow encounters with Jesus.

Community

Ministries that help people to belong and feel welcomed.

Discipleship

Ministries involved in the formation of parish leaders. Open to all, but with the intention that new leaders would be formed in the process, to ensure we have succession in place for the future. Just as Jesus did with his disciples

Liturgy

Ministries that further the beauty to our liturgical celebrations.

Full role descriptions for each of the five roles are available from the Welcome desk in the foyer. Please take which ever you may be interested in, if you want more information about the roles.

Nomination forms are available on the pews.

The Parish Pastoral Council

The main function of Gosford Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is to activate the Parish's vision and mission statement. With a focus on strategy and planning, the PPC is essentially a consultation and consensus body - as opposed to a coordinating team. In this way, it is a discernment group, supporting the Parish Priest in the decision-making process for the pastoral needs of the Parish.

The following 5 Fields of Mission are identified as the areas of practical application to bring to life the vision, mission and values of the parish.











Evangelisation Community

Discipleship



"The missionary work in the church today must be done by the laity. You're the ones who can give testament to the true Gospel of Jesus Christ by what you do each and every day."

(Cardinal Kevin Farrell, 8th February 2023)

On Wednesday 8th of February, members of General Committee of the International Community of the Divine Saviour (ICDS), better known as Lay Salvatorians, were in Rome to receive the Statutes of their society at the Vatican from the office of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. This declares them a legal identity of the Catholic Church. They will also be officially recognised by the Catholic Church as an International Private Association of the Faithful, with juridical personality in Canon Law.

Lay Salvatorians live out the charism of their Founder, Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, by preaching the Gospel not just through words but through their lives, not resting content until all know, love and serve Jesus as their Saviour. Their commitment to this mission brings a visible sign of the reality of God into the world in all areas of everyday life.

If you would like to know more about this branch of the Salvatorian family, please talk to of our Gosford Lay Salvatorians - Margaret, Cecilia, Katrina - or one our priests.

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READINGS THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2023 Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

CF. PS 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

SIR 15:15-20

reading from the book **Ecclesiasticus**

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. V.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING

1 COR 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St THIS WEEK **Paul to the Corinthians**

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SEE MT 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MT 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill: and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

CF. PS 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Mon	Weekday, Ordinary Time
	Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am*
Tue	Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop
	Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am*

Wed Weekday, Ordinary Time Mass at St Patrick's 11:30 am* Thu **Weekday, Ordinary Time** Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am* Fri St Scholastica, virgin Mass at St Patrick's 12 noon* Sat **Weekday, Ordinary Time** Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am* Vigil Mass at St Pat's 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Somersby 5:30 pm

Sun 7th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Mass at St Patrick's 7:30 am Mass at St Patrick's 9:30 am* Mass at St Patrick's 6:00 am

* Designates Mass is Live-streamed

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 2nd: 1 Cor 3:16-23 Gos: Mt 5:38-48



ROSTER	- FEBRUA	RY 19, 7	TH SUNDAY	IN ORDINA	ARY TIME	- YEAR A
MASS	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	6:00 PM	Somersby	- 5:30 PM
DATE	18/02/23	19/02/23	19/02/23	19/02/23	Function	18/02/23
Audio/Visual	Michael Lynch	Ron Begg	Arthur Holland	John French	Audio/Visual	Matthew Xuereb
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COUNTERS	ALTAR LINEN	ALTAR SOCIETY	CHILDREN'S	PARISH BUS	FRIDAY	SUNDAY
20/02/23 Trudi Hiep Diana Addis David Slingsby 27/02/23 Trudi Hiep Lyn Beglin Margaret Hunter	P/Up 20/01 Aimee Sands Ret'n by 24/02 COFFEE SHOP 18/02 Raelene O'Connor Bethany O'Connor Tiffany O'Connor	Thu, Feb 16/02 Maree Nolan Anna Neale Pauline Nesbitt Ros Moriarty Margaret Pratt	LITURGY 19/02 Raelene O'Connor Katie Moss	19/01 Driver: Jorge Osoro Helper: Pauline Nesbitt	HOSPITAL 17/02 Theresa GIDDINGS John McCrae Bigi Kongola Coleen Martin Denise Nicholson Sandrea Petith Gary Wills	HOSPITAL 19/02 McCrae: John Nora Koleszar

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Barbara Barnes, John Walsh, Catherine Croll, Jim Smith, Aaron Burke, Cheryl Barany, Margaret Gunnulson, John Bendkowski, Marie Allman, Paul Jones, Christine Mary Page, Margaret Eadie, Peter Glow, Mike Morris, Robert Clark, Ranjan Fernando, Michael Ludemann, Anne Hanna, Marie Nolan, Caterina Erbeni, Pat Garnsey, Olivia McGuinness, Philip Soady, Sheryl Rogers, Bernadette Humphries, Megan McGowan, Mery-Anne Bonnici, Lorraine Collins, Ross Sayer, Fred Boland, Teresa Davar, Susan Milne, Maura Garvey, Anne Holohan, Brent Senger, Oliver Senger, Christopher Michael Graham, Angela Gibbs, Peter Allman, Pam O'Malley-Jones, Judith Wennerbom, Marie O'Donovan, Frank McGuinness.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Couper, Josephine Galea, Victor Baranyi, Dawn [Pat] Druitt Paula Ahearn.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Angelo & Patricia Luca, Betty Van Yzendoorn, Glenn Mills, Colleen

Cartner, Marjorie Robinson, Sid Dowsett.

REMEMBRANCES

Dr M Frost-Foster, Tony Webster, Ian Bourbon, Margaret Moulazem, Loretta Vianello, Anthony & Effie Fernandes, Holy Souls, Frank & Carmel Attard, Val & Eric Neilson, Michael Kokegei.

CONDOLENCES:

Our condolences to all the families and friends of all those recently deceased. We pray for the souls of those departed, rest in the arms of our Lord.



MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 11/02	9:00am Gosford	ALL JPII INTENTIONS
Sat 11/02	5:00pm Somersby	+ Remembrance DR M FROST-FOSTER
Sat 11/02	5:00pm Gosford	+ Remembrance TONY WEBSTER
Sat 11/01	5:30pm Somersby	+ Remembrance IAN BOURBON
Sun 12/02	7:30 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 12/02	9:30 am Gosford & on line	+ Remembrance MARGARET MOULAZEM
Sun 12/02	6:00 pm Gosford	18th Wedding Anniversary PENNY & DOLLET GOMEZ
Mon 13/02	9:00am Gosford	For the FONG FAMILY'S INTENTIONS
Tue 14/02	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance LORETTA VIANELLO
Wed 15/02	11:30am Gosford & on line	For all Needs of GREG & SONIA CURTIS

Date	Mass	Intention			
Thu 16/02	9:00am Gosford & on line	Physical & Spiritual Welfare of ROSS SAYER			
Thu 16/02	10.30am Mass St Joseph's Yr 7	God's Blessings on FR AGNELO			
Fri 17/02	12:00pm Gosford & on line	Recently Deceased MICHAEL COUPER			
Sat 18/02	9:00am Gosford & on line	ALL JPII INTENTIONS			
Sat 18/02	4:00pm Spencer	+ Remembrance ANTHONY & EFFIE FERNANDES			
Sat 18/02	5:00pm Gosford				
Sun 19/02	7:30 am Gosford	+ 11TH Anniversary GILBERTO DAL BUSCO			
Sun 19/02	9:30 am Gosford & on line	+ Anniversaries ANGELO & PATRICIA LUCA			
Sun 19/02	6:00 pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS			

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