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25 DECEMBER, 2023

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#### LETTER

#### FROM FR GREG, OUR PARISH PRIEST Dear Parish Community,

As we are celebrating Christmas, I am filled with immense gratitude for each one of you who has contributed to our parish's success this year. Your unwavering support and the dedicated work of our volunteers have made a profound impact on our community.

This season is a testament to the spirit of giving and selflessness that defines our parish. Whether through organising events, assisting those in need, or simply being a pillar of support, your efforts have created a warm and welcoming environment for all.

Year 2024 was very special for our community as we were able to achieve much and I take this opportunity to provide this overview:

- Established the Year of Discipleship, followed by a Discipleship Retreat Day in July.

- Fr Bronek Arrived, as did Seminarian Huy Tran.

- We celebrated 20 Years of the Salvatorian Fathers' ministry at Gosford.

- Our Parish Pastoral Council established the Five Fields of Mission

- Continued our commitment to Child Protection, including our annual commitment by our clergy and the local principals to the safeguarding of children.

- Celebrated our inaugural Fatima Night and blessing of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima donated by our youth attending WYD Lisbon 2023, and these will continue in 2024.

- Celebrated the 1st Anniversary of the establishment of the Shrine to St John Paul II and successfully completed the JPII display room at the Pastoral Centre. In addition, the use of the Church & Pastoral Centre as a place of pilgrimage is flourishing and we look forward to an event filled 2024.

In terms of other pastoral and formation events, we:

- Continued our commitment to faith formation opportunities including our Healing & Encounter Evenings, Bible study groups, MenAlive, Pastoral Centre talks & retreats, e.g. Men's Retreat, Women's Retreat, Domestic Church, Theology of the Body and many more.

- In addition, St Patrick's held Lenten and Advent retreat days.

Continued our weekly podcasts and social media updates.

- Continued providing free Counselling sessions with a psychologist.

#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

**For DECEMBER** For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



- Hosted the ecumenical World Day of Prayer

- Our RCIA program hosting 12 candidates is currently running, and our sacramental programs were completed successfully during the year.

- Blessing of the cars and people's pets

- Successfully fostered thriving youth groups from Yr 4 to Young Adults, with 19 attending World Youth Day, Lisbon, and the Ignite conference in Sydney, as well as our involvement with Connecting Catholic Coasties keeping us in touch with other high school youth!

Successfully fostered a thriving seniors' ministry with monthly activities.

- Provided many social events for parishioners [International Food Night, Italian Night, Bush Dance etc., Coffee Shop mornings and Craft Group mornings, monthly BBQ breakfasts and Morning Teas]

- Training opportunities for our senior and altar servers, and our readers

- Launched multiple fund raising opportunities, concluding with the successful Christmas Markets in November.

- Hosted a Christmas Concert on December 3 performed by the Central Coast Chorale.

- Launched Year of Courage at the beginning of Advent

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us also celebrate the spirit of generosity that thrives within our parish. Thank you for your tireless commitment and for embodying the true meaning of Christmas.

May the joy of Christmas fill your hearts with warmth and love. May the blessings of peace and hope accompany you into the coming year. Your presence in our parish community is a gift that enriches us all. Merry Christmas to each and every one of you. May the light of this season shine brightly in your lives, bringing joy, love, and harmony.

Warmest wishes,

Fr Greg Skulski SDS

Parish Priest



#### FR. Francis Jordan

We hope the feast of Christmas this year will be a doubly happy one, because of the apostolic journey undertaken during advent by your spiiritual sons and daughters. We too, want to do everything to become worthy of the work of the glory of God and the honour of Mary.

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#### CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM - 4:30PM.

STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue: 9:00am Adoration and	Thu: 9:00am Confession 30 minutes befor	Sat: 9:00am Devotion to St JPII after Mass			
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Sat Vigil: 5:00pm		am, 9:30am & 6:00pm			
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SPENCER, 4200 WISEMAN		4:00pm 2nd Sat of Month			
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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			
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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					
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Sunday	7:05 am to 7:25 am				
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Mon to Thu:	8:30am to 3:30pm				
Fri:	9:00am to 3:30pm				
ACTIVE GRO	UPS IN OUR COMMUNI	TY OF ST PATRICK'S			
Cancer Prayer Group	After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesc	day of the Month, in the Jordan room			
Craft Group	9:00am to 12:00pm Every Frid	day in the Jordan Room			
Grief & Loss Support	Please contact Margaret on 0-	439257817			
Women's Faith Circle		nth in the Primary Learning And 7 <sup>:</sup> 45 am			
MenAlive	Resource Centre 6:00 pm to 7:45 am 7:00pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Mass followed by meeting in the				
Seniors Ministry	Jordan room. Meet 1st Tuesday of the mont	th. Enquiries:			
	Prayer Group DVDs 1st Mon	· ·			
Monday Morning Prayer Groups	Prayer & Bible Discussion 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday of				
9:30 am after Mass	the Month Prayers for Christian Unity 3rd Monday of the Month				
Piblo Study Monday night					
Bible Study - Monday night		the Jordan Room, all are welcome!			
Divine Will Prayer Group Salvatorian Collaborators	6:00pm to 7:15pm every Wed	•			
	3:00pm, 1st Saturday of the m Years 3 & 4 students, meet ev				
Paddies - Youth	Years 3 & 4 students, meet every Wednesday during school terms in the Hall 3:00 to 4:30 pm.				
Arise - Youth Group	Years 5 & 6 students, meet every Friday during school terms, in the school Library 6:00pm.				
Ascend - Youth Group	Years 7 to 12 meet every Sun 6:00 pm Youth Mass	day night during school terms, after			
Awake - Young Adults Group	18 to 35 year olds meet the la the Jordan Room	st Saturday of each month 7:00 pm			

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#### OUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank the team of people who came to clean the church last Tuesday, it was such a great response and your efforts have made our church beautiful in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord. We would also like to thank Pam & John McCrae & Ron & Denise Begg for the delightful morning tea that followed, and Pam McCrae again for catering the dinner for our visiting priests before our 2nd Rite on Wednesday night. Chris Galea must be thanked too for tackling an electrical problem at the presbytery that would have seen us eating salad by candlelight if he hadn't solved the issues! Lastly, we would like to thank our parish staff who all went above and beyond in a very productive 2023.Thank you and may God bless you.

#### Fr Greg & Fr Bronek.

#### SALVATORIAN VISITATION

From December 21 until Boxing Day, we will host the Provincial of the Polish Province of the Salvatorian Order, Fr Jozef Figiel SDS, and its Secretary, Fr Adam Ziolkowski SDS. Fr Jozef & Fr Adam will be joining us for all of our Christmas celebrations and we know you will give them your renowned warm welcome.

#### JANUARY CESSATIONS

Like everyone else, our groups like a break in January which applies to our Saturday morning coffee shop teams, Monday morning groups and our youth groups who will recommence the first week in February. Also reopening on the first Friday in February will be our JPII Display Room at the Pastoral Centre.

#### **CATECHIST MINISTRY**

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY MINISTRY**

We invite Parishioners interested in assisting with Children's liturgy in 2024 to please express their interest with Elvira 0410 098 757.

Our Parish Children's Liturgy Ministry offers 20 minutes of formation to our Parish children during the 9.30 am Sunday Mass. The rostered commitment is usually 1-2 times per school term. Elvira looks forward to hearing from Parishioner interested in assisting with this beautiful Ministry.

#### **YEAR 6 CATECHIST ROLE**

Our Parish Catechist Ministry is currently seeking to fill a year 6 Catechist role starting next year at Point Clare PS of a Wednesday on 12.10 pm for 30 minutes

If you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to share God's Good News with our Parish children Please contact Raelene on 0499 995 292

#### HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY!

to our parishioner, Corrie Dunn! Celebrated on Saturday, December 23rd. Best wishes and many more to come!

#### NATIVITY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for their help in decorating our church for our Christmas Masses in preparation for the arrival of our Saviour!



#### **BLESSING 'SINNERS'**

The internet and media have been awash with the issue of the blessing of Catholics in irregular unions. Don't be carried away by half truths or distorted facts. Below is a simplified summary of the document.



#### "FIDUCIA SUPPLICANS" in simpler terms by Rev. Fr. Dr. Ray Aina

The Vatican issued this document on 18/12/2023 regarding the "pastoral meaning of blessings" for Catholics in irregular unions or same-sex couples.

