



# St Patrick's Gosford

*The Communities of St Patrick's East Gosford,  
St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer  
Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the  
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St Patrick's Gosford

Year of

## DISCIPLESHIP

### FR GREG'S REFLECTION

#### FOR 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF JOHN PAUL II.

On April 2, 2005, the world lost one of its most beloved spiritual leaders, Saint John Paul II. His 27-year papacy had an enormous impact on the Catholic Church and on the world at large. As we reflect on the 18th anniversary of his death, we can see how his life and teachings continue to inspire people today.

Born Karol Józef Wojtyła in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland, John Paul II grew up during a time of great upheaval in his country. As a young man, he saw the horrors of World War II and the Nazi occupation of Poland. Later, as a priest and bishop, he witnessed the oppression of the communist regime that took hold after the war.

Throughout his life, John Paul II was a tireless advocate for human dignity and freedom. He believed that every person is created in the image of God and that every life is sacred. He spoke out against the evils of war, poverty, and injustice, and he worked to promote peace, solidarity, and the common good.

One of John Paul II's most enduring legacies is his role in the fall of communism in Eastern Europe. His support for the Solidarity movement in his native Poland helped to spark a wave of democratic revolutions across the region. His message of hope and freedom inspired millions of people and helped to bring about the end of the Cold War.

John Paul II was also a strong defender of the family and the sanctity of human life. He spoke out against abortion, euthanasia, and other forms of violence against the vulnerable. He believed that the family is the foundation of society and that marriage is a sacred bond between a man and a woman.

In addition to his social and political teachings, John Paul II was also a deeply spiritual leader. He emphasized the importance of prayer, the sacraments, and the Church's rich spiritual tradition. He encouraged Catholics to embrace their faith and to live it out in their daily lives.

One of the key themes of John Paul II's papacy was the "new evangelization." He believed that the Church needed



to recommit itself to spreading the Gospel in a world that was increasingly secular and indifferent to the message of Christ. He called on Catholics to be more active in sharing their faith and to use new forms of communication and evangelization to reach out to people in all corners of the globe.

Another important aspect of John Paul II's teaching was his emphasis on the unity of the Church. He worked tirelessly to promote ecumenical dialogue with other Christian churches and to reach out to people of other faiths. He believed that all people are called to work together to build a more just and peaceful world.

Finally, John Paul II was a model of holiness and humility. Despite his many accomplishments and the adulation of millions of people around the world, he remained humble and devoted to his ministry as the Bishop of Rome. He lived a life of prayer and self-sacrifice, and he always put the needs of others before his own.

As we look back on the life and teachings of Saint John Paul II, we can see how his legacy continues to inspire and challenge us today. His example of courage, compassion, and faithfulness is a reminder of the power of the human spirit to overcome even the greatest challenges. His message of hope and freedom is a beacon of light in a world that is often dark and uncertain.

Saint John Paul II, pray for us, that we may continue to follow your example of holiness and service to others. May your life and teachings continue to inspire and guide us as we seek to build a more just and peaceful world, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Fr Greg Skulski SDS - Parish Priest

### 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.



### FR FRANCIS JORDAN SDS

O Suffering, that is a share in other suffers' pain... for me, you are - (I dare say) both prayer and priceless gain!

MM A song of Sister Charity 1854 in Poems.

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## CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM. STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

### GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

<b>Mon:</b> 9:00am	<b>Wed:</b> 11:30am	<b>Fri:</b> 12:00pm
<b>Tue:</b> 9:00am	<b>Thu:</b> 9:00am	<b>Sat:</b> 9:00am Devotion to St JPII after Mass

**Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.**

**Mass live stream:** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg\\_EK1JUFjpvq](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC44NSRmeB1mg_EK1JUFjpvq)

### WEEKEND MASSES INCL CONFESSION 30 MIN BEFORE

### GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

<b>Sat Vigil: 5:00pm</b>	<b>Sun: 7:30am, 9:30am &amp; 6:00pm</b>
<b>Filipino Mass:</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of each month: 12:00pm</b>

### SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD

### SPENCER, 4,200 WISEMANS FERRY RD

Sat Vigil: 5:30pm	4:00pm 2nd Saturday of Month
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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 - 3:00pm
Tue 8:30 - 9:00am	Thu 8:30 - 9:00am	Sat 8:30 - 9:00am

