

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

03 MARCH, 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

NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

BY MARY COLOE PBVM

1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

He spoke of the Temple of his body.

Today's gospel is often presented as depicting Jesus' anger against the activities in the Temple, where the presumption is that the animals and money changers should not have been there. This is not accurate. The time for this action is Passover when tens of thousands of Jewish pilgrims come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast. These Jews come from many distant places and so will need to be able to purchase a lamb, one for each household, in order to celebrate. For this reason, during the weeks leading up to Passover, animals were brought into the Temple precincts so that pilgrims could buy what they needed for the Passover sacrifice. This was also the time when Jews paid their taxes to support the ongoing sacrifices in the Temple. Two animals were killed every day as a ritual to forgive sin. The sacrificial system therefore needed to be financed by contributions from all Jews. By contributing through the Temple tax every Jew participated in this daily ritual to be reconciled with God. However, this tax needed to be paid with special coins that did not have the image of the Roman emperor and so only at this time of the year tables were set up in the Temple to let people change their coins into special Temple coins without a 'graven image'. All these activities were essential in order to keep the temple services going and there is no evidence that they were seen as polluting the Temple or that there was exorbitant cheating going on.

This is the background to Jesus' actions in the Temple. It is not really a cleansing since all the animals and money changers were there as a necessary help to people during this Passover time.

Jesus' actions must be understood as a powerful prophetic symbol announcing the end of such Temple sacrifices. This is the meaning of his actions. The Temple and its sacrificial system are no longer needed. The Jewish authorities understand his action since they do not ask, 'Why did you do this?' But instead ask for his credentials – what sign do you have – or what's your authority for doing this? Jesus' reply points to himself as the new living Temple where God



"DESTROY THIS SANCTUARY, AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP."

dwells. With the coming of Jesus, a building made of stones is no longer needed to reconcile us with God.

Paul's letter to the Corinthians relates to one aspect of the Gospel. The Jews in John's gospel ask for a sign. In the Old Testament prophets were credited with the power to perform miracles, like Moses and Elijah and Elisha. So the Jews ask Jesus for a miracle to show that he acts with God's authority. They seek a sign. In his own ministry this has obviously been Paul's experience also. Jewish communities would challenge his authority and ask for a sign to show Paul came with God's authority. The Greeks valued the wisdom of philosophy. In the face of these cultural expectations Paul can only offer his certainty that Jesus, the one crucified by Rome, was in fact anointed by God.

According to Jewish Law (Deuteronomy 21:20), a man hung on a tree is cursed by God and so the means of Jesus' death, in their eyes, is a sign that he was cursed – which is why Paul calls the cross an 'obstacle' to the Jews. Paul's claim that God was revealed through the Cross was likewise utter foolishness to a Greek way of thinking.

At the heart of both readings today is the extraordinary claim made by Christians that God is present in Jesus. This is why John can present Jesus as a new Temple and why Paul preaches the cross. A mystery is not something to be analysed, rather it is something to live into, to open ourselves to, to meditate upon in prayer. Both the Jews and the Greeks were so sure of how God would act and where God could be found that they missed seeing the presence of God in their midst in Jesus. During Lent may we be more attentive to the surprising ways that God could be present to us.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

MARCH

For New Martyrs

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



FR. Francis Jordan

Be meek and humble of heart and always full of charity towards your neighbour! This is the will of God, and in this way you gain many for Christ

JT 1897/11/12



ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF SALVATORIANS
Society of the Divine Saviour

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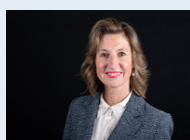
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If you see any activities involving children or vulnerable adults that concerns you, please email Hilary Pope, our Safeguarding Officer.

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| SENIORS MINISTRY: | Barb: 4322 0250, Eunice: 043-827-2141 |
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CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

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| 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.

