



Parish of Gosford

The Shrine of St John Paul II

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



St Patrick's Gosford

Year of

COURAGE

NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

BY MARY COLOE PBVM

1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of people."

Today we hear the call of the first disciples from Mark's Gospel, which is quite different to how we heard it last Sunday in John's Gospel – a further reminder that the Gospels are theological reflections on the meaning of Jesus' life, rather than biographies or histories.

It is false to imagine these disciples as poor, simple, lower-class men and women. As this Gospel shows, four of them are involved in a major industry in Israel – fishing. Fish was a staple part of the diet in a land unable to sustain large flocks of sheep or herds of cattle. James and John are part of their father's industry that is profitable enough to hire others. In our terms these disciples would be middle-class. Their leaving all behind is therefore quite costly.

Mark's Gospel emphasises discipleship. He writes for his own community struggling to be faithful in a time of persecution and fear. In this scene we see what discipleship costs, namely to be prepared to leave your livelihood and your family. This was a reality within the early church when becoming a follower of Jesus meant leaving the religious traditions and social network of your family's Jewish faith. Once this step was made the past was closed to you. Discipleship costs for the followers of Jesus, as it does for disciples of all time.

Our struggles are different but true discipleship still costs. For some it may be integrity in the work place; bearing the ridicule of others for a particular ethical or religious stance, even within the family. Hear in these difficult moments Jesus' call to be his companion.

The focus of Jesus' preaching is that the reign of God is at hand and this is Good News. Throughout the Old Testament the people of Israel had great faith in God's promises even through long periods of loss and Exile. Just before the time of Jesus, the people experienced a long period of oppression from a Greek Empire and then the Roman Empire. During these final centuries a new type of hope emerged. This hope understood the world as a place dominated by the powers of Evil, what they called the reign of Satan. God's reign would only come when God was able to overcome the power of Evil and establish a reign of peace and justice on earth. This is the hope that lies behind Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom. God has entered into the definitive final struggle against the powers of Satan and God's own reign is already beginning. The many exorcisms and



"REPENT, AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS"

miracles in Mark are the signs of God's victory over Satan. This is truly good news.

The word 'Repent' really means a 'change of heart'. For people who have adjusted to living within the values of this world under the dominion of Evil, then to live within the values of God's reign will require a change of heart. It is simply not possible to live within two different world-views and their opposing values. Jesus announces the reign of God and invites hearers to the change of heart necessary to embrace God's desires. This is invitation and the disciples are the first we see who respond. The dramatic leaving behind of boats and families symbolises the totality of the shift required to change one's heart.

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians it is important to read this short passage as part of its larger context. 1 Corinthians 7 begins, 'Now concerning the matters about which you wrote'. Paul then goes on to offer advice in response to questions the Corinthians raised about a range of sexual issues. This advice continues through Chapter 7 and Paul is very even handed. What he says about a man, he then says about a woman. Paul's primary concern is that the end of this world will be very soon and he wishes that the Corinthians do not take on new obligations that could distract them from the imminent return of Jesus. In verse 25 Paul acknowledges that he has no clear command but simply offers his advice 'in view of the impending crisis'. 'Those who have wives should live as though they had none.' This is not a command for celibacy within marriage. Verses 2 and 3 of this same chapter speak of the man and woman giving each other their conjugal rights. Rather, what Paul is advising is that the Corinthian have the 'change of heart' that Jesus calls for and live lives focused on the coming reign of God. Everything else is secondary.

As a New Year begins many people take time to reflect on their manner of living and to make resolutions to change aspects of their life. While making resolutions for the New Year can be trivialised, the custom does reflect what the Gospel is describing – make a change in your life. If you desire the path of God, then reconfigure the road-map of your life.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

For JANUARY

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



FR. Francis Jordan

God became a human being for us to redeem us, to rescue our souls. Therefore, let us seek only the honour of God and the salvation of souls.