### ROSARY - PLUS ON LINE DAILY @ 9PM

<b>Mon, &amp; Thu</b>	8:05 am to 8:25 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:05 am to 8:25 am "Right to Life"
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:35 am to 10:55 am
<b>Fridays</b>	11:35 am to 11:55 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	8:05am until 8:25am: 1st Priests & Religious 2nd Mothers & Babies 3rd Persecuted Christians
<b>Sunday</b>	7:05 am to 7:25 am

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

<b>Mon to Thu:</b> 8:30am to 3:30pm	<b>Fri:</b> 9:00am to 3:30pm
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### ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

<b>Cancer Prayer Group</b>	After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month, in the Jordan room.
<b>Craft Group</b>	9:00am to 12:00pm Every Friday in the Jordan Room
<b>Grief &amp; Loss Support</b>	2:00pm 1st Thursday of the month, in the Jordan room.
<b>MenAlive</b>	7:00pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Mass followed by meeting in the Jordan room.
<b>Monday Morning Prayer Groups 9:30 am after Mass</b>	<b>Prayer Group DVDs</b> 1st Monday of the Month <b>Prayer &amp; Bible Discussion</b> 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday of the Month <b>Prayers for Christian Unity</b> 3rd Monday of the Month
<b>Bible Study - Monday night</b>	7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday, in the Jordan Room, all are welcome!
<b>Divine Will Prayer Group</b>	7:00pm to 8:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan Room.
<b>Movie Afternoons</b>	1st Sunday of month at 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm
<b>Salvatorian Collaborators</b>	3:00pm, 1st Saturday of the month, in the Jordan room.
<b>Womens Faith Circle</b>	2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month in the Primary Learning And Resource Centre 9:00am to 11:00am
<b>Paddies - Youth</b>	Years 3 & 4 students, meet every Wednesday during school terms in the Hall 3:00 to 4:30 pm.
<b>Arise - Youth Group</b>	Years 5 & 6 students, meet every Friday during school terms, in the school Library 6:00pm.
<b>Ascend - Youth Group</b>	Years 7 to 12 meet every Sunday night during school terms, after 6:00 pm Youth Mass
<b>Awake - Young Adults Group</b>	18 to 35 year olds meet the last Saturday of each month 7:00 pm in the Jordan Room

### SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

<b>ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY:</b>	Mrs Cheryl Walsh	4325 1159
<b>ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:</b>	Mr Tony McCudden	4324 4022
<b>ST EDWARDS COLLEGE:</b>	Mr Mark Bonnici	4321 6400
<b>ST PETER'S COLLEGE:</b>	Mr Tim Hilderbrandt	4351 2344

## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF SALVATORIANS  
**Society of the Divine Saviour**  
<http://www.sds.org.au>

<b>PARISH PRIEST</b>	Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski SDS
<b>ASSIST PRIEST</b>	Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietruszewicz SDS

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## ST POPE JOHN PAUL II PASTORAL CENTRE

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### VOLUNTEER ROLES

<b>OFFICE ADMIN</b>	Denise Jay - Fri 9:00am to 3:30pm
<b>AV PRESENTATION</b>	Peter McLean, Greg McBride
<b>CARETAKERS</b>	Ron Begg, Chris Galea & Tim Mara
<b>GARDENERS</b>	Trevor Byrne, Joyce Byrne Victor Camilleri
<b>SENIORS' MINISTRY</b>	Barbara McCarthy
<b>PHONE:</b>	4322 0250
<b>BAPTISM CO-ORDINATOR</b>	Maisie Tenev NB: All bookings must be made through the parish office.
<b>PHONE:</b>	0416 803 334

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER



If you see any activities involving children or vulnerable adults that concerns you, please email Hilary Pope, our Safeguarding Officer.

**EMAIL:** [hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hilary.p1@optusnet.com.au)

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS

Committed leadership, governance & culture

#### KEY ELEMENTS OF STANDARD 1:

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**For normal Mass Times see opposite on Page 2  
Any exceptions will be listed below.**

Date	Time	Event
Tue 04/04	7:30pm	Chrim Mass at the Cathedral. <b>Bus departing St Pats at 6:00pm</b>
Wed 05/04	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross at Somersby
Thu 06/04	7:00pm	Holy Thursday, Lords Supper
Good Friday	10:00am 3:00pm	Stations of the Cross at Gosford and Somersby. Passion of the Lord at Gosford and Somersby.
Sat 08/04	11:00am	Blessing of Easter Food
Sat 08/04	7:00pm	Easter Vigil at Gosford and Somersby
Sun 09/04	7:30am 9:30am 6:00pm	Easter Sunday Masses at Gosford
Sun 16/04	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Divine Mercy Hour

## SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

### OUR WYD PILGRIMS THANK YOU!

Our youth wish to thank, from the bottom of their hearts, you who have so generously supported them with their fund raising efforts. Whilst we received many generous donations and fund raising dollars over the last 12 or so months, we particularly thank Paul & Mary Orenstein for their very generous donation that helped make the dream a reality. We will still have some fund raising activities to do and ask you especially to support our raffle.

## MISSING APRONS

Gerard & Lucy are searching for their two aprons that were in the Jordan Room and are wondering if anyone may have taken them home to wash. They have sentimental value and now they have stepped back from their coffee shop role they would like to have them back home.



## DEAR PARISHIONERS,

The last few weeks were very challenging for me as I underwent an operation and since then I have been going through the process of recovery.

Today I would like to share a few things with you.

Firstly, last Monday I received a phone call from my doctor with an 'all clear' result from the biopsy. I was very relieved and happy to hear this and that is why I want to say a huge 'Thank You' to all of you for your prayers and support over the last few weeks! Prayer is the greatest strength in the world!! I really appreciated it!!

It will still take few more weeks for me to recover fully and run again but I'm feeling much better now.

Secondly, you all are aware that 2022 was a very intense time for me as I was by myself in the parish for most of the year and during that time we were also preparing for the installation of the relics of JP II. It was incredibly busy and I think that it affected me in some way and consequently I feel it is time for me to take some time for a restful break. This is why I would like to share with you that having in mind my wellbeing, I applied to my Superior, Fr George Kołodziej SDS, to allow me to take my long service leave this year. The response from Fr George was very positive and so from May 1 till the end of July I will be way and then will join the WYD pilgrims in Rome and travel with them for two weeks before we all come back together to Australia in August.

I made this decision after suffering some health issues over the last few months but during my long service leave I will focus on my spiritual, physical and mental wellness and renewal. I hope to come back full of energy and recharged spiritually.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours in Christ

Fr Greg Skulski SDS

## PREPARING FOR EASTER CHURCH CLEANING

### MONDAY APRIL 3 AFTER THE 9AM MASS

Come one, come all to a morning of cleaning to make our church a sparkling background to the services of the Triduum and we'll follow it with a delicious morning tea in the Jordan Room, thanks to Pam, Denise and their helpers! Don't forget to bring whatever cleaning items you think suitable.

## BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

### IN THE CHURCH AT 11 AM SATURDAY, 8 APRIL .

## THANK YOU

Sheila Evans for taking on the role of Altar Society member. Also, could you please thank those who not only donated palms for this weekend's Mass but also cut and carried them here which was a huge effort.

Thank you also to the ladies who helped make our palm crosses.

Bob & Lynette Pankhurst for bringing their donkey 'Oliver' to St Pat's for the Palm Sunday procession.

## CELEBRATING FR GREG'S BIRTHDAY

Morning tea on Sunday April 16, though his birthday is actually on Easter Sunday! Please join us after the 9.30am Mass at the Jordan Room to celebrate and offer our good wishes.

Prayer opens the door to Peace.

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM AT ST PATRICK'S

### Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm at Gosford

Note: There is no morning Mass on Holy Thursday

### Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross: 10 am at Gosford and Somersby

Passion of the Lord: 3 pm at Gosford and Somersby

### Easter Saturday:

Blessing of the Easter Foods: 11 am

Easter Vigil: Mass 7 pm at Gosford and 7 pm at Somersby.

Note: There is no morning Mass on Easter Saturday

### Easter Sunday:

Masses at Gosford only: 7.30 am, 9:30 am and 6 pm.

*It is finished and then Renewed*



## LAY SALVATORIANS MEET AND GREET SPECIAL INFORMATION NIGHT

Meeting Sat 15/04 after 5:00pm Mass. Samantha Da Luz will be explaining the roles of Lay Salvatorians and their importance to the Salvatorian order.

Samantha is the Australian Chair person of the Lay Salvatorians and is currently the Principal at Immaculate Heart College, Lower Chittering WA. See the poster on page 5.

## COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY



On Good Friday, the Catholic Church throughout the world will take up a very special collection - the "Collection for the Holy Land." This special collection originated from

the Popes' wishes to maintain a strong bond between the Holy Places of the Holy Land and all Christians of the world. It is the main source of sustenance for life around the Holy Places, and is also the tool through which the Custody of the Holy Land is able to sustain and carry forward the important mission to which it is called: to preserve the holy places, the stones of memory, and to favor the Christian presence, the living stones of the Holy Land, through many activities of solidarity such as the maintenance of pastoral, educational, welfare, health and social structures.

The territories which benefit from the Collection are Jerusalem, Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Turkey, Iran and Iraq.

As a rule, the Custody of the Holy Land receives the greater part of the Collection, while what remains goes to the Congregation for the Oriental Churches and is used for the formation of candidates for the priesthood, support of the clergy, scholastic activity, cultural formation, and subsidies to the different ecclesiastical circumscriptions in the Middle East.

<https://ffhl.org/good-friday-collection-for-the-holy-land/>

# Easter Egg Hunt

All families invited for Mass at 9:30am on Easter Sunday followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

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## PRIESTS VISITING THE INFIRM

### DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE IN A NURSING HOME OR IS UNABLE TO MAKE MASS?

On the Tuesday and Wednesday of Easter week [April 4 & 5], our clergy would like to visit those in our parish who cannot make it to Mass as they are either in a nursing home or perhaps infirm and at home. Could you please let the Parish Office know by Monday April 3 if you know of anyone like that who would like to be visited.

## MASS OF THE OILS

### TUESDAY APRIL 4

#### AT THE CATHEDRAL, WAITARA

BUS DEPARTS @ 6PM Those wishing to attend the Mass of the Oils on April 4, departing Victoria St @ 6pm, are asked to place their name and phone number on the bus list at the foyer. Thank you to Kevin O'Donnell, our driver. Please only record your name if you intend to travel.

*Revere the Lord, and serve him  
in sincerity and in faithfulness.*

- Joshua 24:14

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

All welcome to join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation and reflection on the life of St John Paul II.

**16th April** | in St Patrick's Church Gosford, Shrine of St John Paul II | @3pm

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# MARRIAGE COURSE

All married couple invited to join us for a SmartLoving Marriage Course over the next five months.

First Session: **16th April 2023**, with following sessions held the 2nd Sunday of each month.

**4pm** in the St John Paul II Pastoral Centre | Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CGZZJ>

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# RAFFLE PRIZES

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Valued at \$250



**Canvas Print**  
100cm x 50cm  
Valued at \$250



**TICKETS \$25 EACH**

All proceeds go towards our pilgrims going to World Youth Day in Lisbon in July

Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 23rd April @ 9:30am Mass

Tickets available after weekend Masses or online at <https://square.link/u/duodNz4N>



## PROJECT COMPASSION

It is now time to return your Project Compassion boxes with your donation. Holy Week is the time to return these boxes to the church and place them in the baskets in the foyer.

**Caritas AUSTRALIA** End poverty Promote justice Uphold dignity



### ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Each week we promote one of our advertisers inside the bulletin.

This week we are promoting.

**RELAX**



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### PASTORAL WORKS

Total to be Raised by Gosford

54,148  
50,000  
45,000  
40,000  
35,000

Collected to date \$36,145  
Balance owing \$18,003

#### APPEAL 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

*Our allotted target this year is:*

**\$54,148 to be collected by June 30, 2023.**

*Around \$36,145 collected so far.*

**Thank you so much for your generosity to date.**

**Over half way, but a long way to go!**

## MEET & GREET WITH LAY SALVATORIAN AUSTRALIAN CHAIRPERSON SAMMANTHA DA LUZ



PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS AND COFFEE AFTERWARDS

Thursday 13th April: St Luke's, Revesby - 9.15am  
Friday 14th April: Sacred Heart, Mona Vale - 9.30am  
Saturday 15th April: St Patrick's, Gosford - 5.00pm  
Sunday 16th April: Sacred Heart, Pymble - 9.30am

Enquiries: [layaustraliaicds@gmail.com](mailto:layaustraliaicds@gmail.com)



The Shrine of St John Paul II presents a...