1. Blessings, not marriage: The Church understands blessings as ways to ask for God's grace and favour in various situations. This document clarifies that it's possible to bless same-sex couples without recognizing their union as marriage.

2. No change in marriage teaching: The Church's teaching on marriage as between a man and a woman remains unchanged. This blessing gesture doesn't endorse their relationship but shows God's love for all.

3. Blessings come in different forms: There are formal blessings, like at weddings, and informal ones, like at shrines. This document focuses on informal blessings, where anyone, including those in irregular relationships, can ask for God's blessing.

4. Blessings show humility and need for God: Asking for a blessing expresses trust in God and a desire for his goodness. Even if someone's situation isn't perfect, they can still seek God's grace.

5. Blessings have limits: While the Church can offer blessings to everyone, it can't bless anything contrary to God's will. So, this blessing doesn't legitimize same-sex unions but asks for God's guidance and love.

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6. Discernment and respect: The document encourages pastors to use their judgment when deciding about such blessings. The setting and words should be clear to avoid confusion with marriage ceremonies.

7. Hope and openness: Ultimately, this document reflects the Church's desire to welcome everyone with God's love and mercy, even those in challenging situations. It's a step towards greater understanding and pastoral care.

NB: For a deeper understanding, consult the original text.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST PATRICK'S IN 2024**

## 2024 ENCOUNTER EVENINGS

SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II

FEBRUARY 24 | HEALING EVENING

MARCH 22 | MERCY NIGHT

APRIL 19 | HEALING EVENING

MAY 11 | FATIMA NIGHT

JUNE 13 | FATIMA NIGHT

JULY 26 | HEALING EVENING

AUGUST 13 | FATIMA NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 13 | FATIMA NIGHT

OCTOBER 13 | FATIMA NIGHT

NOVEMBER 13 | ENCOUNTER EVENING

DECEMBER 18 | MERCY NIGHT

# 2024 PARISH DINNERS

MARCH 16 | INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT

JUNE 22 | COMMUNITY DINNER

AUGUST 31 | COMMUNITY DINNER

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## 2024 CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

GOSFORD PARISH

2ND JUNE | CONFIRMATION

**19 SEPTEMBER | IST RECONCILIATION** 

22 SEPTEMBER | IST HOLY COMMUNION

## 2024 RETREAT DAYS

SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II

FEBRUARY 24 | LENTEN RETREAT

MAY 4 | WOMEN'S RETREAT

JUNE 29 | MEN'S RETREAT

**OCTOBER 12 | JPII RETREAT** 

**DECEMBER 7 | ADVENT RETREAT** 



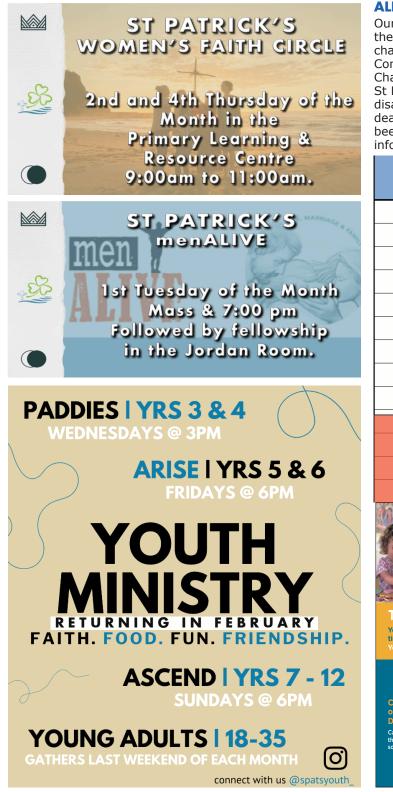
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### **OUR GROUPS AT ST PATRICK'S**



#### PWBB APPEAL - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT ALL DONATIONS OVER \$2 ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Our Diocese of Broken Bay continue their appeal to support the pastoral works program which supports a wide range of charities in our Diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities and the Ephpheta Centre which supports the deaf community. This financial year, Gosford Parish has been asked to collect \$60,319 for the 2023/24 appeal. More information about donations below:

PW	BB Total to be Raised by Gosford Parish					
60,319						
60,000	APPEAL 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR Our allotted target this year is: \$60,319 to be collected by June 30, 2024.					
55,000						
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#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

PSALM 2:7 The Lord said to me: You are my Son.

