



# 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 10:31 – 11:1; Mark 1:40-45

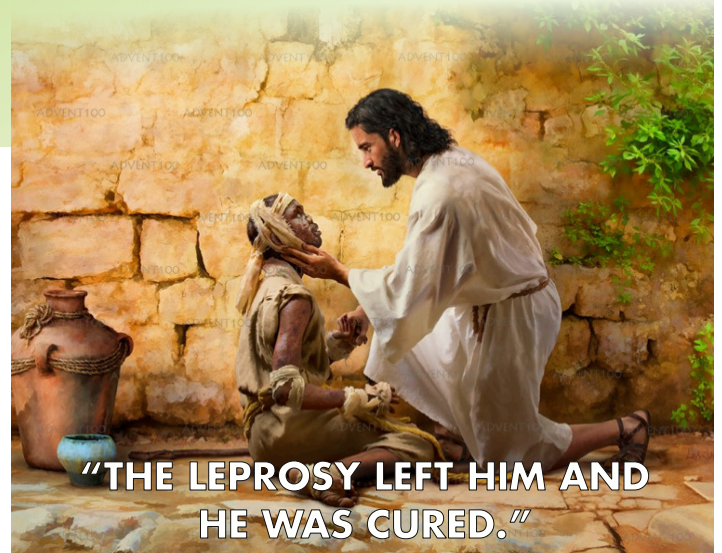
'Of course I want to! Be cured.'

This would be one of my favourite Gospel passages. So often I come to prayer feeling like this leper in need of Jesus' healing touch. I hear the desperation in his voice as he pleads, 'If you want to you can cure me.' But deep down he wonders who would want to have anything to do with a leper. Lepers are outcasts, the disfigured castoffs of a society that only wants perfection. What's more, in those times lepers were obviously sinners and this was God's punishment. They deserve it. Who would want to respond to a leper? Note that any disfiguring skin disease or rash was called leprosy.

Jesus does respond in a way far beyond this man's hopes. He touches him. He doesn't step back and cure from a distance with words, but actually reaches out and places his hand on this wretched human body. In this touch more than physical healing is accomplished. He is no longer alienated but has been joined by another.

This encounter impacts also on Jesus. He now becomes the outcast as he is forced to stay outside the towns in places where no-one lives. The text doesn't tell us why this is and sometimes it is interpreted as if Jesus is so popular that he is besieged and so stays away from the villages. But it is also possible that the people are afraid of Jesus since he has had physical contact with a leper and so he is now considered diseased, and forced to live where lepers live.

Rather than physical leprosy, today's Gospel causes me to reflect on social and cultural leprosy. I think of those alienated from society today through mental illness, and our own ignorance and fear of such illness. I think of those who want to be part of our Australian community but we put up barriers because they are different – they are non-European, non-Christian, non-profitable. Would Australia welcome Jesus? I suspect not. He comes from a Middle-Eastern country, has no financial backing or education, and has no essential trade qualification. If he managed to smuggle aboard a leaky boat seeking refugee status due to religious oppression he would probably end



up being processed off-shore or spending years in a detention centre.

In the reading today the leper says, 'If you want to, you can make me clean.' I think of the hundreds seeking asylum in this country saying to us, 'If you want to, you can help me.' But do we want to? How can we call ourselves Christians and not want to?

The passage from 1 Corinthians concludes the entire discussion from chapter 8 onwards where the concern was Christian liberty when faced with the practical issue of meat that had been offered to Greek idols. Paul concludes with a positive principle – whether you eat or drink – it doesn't matter – just do all for God's glory. Try not to offend others outside the community – either Jews or Greeks – so that others may be attracted to the community and thus be drawn into the saving power of Christ. Just as Paul is able to adapt to serve the needs of others, so he advises the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ.

The only valid teacher is the one who lives out what is taught – Paul says look at me, look at how I live and copy this, as I look at Jesus and try to copy him. This is the process of Christian formation. We are meant to be visible and clear signs in the world of different values so the world can look at us, can see how we live and want to copy it.