JT 1898/04/08



ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF SALVATORIANS
Society of the Divine Saviour

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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

Devotion to St JPII after Mass

Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

Mass live stream: <https://www.youtube.com/@stpatrickscatholicchurch-g5766/streams>

WEEKEND MASSES INCL. CONFESSION 30 MIN BEFORE

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

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

Filipino Mass: 2nd Sunday of each month: 12:00pm

SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD Sat Vigil: 5:30pm

SPENCER, 4200 WISEMANS FERRY RD 4:00pm 2nd Sat 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 - PLUS ON LINE DAILY AT 9:00 PM

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
2nd Mothers & Babies
3rd Persecuted Christians

Sunday 7:05 am to 7:25 am

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Mon to Thu: 8:30am to 3:30pm

Fri: 9:00am to 3:30pm

ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

Cancer Prayer Group After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month, in the Jordan room.

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

Grief & Loss Support Please contact Margaret on 0439257817..

Women's Faith Circle 2nd and 4th Friday of the Month in the Primary Learning And Resource Centre 6:00 pm to 7:45 am

MenAlive 7:00pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Mass followed by meeting in the Jordan room.

Seniors Ministry Meet 1st Tuesday of the month. Enquiries:

Monday Morning Prayer Groups 9:30 am after Mass
Prayer Group DVDs 1st Monday of the Month
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!

Divine Will Prayer Group 6:00pm to 7:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan Room.

Salvatorian Collaborators 3:00pm, 1st Saturday of the month, in the Jordan room.

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 Sunday night during school terms, after 6:00 pm Youth Mass

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

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
Sun 21/01/24	10:30am	Farewell Morning Tea for Jaimi-Lee Andrews After 9:30am Mass
Fri 02/02/24	12:00 – 1:00pm	Healing Mass
Fri 02/02/24	6:00 – 8:00pm	Arise at Hall Wkly During School Terms

* The collection combines income from planned giving envelopes, cash on plates, tap and go donations and direct debit (credit cards).

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

* PWBB - 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.

* Project Compassion Appeal held in Lent supports the charitable works of Caritas Australia in developing countries.

* Catholic Mission's focus is on the Church's worldwide missionary activities.

* The Society of St Vincent de Paul, Christmas Appeal provides assistance to society's needy and disadvantaged persons.

* Salvatorian seminary supports formation of future priests

THANK YOU!

Your generosity in supporting the priests and good works of the Church is gratefully acknowledged. Each person's capacity to give is different and depends on individual circumstances and you are not expected to give anything more than is reasonable.

However your contribution not only benefits this parish but also many other charitable organisations and missionary work. May God bless you.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2019-2023

Two weeks ago, Fr Greg presented the parish financial report at 5pm Mass on Saturday, 6th January, and he will do the same at the end of each Mass on Sunday, 21st January. This is important that we all know how the finances were managed in our parish over this last five years. And how we can support our parish in the future.

*** Cards are available at all pews for subscription to planned giving in support of our parish.**

WELCOME

LUKE DAVAR

To the leadership role of young adults group in our parish!

Luke recently attended WYD in Lisbon and is very active member of our parish. Luke together with his team will assist our priests to provide ongoing formation for many young adults in our parish. We thank him for accepting this role.

BAPTISM PRESENTATIONS

This weekend, we welcome to our parish the families of our candidates who will be presented for Baptism:

Ari Samuel Micallef; Leonardo Peter Guerreiro, Harvey Daniel Scott Marcel, Nash Mikael Bailey.



SUPPORTING MY PARISH

Parishes have an essential role in making Christ present in our local communities. The parish church is often an important landmark in a local community but it is the people who gather there who are the Church.

Our parish provides places for people to gather and worship, Catholic schools to teach our children and committed teams of volunteers who reach out to their neighbours. All that is possible because of the generosity of those who financially support their local parish.

The Australian Catholic people have always been generous in supporting their priests and their parishes and your financial support through the parish collections enables the Church to continue its Mission.

This information explains the various parish collections and how your contributions to them support the work of the parish and the Church in Australia.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

THE FIRST COLLECTION

Money received from the first collection supports the needs of priests of the parish.

