

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

18 FEBRUARY, 2024



# 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

### OLD TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

BY MARK O'BRIEN

Genesis 9:8-15

The myth of the great flood is a popular one in many cultures and it is thought that the Bible's version draws on other Ancient Near Eastern ones, in particular those in Babylon. Myth here is understood in the technical sense of a particular story that explores universal questions and truths: hence such stories are often set 'in the beginning' of creation or of a nation. It is a storytelling way of doing philosophy/theology. Characters in the story stand for key themes or ideas, such as good and evil, blessing and curse, life and death. There are some basic things to note about the flood story in Genesis. First and foremost, it is not a myth about the battle between good gods and bad ones who are hostile to humanity, as is often the case in Ancient Near Eastern myths. Israel's monotheistic faith (one God) locates evil primarily in humanity. Nor is the story about God's destruction of humanity and creation, if that were the case how come we are reading the story? Rather it is about God's enduring resolve to remove evil from creation. Creation myths are not about the past; they are a storytelling way of covering all time and space. God always acts to prevent evil overwhelming good. Noah and those in the ark represent good in creation, the rest evil (Noah is described as a 'righteous' person who 'walked with God'). The story dramatically heightens the power and threat of evil by describing all flesh as corrupt. God alone is the one who can deliver humanity and creation from such a threat. Another point to note is that the story is not about a return to primeval chaos (the formless void and darkness of Gen 1:2). God is fully in control of the forces of nature: God unleashes the flood, it rises to a particular height, lasts a particular time in order to ensure that all evil is destroyed and then subsides. At no stage in the story is the ark threatened by the flood.

The covenant that God makes with humanity and creation (our reading) conveys the author's conviction that God is completely committed to both, despite the evil that we almost inevitably perpetrate. Covenants or solemn promises were a standard way of forging lasting relationships between competing powers in the Ancient Near East, particularly between a more powerful nation and a weaker one that submits to it for protection. The powerful king promises lasting protection as long as the vassal state remains loyal, often a sign accompanies the covenant (e.g. a document). Understandably, covenants became a favoured form for expressing belief in the protection a society hopes to receive from its national god. The Bible has God take the initiative and make an everlasting covenant with Noah and



**"HE WAS TEMPTED BY SATAN, AND THE ANGELS LOOKED AFTER HIM."**

his descendants (who represent you and me) and with all creation: the sign here is the rainbow. But the Bible does not stop with this account of God's commitment to stay loyal to a flawed and prone to evil creation. It goes on to tell the story of the call of Abraham and, through him, of Israel to be the mediator of God's blessing to all the earth (Gen 12:1-3). This expresses the conviction that with God's help (we would say 'grace') humanity and creation can realise their purpose. God will ultimately triumph over evil as the final book in the Bible, the book of Revelation, claims. Our reading is thus a good one for the first Sunday of Lent, the season of repentance and renewal.

### Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

The Responsorial Psalm links up nicely with the flood story, particularly the notion of God's commitment to sinful humanity. The selection from Psalm 25 commences with the principle that God alone is 'good and upright'. According to biblical theology, God must be the source of good in whom there is no evil, otherwise who can rescue the helpless human being? The implication is that if we try to do it ourselves we will make a mess of it. The psalm then goes on to outline how our good God acts on behalf of sinners: by providing instruction/teaching (so that we can distinguish between good and evil), by leading us in what is right (with God taking the initiative we are assured that we are in the best of hands). The terms steadfast love and faithfulness express God's unconditional and utterly reliable commitment to sinners. The one thing required of sinners is to acknowledge their sinfulness and need of God – these are the people who 'keep his covenant and his decrees'.

In the second strophe or paragraph, the psalmist confesses his or her own need of God's pardon in accord with the principles outlined in the preceding paragraph, and then calls on all ('they that fear the Lord') to accept the teaching. In accord with God's will, the psalmist desires that all be saved. The final strophe outlines the blessings promised for those who fear the Lord. The term 'fear' here carries our sense of 'reverence/honour'.