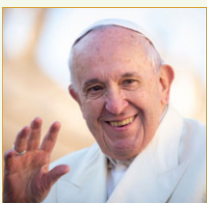
In the TV series Kath and Kim, there was the great line spoken by Kath: 'Look at moi, look at moi.' Would we dare take this as our motto and dare to be living witnesses to our faith values? Jesus did. Paul did.

### 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

Let nothing shake or disturb your inner peace; but always be eager to discern the inner voice.

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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF SALVATORIANS  
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EVANGELISATION **Amanda Eades**

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SAFEGUARDING OFFICER **Hilary Pope**

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

SENIORS MINISTRY: **Barb: 4322 0250, Eunice: 043-827-2141**

## 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:

**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 11/02/24	12:00pm	Filipino Mass
Wed 14/02/24	9:00am (School) 11:30am 7:00pm 6:00pm Somerbsy	Ash Wednesday Mass Times
Fri 16/02/24	11:30am	Stations of the Cross
Fri 16/02/24	6:00 – 8:00pm	Arise at Hall Wkly During School Terms

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2024 - FEBRUARY 11

World Day of the Sick is an annual observance that recognises and raises awareness about the importance of providing care and support to individuals who are ill, particularly those facing chronic or severe health challenges. This day also acknowledges the vital role of healthcare workers and caregivers in delivering compassionate care to patients. In this article, we will explore what World Day of the Sick represents, when it occurs, its significance, and how it is observed.

### WHAT IS WORLD DAY OF THE SICK?

World Day of the Sick, established by Pope John Paul II in 1992, is a day dedicated to promoting acts of kindness and solidarity towards those who are suffering due to illness. It serves as a reminder of the importance of providing physical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals facing health challenges, especially those who are vulnerable and marginalised.

### WHEN DOES IT OCCUR?

World Day of the Sick is observed on February 11th each year. This date holds special significance as it coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, a day associated with healing and devotion to the Virgin Mary.

### SIGNIFICANCE AND OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of World Day of the Sick include:

**Promoting Compassion:** The day emphasises the importance of showing compassion and empathy towards individuals who are sick, recognising their dignity, and providing them with the care and support they need.

**Recognising Caregivers:** World Day of the Sick acknowledges the valuable contributions of healthcare professionals, caregivers, and volunteers who work tirelessly to alleviate suffering and provide comfort to patients.

**Highlighting Healthcare Challenges:** It provides an opportunity to raise awareness about healthcare challenges, disparities in access to care, and the need for improved healthcare services globally.

**Encouraging Prayer and Reflection:** For many, this day is an occasion for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal. It invites people to contemplate the meaning of suffering and illness in the context of their faith.

## OBSERVANCES

World Day of the Sick is observed in various ways:

**Special Masses and Services:** In many places, churches and healthcare institutions hold special Masses and services dedicated to the sick. These gatherings often include the anointing of the sick and prayers for healing.

**Acts of Kindness:** Individuals and communities are encouraged to perform acts of kindness for those who are ill, such as visiting patients, delivering flowers, or providing assistance to caregivers.

**Healthcare Initiatives:** Healthcare organisations may use this day to promote health education, awareness campaigns, and initiatives aimed at improving healthcare services.

**Prayer and Reflection:** Many people take time for personal prayer and reflection, contemplating the role of illness in their lives and the lives of others.

## CONCLUSION

World Day of the Sick serves as a reminder of the human capacity for compassion and care, especially in the face of suffering and illness. It calls upon individuals, communities, and institutions to extend a helping hand and offer solace to those in need. Whether through acts of service, prayer, or reflection, this day invites us to recognise the inherent dignity of every person and the importance of solidarity in the journey towards healing and well-being.

On World Day of the Sick, let us join together in acknowledging the challenges faced by the sick and in expressing our commitment to providing them with the support, love, and care they deserve.

## FASTING DURING LENT

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, fasting rules allow Catholics to eat only one full meal and two smaller meals which, combined, would not equal a single normal meal. Additionally, Catholics may not eat meat on these two days—or on any Friday during Lent.

### AT WHAT AGE DO YOU START FASTING FOR LENT?

Those ages 18-59, in reasonable health, are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those 14 and older must abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. Canon Law does mention that for young children not fasting, parents should still communicate the meaning and penance.

### WHO IS EXEMPT FROM FASTING DURING LENT?

Children, adults with physical and mental illness, pregnant women and those nursing are all exempt.