- * Priests' monthly stipends.
- * Priests' household costs e.g. food, utilities, cleaner etc.
- * Priests' health insurance and care costs
- * 15% contribution to the diocese of Broken Bay
- * Salvatorian mission and formation within and outside Australia

Income from other sources includes Easter and Christmas offerings (via envelope contributions made at these times).

THE SECOND COLLECTION

Money received from the second collection supports the maintenance of the parish buildings, administration and pastoral programs.

Some of the expenses covered are:

- * Parish running costs, e.g. liturgical expenses, insurance, utilities, general maintenance and upkeep of the church, presbytery and parish property.
- * Parish staff salaries including superannuation.
- * Youth evangelisation programs
- * Other pastoral services and programs

SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCEMENT MASS

On Tuesday 30 January staff from St Patrick's and St Joseph's will attend the parish 9am Mass to celebrate the commencement of the school year. Staff from the schools will perform the reading and music roles for this Mass. Parishioners are most welcome to join and celebrate in this Mass.

Please note that there will be no adoration before Mass on that day.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)



Angela Hague, NSW Representative of the Association of the CGS, Australia, will be attending our Parish on Sunday the 4th February, to present a formation session about CGS and how it helps support the child's relationship with God. CGS is a Christian formation process for children aged between 3 and 12 years. It is based on Scripture and Liturgy and framed by Montessori principles of education.

This session is for anyone who is interested in the spiritual development of the child.

We will celebrate Mass at 9.30 am followed by morning tea, with Angela's presentation beginning at around 11.00 am – 12.30 pm This Formation session opportunity is open to all parishioners.

Father Greg would appreciate all leaders involved within Children's Ministry; Catechist, Sacramental leaders, Baptism and Children's Liturgy to consider this formation session compulsory for their own personal formation within their chosen ministries.

If you are interested in attending or to find out more details, please RSVP directly to Raelene 0499995292 saintpatsccd@acs.net.au

THE SHRINE OF JP II PRESENTS...

THE MYSTERY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

WITH ST FAUSTINA & ST JOHN PAUL II

24.02.2024
@GOSFORD PARISH



A RETREAT DAY

INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER:
FR PETER PRUSAKIEWICZ
CSMA

9AM | MASS & PRAYERS THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF JP II

9:45AM | CONFERENCE 1: THE MYSTERY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

10:45AM | COFFEE BREAK

11:15AM | HOLY ROSARY + CONFERENCE 2: THE SECRETS OF ST FAUSTINA & ST JOHN PAUL II

12:30PM | LUNCH BREAK

1:30PM | CONFERENCE 3: THE ANGELS IN THE LIFE OF ST FAUSTINA & ST JOHN PAUL II, INVESTING WITH A SCAPULAR OF THE DIVINE MERCY

2:15PM | HOLY HOUR

3:20PM | END OF RETREAT

THE SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II PRESENTS...

HOLY HOUR

WITH EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE

WITH FR PETER PRUSAKIEWICZ CSMA

@GOSFORD PARISH

SATURDAY 24TH FEB
6 pm - 7 pm

SUNDAY 25TH FEB
7 pm - 8 pm

INTERPARISH SPORTS DAY 2024

SATURDAY
27TH JANUARY 2024
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL WAITARA



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RSVP: CONTACT YOUR YOUTH LEADER FOR A PERMISSION NOTE



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FAREWELL JAIMI!

Today, we farewell one of our amazing young women, Jaimi-Lee Andrews, who has worked for our parish over the last four years. We cannot express our gratitude enough for her passionate and faithful contribution to our Church. Jaimi is leaving us with around 150 young people involved in our youth ministry in 2024. She has assisted with the opening of the Shrine of JP II in Gosford, designed and constructed the Display Room at the Pastoral Center of JP II, and played a pivotal role in forming our Encounter Evenings. Jaimi often visited our Catholic schools with fellow youth leaders to spread the Gospel with more young people in our community, and was part of the establishment of the youth evangelisation project, Connecting Catholic Coasts. Through her work, she has touched so many hearts by being a beautiful witness to her faith and contributed so much to our community. This young woman will be so greatly missed in our parish.

