



# 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

### SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

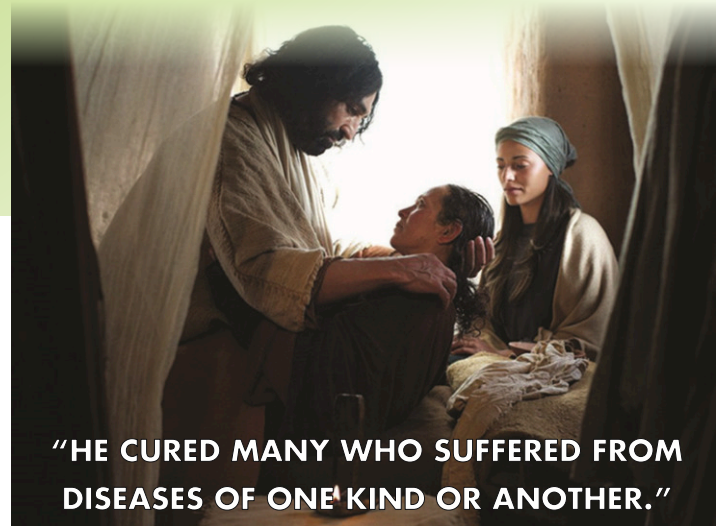
BY BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

Last Sunday's Gospel described the first blow that Jesus struck against the rule of Satan in the world: his teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum in the course of which he dramatically frees a man possessed by an evil spirit (Mark 1:21-28). Today's Gospel (Mark 1:29-39) continues the account of that inaugural day of ministry. Leaving the synagogue, Jesus goes to Simon Peter's house and cures Simon's mother-in-law, who is ill with a fever (vv. 29-31). He then extends his healing and liberating activity to the whole town (vv. 32-34), before re-launching his mission on a wider scale (vv. 35-39).

The First Reading, an extract from the Book of Job, 7:1-4, 6-7, provides an effective background to the situation addressed by Jesus in the Gospel by dramatising the limitations of the human lot with such poignancy.

We should note, however, that the healing ministry of Jesus actually begins on a rather modest, even domestic scale. Simon's mother-in-law is in bed with a fever, a more threatening condition in those days but not necessarily something out of the ordinary. Simon (Peter) is the leading disciple of the four that Jesus has just called to leave off being fishers of fish and become 'fishers of people' (1:16-20). Responding to his call has meant leaving both livelihood and family behind. The fact that Jesus performs this healing for the benefit of a member of Simon's family shows that having the family's menfolk follow Jesus is not entirely loss. They are going to gain something as well – be drawn into the sphere of new life and healing associated with the new 'family of God', the band of disciples Jesus is beginning to gather around himself.

The language in which the healing action of Jesus is described, 'He came and took her by the hand and raised her up' echoes the language of resurrection. The 'service' that the recovered woman then provides for Jesus and his disciples is at one level simply the standard domestic service of preparing and serving a meal that a woman in that culture would provide. Here it certainly signals her complete restoration to health. At the same time, the language used (diakonein) seems to foreshadow the 'service' (diakonia) that Jesus himself will provide as the Son of Man who has come 'not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (10:45). Simon's mother-in-law thus anticipates the ministry that disciples who have experienced



**"HE CURED MANY WHO SUFFERED FROM DISEASES OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER."**

the healing and reconciling power of Jesus will go on to exercise in his name. Moreover, this healed woman, at the very start of Jesus' ministry, may also anticipate the loving service of the unnamed woman who, just before Jesus' passion, will lovingly and appropriately anoint him for burial (14:3-9). She begins a pattern to be played out in this gospel where women by and large grasp the true meaning of Jesus' mission, especially its entrance into suffering, and the male disciples, including Simon Peter, do not.

With the Sabbath ended at sundown, the townsfolk are free to bring their sick and tormented for healing as well. The prominence of exorcisms in the account raises for homilists the problem of how to explain this kind of activity to hearers of the gospel today. Undoubtedly, we find in the gospels generally and in Mark in particular the attribution to demonic possession of many conditions that modern medicine would prefer to ascribe to various kinds of psycho-physical pathologies. There is no good reason to suppose that the Galilean towns and villages where Jesus laboured were any more prone to cases of true demonic possession than is the case today. The gospel highlights the demonic, not only because its author attributed many more conditions to that cause than we would, but also out of the desire to portray all Jesus' activity – whether teaching, healing or exorcising – as a life-and-death struggle with the powers opposed to God for the freedom and enhancement of human life.