### 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

Show me your paths; may your servant fulfill whatever you entrust...

BL Diary 1882 in ES note 106



## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF SALVATORIANS  
**Society of the Divine Saviour**

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

**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.**

### WEEKEND MASSES INCL. CONFESSION 30 MIN BEFORE

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

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

SOMERSBY, 30 LUTANA RD

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

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

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

<b>Mon to Thu:</b>	8:30am to 3:30pm
<b>Fri:</b>	9:00am to 3:30pm

### ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

<b>Cancer Prayer Group</b>	After 9:00am Mass, 4th Tuesday of the Month, in the Jordan room.
<b>Craft Group</b>	9:00am to 12:00pm Every Friday in the Jordan Room
<b>Grief &amp; Loss Support</b>	Please contact Margaret on 0439257817..
<b>Women's Faith Circle</b>	2nd and 4th Friday of the Month in the Primary Learning And Resource Centre 6:00 pm to 7:45 am
<b>MenAlive</b>	7:00pm 1st Tuesday of the month. Mass followed by meeting in the Jordan room.
<b>Seniors Ministry</b>	Meet 1st Tuesday of the month. Enquiries:
<b>Monday Morning Prayer Groups</b> 9:30 am after Mass	<b>Prayer Group DVDs</b> 1st Monday of the Month <b>Prayer &amp; Bible Discussion</b> 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday of the Month <b>Prayers for Christian Unity</b> 3rd Monday of the Month
<b>Bible Study - Monday night</b>	7:00pm to 9:00pm Monday, in the Jordan Room, all are welcome!
<b>Divine Will Prayer Group</b>	6:00pm to 7:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan Room.
<b>Salvatorian Collaborators</b>	3:00pm, 1st Saturday of the month, in the Jordan room.
<b>Paddies - Youth</b>	Years 3 & 4 students, meet every Friday during school terms in the Hall 3:00 to 4:30 pm.
<b>Arise - Youth Group</b>	Years 5 & 6 students, meet every Friday during school terms, in the school Library 6:00pm.
<b>Ascend - Youth Group</b>	Years 7 to 12 meet every Sunday night during school terms, after 6:00 pm Youth Mass
<b>Awake - Young Adults Group</b>	18 to 35 year olds meet the last Saturday of each month 7:00 pm in the Jordan Room

### 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
Mon 19/02/24	9:30am	Christian Unity Prayer Group (who will be following the Lenten program)
Thu 22/02/24	9:00am	Communion Service (No Mass)
Fri 23/02/24	11:30am	Stations of the Cross
Sat 24/02/24	9:00am-3:30pm	Divine Mercy Retreat Day
Sat 24/02/24 Sun 25/02/24	6:00pm-7:00pm 7:00pm-8:00pm	Holy Hour and Eucharistic Healing w/ Fr Prusakiewicz

## PASTORAL WORKS APPEAL - WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Our parish will be extending the Pastoral Works Broken Bay Appeal over the next two Sundays to assist the parish in meeting its \$60,000 levy to this fund. PWBB envelopes are available at all pews and the foyer today. To digitally donate and/or to find out more information about PWBB, please scan the qr code:



## THANK YOU FOR OUR NEW PROJECTOR

We would like to thank a local business owner and parishioner for the donation of the cost of the new projector, who, however, declined being personally acknowledged. It was a sizable expense following the failure of our old projector and all in this parish are very grateful for the generosity.

## BECOMING A MORE SYNODAL CHURCH - FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

### THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER!

The formation gathering will be facilitated by Br Ian Cribb SJ. Br Ian was one of the six Australian spiritual conversation facilitators who attended the four weeks of discernment at the recent 2023 Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome. He also guided the discernment process for the synthesis in Oceania and for the FCBCO Assembly in Suva. He was a key figure in the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia and has also facilitated retreats for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

This event will furnish the opportunity for participants to continue together on a synodal path toward the XVI General Synod of Bishops second session and our Diocesan Pastoral Discernment projects. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of synodality and be provided with the opportunity to learn more fully the methodology of Conversation in the Spirit.