We wish Jaimi all the best for her future career in Canberra. No doubt, we will hear of the amazing work she continues to do for the Australian Church. In Gosford, we prepared, formed, anointed, and are now sending forward this disciple of Jesus Christ to do greater things for the salvation of many. Thank you Jaimi!

THANK YOU LETTER

FROM JAIMI-LEE ANDREWS

As I finish up my time here at St Pat's before heading off to Canberra on a new adventure, I just wanted to thank each and every member of our community. This parish has in no uncertain terms changed my life. I came here over four years ago as a shy eighteen year old, unsure of what I really wanted to do with my life. In lots of ways, I had one foot in and one foot out of the Church.

Following my announcement a couple of weeks ago that I would be leaving, I have had so many of you thank me for all I've done in our parish. I am so humbled by your kind words. However, what I have struggled to put into words is just how much this parish has done for me.

One of my favourite scripture verses is in Ezekiel, where God promises 'I will take your heart of stone and make it a heart of flesh' (36:26). I really think when I came to St Pat's, in lots of ways I was walking around with that heart of stone. And when I look back over my time here I can really see what God was doing in my heart leading me here. He challenged me, softened me, strengthened me, and surrounded me with the community I needed.

From parish dinners to encounter evenings, from Sunday night masses to the installation of the Shrine of St John Paul II and the countless memories in between, I feel so blessed for all the experiences I have had here, and all of you incredible people.

Fr Greg, thanks for taking a chance on me. Your wisdom, joy, and zeal for Christ inspires me every single day and I am so grateful for all you have done for me. From our parish staff, youth team, ministry leaders and volunteers, each and every one of you has impacted my faith with your generosity and love for God.

The last few months, I have been interviewing a number of our parishioners on their experiences here at St Pat's. Despite the different ages and experiences of each person, they all pointed to the same thing as what makes our parish so special. They all described the welcoming and embracing nature of our community here. I completely agree.

God is doing something pretty special here at St Pat's. I feel so thankful to be a part of it.

I will be keeping you all in my prayers, please keep me in yours :))

St John Paul II, pray for us!



JP II CENTRE

DISPLAY ROOM VIEWING

Display room is closed until the end of January. When we reopen, all are once more invited to visit our display room in the JP II centre. The room is available for viewing on Fridays from 12:30-1:30pm (no appointment needed), and from Tue-Thur by appointment. The room is not open for viewing on Mondays. To book appointments, please call 0499 386 336.

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:

PWBB Total to be Raised by Gosford Parish	
60,319	APPEAL 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR <i>Our allotted target this year is:</i> \$60,319 to be collected by June 30, 2024.
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10,000	
5,000	
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Thank you so much for your generosity to date.

A long way to go!



Thank you for your generosity

Your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives. Your donations support two key diocesan ministries:

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay



Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

Catechists taking the gospel to state school students.



Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners

Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or are sick in hospital.



St Lucy's School

Serving year K-12 students with disabilities.



St Edmund's College

Serving year 7-12 students with disabilities.



Ephpheta Centre

Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.



All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. ABN 87 849 944 998
To donate, complete the form in the envelope available in your parish and return to your parish.
Or go online by scanning the QR code or visiting: bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks. Thank you.



“REPENT, AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS.”

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf PSALM 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING

JONAH 3:1-5. 10

**A reading from the prophet Jonah
The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: ‘Up!’ he said ‘Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.’ Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day’s journey. He preached in these words, ‘Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.’ And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

3. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is

passing away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MARK 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MARK 1:14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.’ And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf PSALM 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed..