The gospel stresses the eagerness of the crowd to access the power of Jesus – both on this evening and then after his brief moment of retirement to a lonely place to pray. It dramatises in this way the desperation of the human condition and the sense that Jesus and he alone can provide the liberation they so deeply desire. So, from the family of Simon and the afflicted people of Capernaum, Jesus moves on 'to the neighbouring towns' to because as he says, 'It is for this that I came out' – came out from Nazareth but 'came out' more radically as the Son of God to confront and overcome the evil of the world.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

FEBRUARY

For The Terminally Ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



### FR. Francis Jordan

As [the community grows], our spirit of sacrifice must also increase and a true heartfelt love must unite us closely, so that no mistrust or offense can take root among us.

MM Letters 1904/12/07



## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF SALVATORIANS  
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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/@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:

**Prayer Group DVDs** 1st Monday of the Month

**Monday Morning 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!

**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 04/02/24	7:00pm	Youth Group after 6:00pm Mass
Tue 06/02/24	7:00pm	Mass for Men Alive group
Fri 09/02/24	6:00 – 8:00pm	Arise at Hall Wkly During School Terms
Sun 11/02/24	12:00pm	Filipino Mass

## YEAR OF PRAYER

After the year dedicated to reflection on the documents and the study of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council in 2023, Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be marked as a Year of Prayer. The Holy Father announced its launch on Sunday 21 January 2024, on the fifth annual celebration of the 'Sunday of the Word of God'.

This year's theme is 'We are not alone', inspired by Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality as we journey forward as one Church. It also reminds us that God is always with us.

## BISHOP ANTHONY WELCOMES POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The President of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania, Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, has welcomed the news that Pope Francis will visit Papua New Guinea in August.

Bishop Randazzo, who is the Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, said he believed the people of PNG will be looking forward to the three-day visit from the Holy Father, which will begin in the capital, Port Moresby.

"Papua New Guinea has around two million Catholics or about 26 percent of the population," Bishop Randazzo said.

"However I am sure all religious leaders, churches, and government leaders look forward to providing a warm, traditional cultural welcome.

"The first visit from the Pope to a Pacific nation like Papua New Guinea in our Oceania region in nearly 30 years will mean a great deal to the people."

The August visit will be the third time a Pope has visited PNG. Pope John Paul II visited twice, first in 1984 and then again in 1995. This will be Pope Francis' first time to Papua New Guinea.

The Pope, 87, is also expected to visit one of two coastal cities in the country's north.

A papal visit to PNG, East Timor and Indonesia had been planned for 2020, but was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Church in Oceania covers an immense area, reaching from the West Coast of Australia across the many islands of the Pacific and stretching across both the Southern and Northern Hemispheres.

"The region comprises many peoples and cultures, lands and waterways united in one confession of faith in Jesus Christ," Bishop Randazzo said.

"I understand Pope Francis has been very keen to visit Oceania for a number of years. We are looking forward to the release of further details on the itinerary."

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL

President

Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania

## WORLD CANCER DAY

Sunday, 4th of February is World Cancer Day. Let us pray for all who suffer and those who care for them.

### FACING CANCER WITH GOD'S HELP

"Every day is a chance to create a memory and to love a little more." – Jessi Hooks, melanoma survivor

Families grappling with a devastating cancer diagnosis face an emotional tsunami. Uncertainty, fear and vulnerability redefine your daily existence. Each moment becomes both a challenge and an opportunity to cherish the love you share and find the resilience you need to face this threatening disease. Amidst cancer's challenges, prayer becomes a comforting ally, offering strength and hope. It's a source of solace, not just for the individual but also for their loved ones. In those moments of spiritual connection, people find resilience and peace to aid them through the numerous medical treatments ahead of them. The simplicity of prayer, a quiet yet powerful act, provides a steady stream of support and healing throughout the difficult journey of facing cancer and can contribute to a sense of emotional well-being for a cancer patient.