Date: Friday, 23 February 2024

Time: 8:30 am for a 9:00am start - close at 4:00pm

Venue: Canisius House Pymble

Please RSVP as soon as possible by scanning the qr code.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS FOR FR GREG'S MUM

Fr Greg would like to thank you all for your prayers and your kind enquiries about his mum, Jadwiga, whom he visited on his trip to Poland to attend the Salvatorian meeting. Unfortunately, the latest test results are not promising and you are asked to please keep her in your prayers. Thank you.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you wanting to know more about joining the Catholic faith? Perhaps you are baptised but haven't received Confirmation or First Communion? Maybe you are completely new to Catholic Christianity?

Our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) coordinator, Chris, invites all those interested in learning more about Catholicism or becoming Catholic for a chat.

- Sunday Feb 25th

- After 9:30am Mass

- Meet at the Jordan Room next to St. Pat's Church

## RCIA RITE OF ELECTION

This Sunday (Feb 18), our RCIA catechumens attend the Rite of Election with Bishop Anthony in the Cathedral. Please keep our Catechumens Simon B, Lisa, Danielle & Simon C, and all our Candidates in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their Sacraments at Easter.

## RCIC CHILDREN'S [OVER 7] PROGRAM

If you have a child or grandchild that has yet to be baptised and they are over 7 years, we will be conducting a course in the near future to undergo the process of receiving the Sacrament. Please contact the Parish Office to find out more about these programs.

## BAPTISM PRESENTATION

This weekend, our parish community warmly welcomes the family of Sienna Cuschieri, who will be presented for baptism in our parish at the 9:30am this Sunday!

## MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS' - MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>

Come along for a bus trip to the Wisemans Inn Hotel at Wisemans Ferry for lunch on Tuesday March 5, stopping for morning tea at Waratah Road enroute. The bus departs 9.30am. BYO Lunch. Travel & morning tea: \$10 per person. **Please book asap with Barbara on 4322 0250 or Eunice on 0438 272 141.**

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THIS LENTEN SEASON

GOSFORD

Fridays @ 11.30am followed by Mass

SOMERSBY

Wednesdays @ 6pm followed by Mass



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

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our new Formation program for our Parish Children within Children's Liturgy has launched.

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!



## 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



## 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



## DIOCESAN LENTEN PROGRAM

The 2024 Lenten Program booklet is available in the foyer after each Mass, or digitally by scanning the following qr code: The program focuses on the Sunday Gospel Reading and allows for personal use or in a small group setting.



## JPII CENTRE

**DISPLAY ROOM VIEWING**  
Display room is open!

All are 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## COMMUNION SERVICE ON THURSDAY

**22ND FEBRUARY**

This Thursday, we will not be celebrating regular Mass in light of the absence of our priests. Instead, there will be a communion service at 9:00am for those that wish to attend.

## 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>
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55,000	
50,000	
45,000	
40,000	
35,000	
30,000	
25,000	
20,000	
15,000	
10,000	
5,000	

**Collected to Date**  
\$27,598

**Balance Owning**  
\$32,766

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

**A long way to go!**

# CATECHESIS PROGRAM

SHARE YOUR LOVE FOR GOD WITH OUR PARISH SCHOOL CHILDREN.  
**BECOME A CATECHIST!**

No teaching qualifications are necessary

Enrolments now open for the Catechist CCD Ministry induction training

Please express your interest in enrolment with Raelene ASAP to secure your place.

Contact: 0499 995 292 or [saintpatsccd@acs.net.au](mailto:saintpatsccd@acs.net.au)

## 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.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Cf PSALM 90:15-16**

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

**FIRST READING**

**GENESIS 9:8-15**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 24:4-9. R. SEE v.10**

**(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth**

to those who keep your covenant.

