

# St Patrick's Gosford

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### ST PATRICK'S DAY MESSAGE

FROM FR GREG SKULSKI SDS - PARISH PRIEST

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, and his feast day is celebrated annually on the 17th of March. He is also patron saint of our church and school. He is known for his role in bringing Christianity to Ireland and for his evangelization efforts throughout the country. As a patron saint, he is an inspiration for many people, and his life and teachings provide valuable lessons for both parish and school communities. In this reflection, we will explore the significance of St. Patrick as a patron saint and what we can learn from his life and teachings.

One of the key lessons that we can learn from St. Patrick is the importance of faith and perseverance. Saint Patrick faced many challenges during his life, including being kidnapped and sold into slavery as a teenager. However, he did not lose his faith or his determination. Instead, he persevered and eventually escaped from slavery. He later returned to Ireland as a missionary, where he faced opposition from those who opposed his message. However, he continued to preach and teach, and his efforts eventually led to the conversion of many Irish people to Christianity.

St. Patrick's example is an inspiration for us today, particularly as we face our own challenges and struggles. His life shows us that with faith and perseverance, we can overcome even the most difficult obstacles. This is an important lesson for both parish and school communities, as we often face challenges in our efforts to serve our communities and spread the message of faith.

Another lesson that we can learn from St. Patrick is the importance of humility and service. Saint Patrick was known for his humility and his willingness to serve others. He dedicated his life to the mission of spreading the message of Christianity, and he did so with great humility and devotion. He did not seek power or prestige but instead focused on serving others and sharing the love of Christ with them.

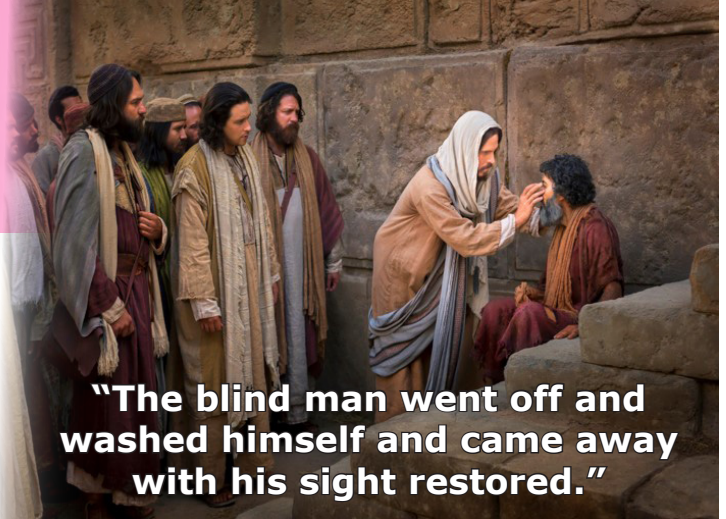
This lesson is particularly important for parish communities, where we are called to serve others and build up the Church. It reminds us that true greatness comes not from power or prestige but from service and selflessness. It also reminds us of the importance of living out our faith in our daily lives and in our relationships with others.

St. Patrick's example also teaches us the importance of

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March



**For victims of abuse.  
We pray for those who have  
suffered harm from members of the  
Church; may they find within the  
Church herself a concrete response  
to their pain and suffering.**



**"The blind man went off and  
washed himself and came away  
with his sight restored."**

cultural sensitivity and respect. He recognized and respected the cultural traditions of the Irish people, and he used these traditions as a way to share the message of Christ with them. For example, he used the shamrock, a traditional Irish symbol, to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity to the Irish people.

This lesson is particularly important for school communities, where we are called to teach and educate young people. It reminds us of the importance of respecting and valuing the diverse cultural traditions of our students and their families. It also reminds us of the importance of incorporating cultural sensitivity and respect into our curriculums and educational programs.

Finally, St. Patrick's life and teachings remind us of the importance of prayer and spiritual growth. Saint Patrick was a man of prayer and devotion, and he recognized the importance of nurturing his own spiritual life in order to better serve others. His life shows us that prayer and spiritual growth are essential components of a life of faith and service.

This lesson is particularly important for both parish and school communities, as we are called to foster spiritual growth and development in ourselves and in others. It reminds us of the importance of prayer and reflection as a means of deepening our relationship with God and as a source of guidance and strength in our efforts to serve others.

In conclusion, St. Patrick's feast day is a significant celebration for both parish and school communities. As a patron saint, he provides an inspiration for us as we seek to serve others and spread the message of faith. His life and teachings remind us of the importance of faith and perseverance, humility and service, cultural sensitivity and respect, and prayer and spiritual growth.

May St Patrick pray for us all.

### FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS



Our main task is to imitate and follow our Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world. Precisely through imitation we must, so far as possible, earn the name of a true Salvatorian. MM Letters 1898/07/11