### CAN YOU EAT MEAT ON GOOD FRIDAY?

On the one hand, Good Friday is part of the Easter Triduum, which marks the end of Lent. However, since Good Friday itself is a day of abstinence, it's best to abstain from meat, as in the Fridays of Lent.

### DO SUNDAYS COUNT FOR FASTING?

It's been a custom for Catholics to give something up during Lent, in addition to the fasting and abstinence rules. Some keep their sacrifice continuously, but Sundays during Lent are not "prescribed days of fasting and abstinence." Ultimately, it's a personal decision.

## BAPTISM PRESENTATION

### AT 9.30AM MASS

This weekend, our parish community warmly welcomes the family of Ari Samuel Micallef, who will be presented for baptism in our parish this Sunday!

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



St Patrick's Women's Faith Circle

Lenten Program

6-7.45pm

16th Feb, 23rd Feb, 1st March, 8th March, 15th March, 22nd March

in the

Learning and Resource Centre (St Pat's primary side)

for women with school aged children for further details contact Jane Eager on 0417 66 00 78

# HOLY HOUR WITH EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE

WITH FR PETER PRUSAKIEWICZ CSMA

@GOSFORD PARISH

SATURDAY 24TH FEB

6 p m - 7 p m

SUNDAY 25TH FEB

7 p m - 8 p m



## 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 or seb.eager05@gmail.com for more info

connect with us @spatsyouth\_

## SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

AFTER 9:00 AM MASS IN THE JORDAN ROOM



# 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!



## PASTORAL DISCERNMENT CENTRAL COAST PROJECT

A Pastoral Letter Booklet from Bishop Anthony on the PDCC project outlining each key outcome and response is now available. This letter outlines the efforts of pastoral outreach that the Bishop has made within our parishes and the broader Central Coast community. For more details, please read the full booklet now available in the foyer.

## OUR HOSPITAL MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Since the advent of Covid, we have lost a number of Friday visitors to the hospital to the point where we now visit fortnightly instead of weekly. Now we have two problems. Firstly we need someone to offer to be a Friday visiting team coordinator, on a month-on-month-off basis. Ideally that would be someone who would visit the patients as well but if that isn't possible, someone who'd be at the hospital to receive the lists, coordinate the visitors and write up the lists of patients wanting to receive communion on the Sunday. Our second issue is that we would love to revert to weekly visiting but that requires more people willing to visit. Are you able to help in one or both areas? Please call the office to have any of your questions answered.

## SALVATORIAN COLLABORATORS' MEETING

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

## PROJECT COMPASSION

The Project Compassion Appeal held in Lent supports the charitable works of Caritas Australia in developing countries. Please find donation boxes and envelopes available in the foyer if you would like to support.

## DIOCESAN LENTEN PROGRAM

The 2024 Lenten Program will be available in the foyer after each Mass on Ash Wednesday and it focuses on the Sunday Gospel Reading and follows a similar structure to previous diocesan Lenten programmes. The Program allows for personal use or in a small group setting.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS TIMES - COMMENCING IN LENT

### GOSFORD:

Fridays 11.30am

### SOMERSBY:

Wednesdays 6pm followed by Mass



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
14TH FEBRUARY**

**MASS TIMES**

**9AM - SCHOOL MASS**

**11:30AM**

**7:00PM**

**SOMERSBY - 6PM**



## 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:

PWBB Total to be Raised by Gosford Parish	
60,319	<b>APPEAL 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR</b>  <i>Our allotted target this year is:</i> <b>\$60,319 to be collected by June 30, 2024.</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Collected to Date</b>                      \$26,978  <b>Balance Owning</b>                      \$33,386                 </div> <i>Thank you so much for your generosity to date.</i>  <b>A long way to go!</b>
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**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

**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.
- 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](http://bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks). Thank you.

“THE LEPROSY LEFT HIM AND HE WAS CURED.”