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.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth**

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.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth**

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.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth**

**SECOND READING**

**1 PETER 3:18-22**

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**MATTHEW 4:4**

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

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

**GOSPEL**

**MARK 1:12-15**

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

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**MATTHEW 4:4**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



**THIS WEEK**

**Mon Monday of the 1st week of Lent**

Mass Service @ St Patrick's 9:00 am

**Tue Tuesday of the 1st week of Lent**

Mass Service @ St Patrick's 9:00 am

**Wed Wednesday of the 1st week of Lent**

Mass at St Patrick's 11:30 am

**Thu The Chair of St Peter, apostle**

Mass at St Patrick's 9:00am

**Fri Friday of the 1st week of Lent**

Mass 12:00 noon

**Sat Saturday of the 1st week of Lent**

at St Patrick's 5:00 pm

at Somersby 5:30 pm

**Sun SECOND 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**

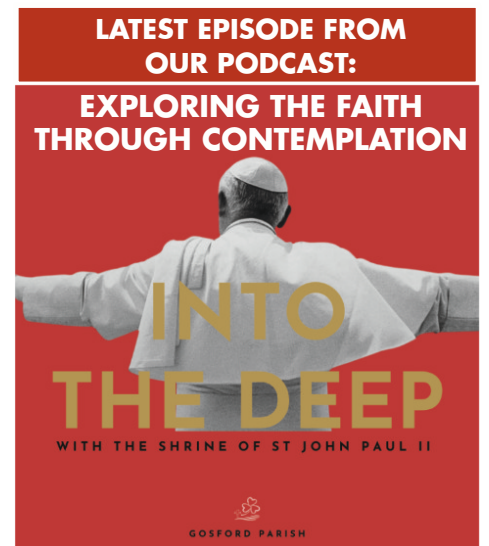
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B**

1st: Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

2nd: Romans 8:31-34

Gos: Mark 9:2-10



**EPISODE DESCRIPTION**

Join Sebastian on his first episode as he explores what going "into the deep" has meant in his life - How the Eucharist and contemplative prayer has helped him to deepen his faith. Let's dive right in!



ROSTER — FEBRUARY 25 <sup>TH</sup> , SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT						
Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Somersby - 5:30 PM	
Date	24.02.24	25.02.24	25.02.24	25.03.24	Function	24.02.24
<b>Audio Visual</b>	Ron Begg	Sheila Evans	Peter Mclean	Jackie Wilkes	<b>Audio / Visual</b>	Matthew Xuereb
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Joseph Minto, Hilda Doure, Anne Maree Lott, Maria, Frank & Carmel Attard, Manuel Dizon & his parents, Laura McGuire.

## CONDOLENCES

We express our sincere condolences to Carolyn for the recent passing of her husband, Leigh Adams, and his family and mother, Shirley. May Our Lord welcome Leigh into His eternal kingdom.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 17/02	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sat 17/02	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary JOE SANFILIPPO
Sat 17/02	5:30pm Somersby	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sun 18/02	7:30am Gosford	Recently Deceased COLIN PRATT
Sun 18/02	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 18/02	6:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversaries LIA MAE & ROBERT WAGNER
Mon 19/02	9:00am Gosford	Birthday Blessings JOYCE LAYNA
Tue 20/02	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversary GILBERTO DAL BUSCO
Wed 21/02	11:30am Gosford	Recently Deceased JIM ROBSON

Date	Mass	Intention
Thu 22/02	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversary JOHN HIEP
Fri 23/02	12:00pm Gosford	40 DAY REMEMBRANCE BABY ARROW CAMPILAN
Sat 24/02	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sat 24/02	5:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased LEIGH ADAMS
Sat 24/02	5:30pm Somersby	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 25/02	7:30am Gosford	Return to Health MANDY & MICHAEL BARTHOLOMEW
Sun 25/02	9:30am Gosford	+ Remembrance JOSEPH MINTO
Sun 25/02	6:00 pm Gosford	Strength & Healing JADWIGA SKULSKA

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