### PRAYER

Dear God, wrap your comforting arms around those facing cancer. Grant them strength to endure, hope to persevere and healing to overcome. Shower them with love, courage and resilience. May they find solace in their journey, knowing they are not alone.

Amen.

# CATECHESIS PROGRAM

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OUR PARISH SCHOOL CHILDREN.  
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No teaching qualifications are  
necessary

Enrolments now open for the  
Catechist CCD Ministry induction  
training

Please express your interest in  
enrolment with Raelene by  
10 February to secure your place.

THE SHRINE OF JP II PRESENTS...

# THE MYSTERY OF THE DIVINE MERCY

24.02.2024  
@GOSFORD PARISH



A RETREAT DAY

INTERNATIONAL GUEST SPEAKER:  
FR PETER PRUSAKIEWICZ CSMA

WITH ST FAUSTINA & ST JOHN PAUL II

- 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

## ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS TIMES

9AM - SCHOOL MASS

11:30AM

7:00PM

SOMERSBY - 6PM



### ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

## ASCEND | YRS 7 - 12

SUNDAYS 7PM AFTER YOUTH MASS

# YOUTH MINISTRY

FAITH. FOOD. FUN. FRIENDSHIP.

## ARISE | YRS 5 & 6

FRIDAYS @ 6PM - 7:45PM


IN SCHOOL HALL

## PADDIES | YRS 3 & 4

FRIDAYS @ 3PM - 4:30 PM

IN SCHOOL HALL

Contact Youth Coordinator @ 0491765431  
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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




# CHILDREN'S LITURGY

SUNDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY

We are excited to launch our new Formation program for our Parish Children within Children's Liturgy.

The new program will continue to be held within the 9.30 am Sunday Mass every Sunday, excluding Family Mass and while the Sacramental program is running.

We invite all children up to the age of 12 to attend!





### MenAlive MEETING!

Meet 7pm 1st Tue of the month

Men of the parish are invited to our Meetings  
We meet at St Patrick's for Mass. Followed by supper and meeting in the Jordan Room.

## SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The monthly meetings of the Fraternity of the Franciscan order have been changed:

The meetings will be held in the Reynolds Room on the SECOND FRIDAY of each month, beginning on 9th February at 1:00 pm - straight after the 10:30 am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, The Entrance.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone.

For additional information about the Franciscan charism, please see the website using the qr code:



## SALVATORIAN COLLABORATORS' MEETING

The next Salvatorian Collaborators' meeting will be at 3:00pm on Saturday, 17th February.



## JPII CENTRE

### DISPLAY ROOM VIEWING Display room is reopened!

All are once more invited to visit our display room in the JPII 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:

# SENIOR'S BUS TRIP

## A MYSTERY TOUR!

TUESDAY 06 FEBRUARY  
9:30AM FROM  
ST PATRICK'S

\$5 EACH | MORNING TEA PROVIDED

**COME JOIN US!**

## ALL ARE WELCOME

CONTACT BARBARA MCCARTHY  
4322 0250  
PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE

PWBB Total to be Raised by Gosford Parish	
60,319	<p style="color: #4a7ebb; font-weight: bold;">APPEAL 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR</p> <p style="color: #c00000; font-weight: bold;">Our allotted target this year is:</p> <p style="color: #c00000; font-weight: bold;">\$60,319 to be collected by June 30, 2024.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid #c00000; padding: 10px; background-color: #f4a460; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: white;">Collected to Date</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: white;">\$23,497</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: white;">Balance Owing</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: white;">\$36,867</p> </div> <p style="color: #c00000; font-weight: bold;">Thank you so much for your generosity to date.</p> <p style="color: #c00000; font-weight: bold;">A long way to go!</p>
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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

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:

**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.

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To donate, complete the form in the envelope available in your parish and return to your parish.  
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LAWYERS



“HE CURED MANY WHO SUFFERED FROM DISEASES OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER.”

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**PSALM 94:6-7**

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**FIRST READING**

**JOB 7:1-4. 6-7**

**A reading from the book of Job**

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak: Is not man’s life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, ‘When will it be day?’