WEEKEND MASSES INCL. CONFESSION 30 MIN BEFORE

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

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| 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

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| Mon 8:30 - 9:00am | Wed 11:00 - 11:30am | Fri 12:30 - 3:00pm |
| Tue 8:30 - 9:00am | Thu 8:30 - 9:00am | Sat 8:30 - 9:00am |

ROSARY - PLUS ON LINE DAILY AT 9:00 PM

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| Mon, & Thu | 8:05 am to 8:25 am |
| Tuesday | 8:05 am to 8:25 am: "Right to Life" |
| Wednesday | 10:35 am to 10:55 am |
| Fridays | 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

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| Mon to Thu: | 8:30am to 3:30pm |
| Fri: | 9:00am to 3:30pm |

ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

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| 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 Friday 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 |
|--------------|----------------|---|
| Wed 06/03/24 | 6:00pm | Stations of the Cross @Somersby followed by Mass |
| Fri 08/03/24 | 11:30am | Stations of the Cross @Gosford followed by Mass at 12pm |
| Fri 08/03/24 | 6:00-8:00pm | Arise at Hall Wkly During School Terms |
| Sun 10/03/24 | 12:00 - 1:00pm | Filipino Mass |

CANCER PRAYERS' GROUP

This group meets to support those with Cancer, or their loved ones, on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Jordan Room, directly following the 9am Mass. Please feel free to come along. The next will be March 26.

BAPTISM PRESENTATION

9.30AM MASS

This weekend, our parish warmly welcomes the family of Chevelle Seamus Finegan, who will be presented for baptism this Sunday!

A LITTLE HOUSEKEEPING

BULLETINS

Could we please ask that any Bulletins taken to the pews be returned to the receptacle in the foyer after Mass.

ST PATRICK'S PRAYER CARDS, ENVELOPES & QR CODES

Unfortunately we find an increasing number of all of these either damaged or missing. They are there for the benefit of all and expensive to replace. Could we please ask everyone, children included, to maintain their respect of church property, as they would their own homes.

Your cooperation in keeping our church in good order is valued. Thank you.

ALPHA PROGRAM

Starting Easter Week (first week of April)!

We are looking for volunteers, with roles for part of or the whole program. Please leave your details with the office if you think you can help.

WATCH THIS SPACE...

COMING AFTER Alpha EASTER!

2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES AVAILABLE NOW

Anyone who has a child in Yr 3 and above may obtain a copy of the 2024 sacramental program brochure @ St Pat's Parish, providing all necessary dates for your calendar.

CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN FOR ENROLMENTS.

Children 8 years and in Yr 3 are eligible to receive Confirmation, the 2nd sacrament of initiation. Applications are available at the foyer, on our website, on St Patrick's Primary platforms, and are being distributed by Catechists. Applications close April 3, preparatory to the Parents' Evening on April 10.

RCIA - JOURNEY TO EASTER SACRAMENTS

Our RCIA elect (catechumens) and candidates are in their final formation period: The Enlightenment. During this time, three Scrutinies are held during Sunday masses, which are rites of self-searching and repentance, so we pray for and with them, that we continue to recognise God's presence in our lives, acknowledge our faults, and ask for God's merciful and salvific love to continually call us to Him. Scrutiny Mass Times are as follows:

March 3rd - 9:30am at St. Patrick's

March 9th - 5pm at St. Francis, Somersby

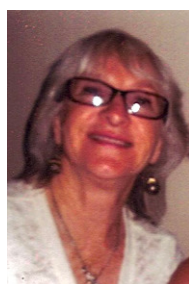
March 17th - 6pm at St. Patrick's

Please keep our RCIA elect, candidates and leaders in your prayers.

CATECHIST PROGRAM

Our wonderful Parish Catechists and Teachers will be commissioned over the next few weekends, a big thank you to all, for devoting yourselves to the works of religious education and catechesis to children and their families within our Parish schools.

Catechist Profile of the lovely Cheryl Barany



What made you become a Catechist and when did you start?

"I started at Mangrove Mountain in 1974. I became a Catechist because of the love of my Catholic Faith and the influence of my Scripture teacher when I attended school, Mrs Kelly."

What schools within our Parish did you attend?

"Peats Ridge, Central Mangrove, Kulnura, Somersby, Point Clare, East Gosford and Holgate Public schools."

What did you enjoy most about your lessons with the Children?

"How the children asked questions, including the classroom teacher."

Please share a particular highlight of your time within the Catechist Ministry.