THIS WEEK

Mon Weekday, Ordinary Time 3
Mass Service @ St Patrick’s 9:00 am

Tue Weekday, Ordinary Time 3
Mass Service @ St Patrick’s 9:00 am

Wed St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

Mass at St Patrick’s 11:30 am
Thu The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

Mass at St Patrick’s 9:00am

Fri Australia Day

Mass 12:00 noon

Sat Weekday, Ordinary Time 3

at St Patrick’s 5:00 pm
at Somersby 5:30 pm

Sun 4th 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 pm

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Ps Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

2nd: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gos: Mark 1:21-28



**LATEST EPISODE FROM
OUR PODCAST:**

**LEARNING TO TRUST GOD
WITH AMANDA**

**INTO
THE DEEP**

WITH THE SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II

GOSFORD PARISH

EPISODE DESCRIPTION

On this episode of Sacred Stories Jaimi is joined by Amanda Dillon. Amanda is a teacher and Religious Education Coordinator, leader of our parish RCIA program and a member of our music ministry. She shares on growing up Catholic, the impact of community on her faith and the moments that both challenged and shaped her relationship with God. From her vocation as a teacher to her passion for music ministry, let’s dive right in!

ROSTER — JANUARY 28 TH , FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Somersby - 5:30 PM	
Date	27.01.24	28.01.24	28.01.24	28.01.24	Function	27.01.24
Audio Visual	Anna Jung	Ron Begg	Greg McBride	Elliot O'Connor	Audio / Visual	Matthew Xuereb
Acolytes	Hilary Pope	Sheila Evans	Peter Julius	Mark Bennett	Altar Society	Mary Luci
	Peter Young	John Ryan	Peter McLean	Joseph French		
Commentator	Maisie Tenev	Chris Golden	Emily Rudd	Gemma French	Commentator	Nai Herford
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	Natasha Pettitt	Amelia Eager	Theodore Huang	Vito De Toffol	Altar Servers	Dylan Xuereb
	Soren Patelia	Faith Eager	Dennie Paget	Remi De Toffol		
			Samson Paget	Luca De Toffol		
			Esther Mathey	Xavier Werder	Flowers	Rita Galea
		Jude Mathey	Reagan Gomez			
COUNTERS 22/01/24 Trudie Hiep Diana Addis Margret Hunter 29/01/24 Eunice Dal Busco Marie Cradock Victoria Milanovic	ALTAR LINEN P/Up 22/01/24 Marie Cradock Ret'n by 26/01/24 COFFEE SHOP 27/01/24 Hilary Pope Jan Stinson Cathy James	ALTAR SOCIETY Sat 27/01/24 Donna Hobday Pauline Parsons Julianne Hayne	CHILDREN'S LITURGY [Returning on the first Sunday of February, 2024]	PARISH BUS 28/01/24 Driver Rob Surdich Helper Yohans Bastian	FRIDAY HOSPITAL 02/02/24 Theresa Giddings Colleen Drummond Bigi Kongola Coleen Martin Denise Nicholson Sandrea Petith Joan Vella-Critien Gary Wills	SUNDAY HOSPITAL 04/02/24 Sheila Evans Michael Lynch

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CONDOLENCES

Our sincerest condolences to Ricardo & Alexa Flores and family for the loss of their baby son, Arrow. May the Lord hold him in the palm of His hand.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 20/01	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTERCESSIONS PRIVATE INTENTION
Sat 20/01	5:00pm Gosford	+ ARROW XAVIER FLORES
Sat 20/01	5:30pm Somersby	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sun 21/01	7:30am Gosford	+ Birthday ANNIVERSARY SAYDE BAYNIE
Sun 21/01	9:30am Gosford	FELIX'S SURGERY
Sun 21/01	6:00pm Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Mon 22/01	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance BETTY VAN YZENDOORN
Tue 23/01	9:00am Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Wed 24/01	11:30am Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE

Date	Mass	Intention
Thu 25/01	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance FARIBA GHAZI
Fri 26/01	12:00pm Gosford	FOR AUSTRALIA (AUSTRALIA DAY)
Sat 27/01	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTERCESSIONS
Sat 27/12	5:00pm Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sat 27/12	5:30pm Somersby	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sun 28/01	7:30am Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sun 28/01	9:30am Gosford	+ ARROW XAVIER FLORES
Sun 28/01	6:00 pm Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE

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