## MEN'S RETREAT DAY

'A Ceaseless Spirit: St Joseph the Worker'

29th April | 9am - 3pm | St John Paul II Pastoral Centre | Men 18+ | Booking Essential

Book via [JP11.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:JP11.Centre@bbcatholic.org.au)

Mass | Formation Sessions | Adoration | Prayer | Community time | Food provided

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**CF. JN 12: 1, 12-13; PS 23: 9-10**

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: \* Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

\* Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

**FIRST READING**

**IS 50:4-7**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PS 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. V.2**

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

3. They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

**PHIL 2:6-11**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

**He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that

all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**PHIL 2:8-9**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL**

**MT 27:11-54**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink.

When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**MT 26:42**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

**THIS WEEK**

<b>Mon</b>	<b>of Holy Week</b> Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am
<b>Tue</b>	<b>of Holy Week</b> Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am
<b>Wed</b>	<b>of Holy Week</b> Mass at St Patrick's 11:30 am
<b>Thu</b>	<b>of the LORD'S SUPPER</b> Mass at St Patrick's 7:00 pm
<b>Fri</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> Stations 10:00 am Passion 3:00 pm
<b>Sat</b>	<b>HOLY Saturday</b> <b>Easter Vigil</b> at St Pat's 7:00pm at Somersby 7:00 pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>of the Resurrection</b> 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**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

1st:	Acts 2:42-47
Ps	117:2-4,3-15,22-24
2nd:	1 Pet 1:3-9
Gos:	Mt 26:14 - 27:66

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS - EASTER 2023**

	HOLY THURSDAY LORD'S SUPPER 7.00	GOOD FRIDAY LORD'S PASSION 3.00	EASTER VIGIL 7.00	EASTER SUNDAY 7.30	EASTER SUNDAY 9.30	EASTER SUNDAY 6.00
Audio/Visual	Michael Lynch	Ron Begg	Greg McBride	Michael Lynch	Arthur Holland	Patrick Nicholls
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	Tim Dasan					
Lectors	Carol Bailey	Keith Quinn	(Gen 1:1-2:2) Rayden Gomez	John Konopka	Keith Quinn	Megan Neale
	Thea Dowsett	Maisie Tenev	(Ex 14:15-15:1) Neil Murphy	Thea Dowsett	Steph Trevenen	Maisie Tenev
		Passion	(Isaiah 55:1-11) Penny Gomez			
		Joseph Nicholls	(Romans 6:3-11) Margaret Eadie			
		John Konopka				
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:**

Ellen McNally, Cath Goudie, Lucy Price, Barbara Barnes, John Walsh, 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, 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:**

Betty Flakelar, Danielle McDouall, Jean Lucas, Dawn Woodbury, Stasia Wiraszka, George Killalea, Joyce Shanks, Rosemary King, Bill Howlett Helen Little, Elizabeth Lynch.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

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**REMEMBRANCES**

Glenn Mills, Grace & Lorenza Attard, Loretta Vianello, Anne Cuthbert, Val & Eric Neilson, Ralph Shanks, Mr Crotty & the Crotty Family, 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.

Especially relatives & friends of Betty Flakelar, a former parishioner of St Patrick's. Also to Kevin Gleeson, partner to Danielle MacDouall who passed recently, and also her daughters on her sudden and tragic loss.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 01/04	9:00am Gosford	ALL JP II INTENTIONS	Thu 06/04	7:00pm Gosford	1: FOR OUR CLERGY 2: FOR THE GETHSEMANE PASSION
Sat 01/04	5:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased JEAN LUCAS	Fri 07/04	12:00pm Gosford	NO MASS
Sat 01/04	5:30pm Somersby	+ Remembrances GRACE & LORENZA ATTARD	Sat 08/04	9:00am Gosford	NO MASS
Sun 02/04	7:30 am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 08/04	4:00pm Spencer	NO MASS
Sun 02/04	9:30 am Gosford & on line	+ 2nd Anniversary JOHN BURG	Sat 08/04	7:00pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 02/04	6:00 pm Gosford	+ Remembrance LORETTA VIANELLO	Sat 08/04	7:00pm Somersby	
Mon 03/04	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversary BILL ANSLOW	Sun 09/04	7:30 am Gosford	+ Anniversary JOY SMITH CAMERON
Tue 04/04	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversary JOSIE MAIR	Sun 09/04	9:30 am Gosford & on line	Birthday Blessings for FR GREG
Wed 05/04	11:30am Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance GLENN MILLS	Sun 09/04	6:00 pm Gosford	+ Remembrances HAYNES & MCGUIRE FAMILIES and NANCY & WALLY KIRK
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