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Cf PSALM 30:3-4**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**FIRST READING**

**LEVITICUS 13:1-2. 44-46**

**A reading from the book of Leviticus**

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7**

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:31 - 11:1**

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

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to

anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**LUKE 7:16**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**MARK 1:40-45**

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

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Cf PSALM 77:29-30**

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



**THIS WEEK**

- Mon Weekday, Ordinary Time 6**  
Mass Service @ St Patrick's 9:00 am
- Tue Weekday, Ordinary Time 6**  
Mass Service @ St Patrick's 9:00 am
- Wed ASH WEDNESDAY (Fast and abstinence)**  
Mass at St Patrick's 9:00 am (School Mass)  
Mass at St Patrick's 11:30 am  
Mass at Somersby 6:00 pm  
Mass at St Patrick's 7:00 pm
- Thu Thursday after Ash Wednesday**  
Mass at St Patrick's 9:00am
- Fri Friday after Ash Wednesday**  
Mass 12:00 noon
- Sat Saturday after Ash Wednesday**  
at St Patrick's 5:00 pm  
at Somersby 5:30 pm
- Sun FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
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**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B**

- 1st: Genesis 9:8-15
- Ps Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10
- 2nd: 1 Peter 3:18-22
- Gos: Mark 1:12-15

**LATEST EPISODE FROM OUR PODCAST:**

**FINDING GOD IN THE UNEXPECTED W/ FRAN**

**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 Fran Mathey. Fran has been a member of our community for the last five years, and is involved in an array of ministries, including our sacramental program, women's faith circle and as a reader and Eucharistic minister. She shares on growing up Catholic, moving away from the Church as a teenager and the moments that both challenged and shaped her relationship with God. From the impact of motherhood on her faith to the scripture that inspires her, let's dive right in!

## ROSTER — FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Somersby - 5:30 PM	
Date	17.02.24	18.02.24	18.02.24	18.03.24	Function	17.02.24
<b>Audio Visual</b>	Michael Lynch	Peter McLean	Greg McBride	Thomas Werner	<b>Audio / Visual</b>	Matthew Xuereb
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sam Giddings	John Ryan	Peter Cho	Mark Bennett	<b>Altar Society</b>	Michael Monaghan
	Peter Young	Sheila Evans	Tim Dasan	Joseph French		
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### RECENTLY DECEASED:

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### ANNIVERSARIES:

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### REMEMBRANCES

Hilda Doutre, Anne Maree Lott, Maria, Frank & Carmel Attard, Manuel Dizon & his parents, Laura McGuire.

### CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere condolences to Julie, for the recent passing of her brother, Martin Brown. May God hold him in the palm of His hand and grant him eternal rest.

We offer our deepest sympathies on the sudden passing of parishioner Colin Pratt, to his wife Margaret, daughter Katrina and all the family. Colin's funeral will take place at St Patrick's on Tuesday February 13 at 10.30am. Please remember the Pratt family in your prayers.

### THE PRATT FAMILY THANKS ST PATRICK'S

Margaret & Katrina would like to express their sincere thanks for all of the kindnesses extended to them on the recent passing of husband and father, Colin. The whole family has been overwhelmed by the support they have received from parishioners and the parish in general, and believe this journey would have been so much more difficult without the support.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention	Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 10/02	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS	Ash Wed 14/02	6:00pm Somersby	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sat 10/02	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary JOHN MUIR	Ash Wed 14/02	7:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased COLIN PRATT
Sat 10/02	5:30pm Somersby	Recently Deceased COLIN PRATT	Thu 15/02	9:00am Gosford	50th Birthday Blessings AGNIESZKA WOLSKA
Sun 11/02	7:30am Gosford	Recently Deceased COLIN PRATT	Fri 16/02	12:00pm Gosford	PRIVATE INTENTIONS [FG]
Sun 11/02	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS	Sat 17/02	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sun 11/02	6:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased DENNIS McCARROLL	Sat 17/02	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary JOE SANFILIPPO
Mon 12/02	9:00am Gosford	For a Full Recovery ROBYN MCBRIDE	Sat 17/02	5:30pm Somersby	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Tue 13/02	9:00am Gosford	Successful Treatment of JADWIGA SKULSKA	Sun 18/02	7:30am Gosford	Recently Deceased COLIN PRATT
Ash Wed 14/02	9:00am Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE	Sun 18/02	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Ash Wed 14/02	11:30am Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE	Sun 18/02	6:00 pm Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE

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