Risen I think, ‘How slowly evening comes!’

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver’s shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3**

**(R.) Alleluia!**

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.

**(R.) Alleluia!**

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel’s exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds.

He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name.

**(R.) Alleluia!**

3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured.

The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

**(R.) Alleluia!**

**SECOND READING**

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19. 22-23**

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak

I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**MATTHEW 8:17**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**MARK 1:29-39**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon’s mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, ‘Everybody is looking for you.’ He answered, ‘Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.’ And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Cf PSALM 106:8-9**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



**THIS WEEK**

- Mon St Agatha, virgin, martyr**  
Mass Service @ St Patrick’s 9:00 am
- Tue St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs**  
Mass Service @ St Patrick’s 9:00 am
- Wed Weekday, Ordinary Time 5**  
Mass at St Patrick’s 11:30 am
- Thu Weekday, Ordinary Time 5**  
Mass at St Patrick’s 9:00am
- Fri Weekday, Ordinary Time 5**  
Mass 12:00 noon
- Sat St Scholastica, virgin**  
at St Patrick’s 5:00 pm  
at Somersby 5:30 pm
- Sun 6th 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**

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 1st: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46
- Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7
- 2nd: 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1
- Gos: Mark 1:40-45

**LATEST EPISODE FROM OUR PODCAST:**

**LIVING LIKE CHRIST WITH TOM**

**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 Tom Croll. Tom has been a member of Gosford parish for over 40 years and has been involved in an array of ministries, including media, communications and photography. Tom shares on growing up in the Anglican Church, the moments that shaped his faith and how Christ’s love informs all areas of his life. From his first time attending Catholic mass to what he loves about St Pat’s parish, let’s dive in!

ROSTER — FEBRUARY 11 <sup>TH</sup> , SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Somersby - 5:30 PM	
Date	10.02.24	11.02.24	11.02.24	11.03.24	Function	10.02.24
<b>Audio Visual</b>	Jackie Wilkes	Michael Lynch	Tom Croll	Cheryl Walsh	<b>Audio / Visual</b>	Matthew Xuereb
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hilary Pope	John McCrae	Peter McLean	Joseph Nicholls	<b>Altar Society</b>	Nai Herford
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### PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Mery-Anne Bonnici, Aaron Burke, Robyn McBride, Jadwiga Skulska, Joshua McCarroll, Dean Davids, Gloria Emara.

(It is custom for us to refresh this list at the beginning of each year. If you would like for us to add or reinstate a name onto this list, please contact the parish office. Thank you.)

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Beston, Baby Arrow Campilan

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Sid Dowsett, Michaelangelo & Mary Jane Buhagiari, Betty Van Yzendoorn, Glenn Mills, John Muir, Saydie Baynie

### REMEMBRANCES

Anne Maree Lott, Maria, Frank & Carmel Attard, Manuel Dizon & his parents, Laura McGuire, Maria & Paul Bigeni, Bob Moore, Betty Van Yzendoorn, Anthony, Libia, Ian & Zita Faria, Lionel & Phyllis Owens,

### 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 03/02	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sat 03/02	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary SID DOWSETT
Sat 03/02	5:30pm Somersby	+Remembrances MARIA, FRANK & CARMEL ATTARD
Sun 04/02	7:30am Gosford	+Remembrances MANUEL DIZON & HIS PARENTS
Sun 04/02	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 04/02	6:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased JOHN BESTON
Mon 05/02	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversaries MICHAELANGELO & MARY JANE BUHAGIAR
Tue 06/02	9:00am Gosford	+ Remembrance LAURA MCGUIRE
Wed 07/02	11:30am Gosford	+ 2ND Anniversary BETTY VAN YZENDOORN

Date	Mass	Intention
Thu 08/02	9:00am Gosford	PERSONAL INTENTION [FG]
Fri 09/02	12:00pm Gosford	+ 3RD ANNIVERSARY GLENN MILLS
Sat 10/02	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sat 10/02	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary JOHN MUIR
Sat 10/02	5:30pm Somersby	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sun 11/02	7:30am Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sun 11/02	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 11/02	6:00 pm Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE

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