It is I who have begotten you this day.

#### FIRST READING

ISAIAH 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.

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

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

#### Тітus **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**

#### LUKE 2:10-11 Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:

today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

#### Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

#### LUKE 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.'

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

#### Јони 1:14

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

#### THIS WEEK

- Mon The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)
- [Refer to Christmas Mass times] **Tue St Stephen, the first martyr** Mass Service @ St Patrick's 9:00 am
- Wed St John, apostle, evangelist Mass at St Patrick's 11:30 am
- Thu The Holy Innocents, martyrs Mass at St Patrick's 9:00am
- Fri Sth day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

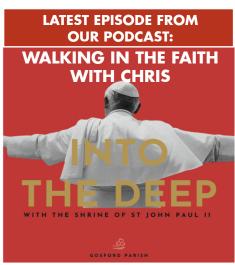
Mass 12:00 noon

- Sat 6th day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord at St Patrick's 5:00 pm at Somersby 5:30 pm
- Sun The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Mass at St Patrick's 7:30 am Mass at St Patrick's 9:30 am Mass at St Patrick's 6:00 pm

#### \* Designates Mass is Livestreamed

#### **NEXT WEEKS READINGS** Feast of THE HOLY FAMILY

1st:	Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14
Ps	Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8
2nd:	Colossians 3:12-21
Gos:	Luke 2:22-40



#### **EPISODE DESCRIPTION**

On this episode of Sacred Stories Jaimi is joined by Chris Paget. Chris leads our RCIA program as well as being involved in music and an array of other ministries within Gosford parish. Chris shares on the impact of fatherhood on his faith, the people who inspire him and what drew him to a relationship with Jesus.

From some of his favourite scripture passages to the way different challenges have shaped his faith, let's dive right in!

ROSTER — DECEMBER 31ST, FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY						
Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Somersby - 5:30 PM	
Date	30.12.23	31.12.23	31.12.23	31.12.23	Function	30.12.23
Audio Visual	Michael Lynch	Sheila Evans	Tom Croll	Thomas Werner	Audio / Visual	Matthew Xuereb
	Peter Young	John McCrae	Peter Cho	Joseph Nicholls		Frances Bigegi
Acolytes	Anna Jung	Alan Pont	Peter McLean	Elliot O'Connor	Altar Society	
Commentator	Maisie Tenev	Eunice Dal Busco	Chris Paget	Gemma French	Commentator	Peter Chin
Lectors	Natalie Mills	Ron Begg	Neil Murphy	Joseph French	Lectors	Alyce Chin
Lectors	Nicole Murphy	Eunice Dal Busco	Keith Quinn	Joan Vella-Critien	Lectors	Mary Luci
Extraordinary	Trudie Hiep	Isobel Binello	Cath Croll	Nora Koleszar	Extraordinary	Peter Chin
Ministers of					Ministers of	
The Eucharist					The Eucharist	
					Cleaning	Peter & Joanne Comensoli
Altar	Natasha Pettitt	Amelia Eager	Theodore Huang	Vito De Toffol		Mia Xuereb
Servers	Soren Patelia	Faith Eager	Hugo Huang	Remi De Toffol	Altar Servers	
Servers			Cara Eades	Luca De Toffol		
				Xavier Werder	Flowers	Carmel Xuereb
COUNTERS 27/12/23 Eunice Dal Busco Trudi Hiep 03/01/24 Eunice Dal Busco Trudi Hiep	ALTAR LINEN P/Up 25/12/23 Aimee Sands Ret'n by 29/12/23 COFFEE SHOP 30/12/23 Anita Venn Dominique Norris Kath McGrath	ALTAR SOCIETY Sat 30/12/23 Helen Moore Colleen Kirk Margaret Dibben Anna Catlin	CHILDREN'S LITURGY [Returning on the first Sunday of February, 2024]	Reagan Gomez PARISH BUS 31/12/23 Driver Aaron Huckle Helper -	FRIDAY HOSPITAL 05/01/24 Mccaskie: Patricia Drummond: Colleen Kongola: Bigi Martin: Coleen Nicholson: Denise Petith: Sandrea Vella-Critien: Joan Wills: Gary	SUNDAY HOSPITAL 07/01/24 Johnson Fernandes Paul Hussein

## PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Margaret Spooner, Denis McCarrol, Gloria Emara, Leigh Adams, Fran Thompson, Cathy Low, Emma Wright, Patricia Kociela, Caroline Galea, Brian Connell, Jadwiga Skulska, Maria Ines Ramirez, Alfredo Osorio, Derek Melia, Judith Vale, Paul Jones, Cath Goudie, Jim Smith, Aaron Burke, Margaret Gunnulson, John Bendkowski, Marie Allman, Christine Mary Page, Margaret Eadie, Peter Glow, Robert Clark, Ranjan Fernando, Michael Ludemann, Marie Nolan, Caterina Erbeni, Philip Soady, Sheryl Rogers, Bernadette Humphries, Megan McGowan, Mery-Anne Bonnici, Ross Sayer, Teresa Davar, Susan Milne, Maura Garvey, Anne Holohan, Angela Gibbs, Peter Allman, Pam O'Malley-Jones, Judith Wennerbom.

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED:**

John Flanagan, Kenneth Cecil Waugh, Marisa Corbelli, Noel Fenning, Padraigh (Pat) Kinsella, Lloyd Greenwood, Marie Hodsdon, Sheron Decker.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

Saverio Pirrottina, Amy Stringer, Ken Durnford, Alan Nolan, Paul Sheeran, Maia Attard.

#### REMEMBRANCES

Jan & Phil McMahon, Alfredo Paradis, Magdalen McNamara, McGuire Family, Nancy & Wally Kirk, Foss Family Members, Friquet Family, Peter & Glenn Mills, the Unborn, John Muir, Margaret & Kevin Flyn, Kieran Warden, Edmond Maher, Gabrielle Cerveau, Michael Kokegei.

#### CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to Mary Lynch, sister of John Flanagan who recently passed, and her family. May the Lord keep him in his loving arms.

MASS INTENTIONS							
Date	Mass	Intention		Date	Mass	Intention	
Sat 23/12	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTERCESSIONS		Date	mass	Intention	
Sat 23/12	5:00pm Gosford	PERSONAL INTENTIONS [SRB]		Tue 26/12	9:00am Gosford	Birthday Blessings JOHNSON FERNANDES	
Sat 23/12	5:30pm Somersby	PARISH INTENTIONS		100 20/12	9.00am Gosloru	JOHNSON FERNANDES	
Sun 24/12	7:30am Gosford	+ Remembrance JAN & PHIL McMAHON Recently Deceased		Wed 27/12	11:30am Gosford	+ Birthday Remembrance JOHN MUIR	
Sun 24/12	9:30am Gosford	JOHN FLANAGAN + Remembrance ALFREDO PARADIS		Thu 28/12	9:00am Gosford	Personal Intentions of ZAMFRIES FAMILY	
Sun 24/12	5:00pm Children's Mass Gosford	Remembrance MAGDALENE McNAMARA		Fri 29/12	12:00pm Gosford	Personal Intentions of GUY & CLAUDIA CARUANA	
Sun 24/12	5:00pm Mass Somersby	'FOR THE UNBORN'		Sat 30/12	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS	
Sun 24/12	9:00pm Youth Mass Gosford	1. Remembrance McGUIRE FAMILY MEMBERS 2. Remembrance FOSS FAMILY MEMBERS		Sat 30/12	5:00pm Gosford	PERSONAL INTENTIONS [JB]	
		1. PARISH INTENTIONS 2. Remembrances		Sat 30/12	5:30pm Somersby	+ Anniversary FRANCINE LUCI	
Mon 25/12 12:00am Midnight Mass Gosford		FRIQUET FAMILY 3. Health & Welfare JADWIGA SKULSKA 4. SALVATORIAN ORDER		Sun 31/12	7:30am Gosford	PERSONAL INTENTIONS [FG]	
Mon 25/12	7:30am Gosford	Remembrances PETER & GLENN MILLS		Sun 31/12	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	
Mon 25/12	9:30am Gosford	Anniversary SAVERIO PIRROTTINA		Sun 31/12	6:00pm Gosford	Health & Welfare DANA GALJAR	



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