"There were a number of highlights, in particular, parents would come to me and thank me for teaching their child, I find it very rewarding when children of the past remember me."

Become a Catechist within our Parish public schools! Enrolments are now opened for the Catechist Ministry induction course. To secure your place, please RSVP Raelene; saintpatsccd@acs.net.au or 0499995292, by 10th March.

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY
7:00PM MASS @ GOSFORD

GOOD FRIDAY
10:00AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3PM LORD'S PASSION
@ GOSFORD & SOMERSBY

HOLY SATURDAY
11:00AM BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

EASTER VIGIL
7:00PM MASS @ GOSFORD & SOMERSBY

EASTER SUNDAY
7:30, 9:30, 6:00 MASS @ GOSFORD



International Food Night

CELEBRATING OUR MULTICULTURAL
COMMUNITY AT ST PATRICK'S

JOIN WITH US FOR A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN,
DELICIOUS FOOD, DANCING,
AND CULTURAL DISPLAY!

\$15 ADULT | \$10 CHILD | \$50 FAMILY

SATURDAY - MARCH 16

@6PM IN THE HALL

PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR FAVOURITE
FOODS TO SHARE ON THE NIGHT

Tickets on sale after each Mass, through the
piety stall online, or from the Parish Office.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THIS LENTEN SEASON

GOSFORD

Fridays @ 11.30am followed by Mass

SOMERSBY

Wednesdays @ 6pm followed by Mass



SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II | GOSFORD PARISH

PUBLIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SAVE THE DATE!

JOIN OUR PARISH FOR THE PUBLIC PROCESSION OF
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, IN REMEMBRANCE OF
OUR LORD'S PASSION

2 2 N D M A R C H @ 6 P M

MINISTRY TO THE SENIORS' - MARCH 5TH

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.**



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LENTEN RETREAT AT THE SHRINE OF JP II



Thank you to Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA for his inspiring talks, homilies and Holy Hour with Eucharistic Healing Services over the weekend in our parish. It was very spiritual and uplifting time for many people who attended to stop

and switch off from noise surrounding us every day and focus on our relationship with God and experience His presence. And a huge thank you to all who helped with the hospitality! This special day would not be possible without you!

ST JOHN PAUL'S CASSOCK HAS ARRIVED IN GOSFORD



The cassock will be on display for veneration at our Shrine in East Gosford for one year. For this final week, it will be displayed in the church near the relics, and then will be moved to the display room at the JP II pastoral center.

The cassock was donated to one of Salvatorian priests, Fr Styczeń, a very close friend to St John Paul II, after his death in 2005.

Fr Styczeń donated the cassock to the Salvatorian Mother House in Rome where it has been for last 19 years. At the request of Fr Greg, the cassock was leased to the Shrine in

Gosford for one year. The cassock is a second class relic. Everyone is welcome to visit our church on the weekends and pray before the cassock, for JP II's intercession.

A big thank you to the Bennett family for donating the mannequin to display the cassock.

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.

COMMUNION SERVICES THIS TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

This Tuesday, the 5th, and Thursday, the 7th, our parish priests will be unavailable to celebrate our regular 9:00am Mass at St Patrick's. There will be a communion service instead for both days at the regular Mass time.

SALVATORIAN COLLABORATORS MEETING

The next Salvatorian Collaborators meeting will be on Saturday March 9th at 3pm in the Jordan room.

ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR ACOLYTES, SENIOR SERVERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

MARCH 17 @ 3.00PM

Whilst we emailed to all email addresses of those we had in the above ministries, we would like to reaffirm that there will be a meeting in the church at 3.30pm on Sunday March 17. If you haven't already, please RSVP to the office by March 11. Thank you.



JP II CENTRE

DISPLAY ROOM VIEWING

Display room is open!

All are 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 | |
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| 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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| 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.

"DESTROY THIS SANCTUARY, AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf PSALM 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for

ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold

and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 3:16

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary; are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed

evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JOHN 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life..

THIS WEEK

- Mon Monday of the 3rd week of Lent**
Mass Service @ St Patrick's 9:00 am
- Tue Tuesday of the 3rd week of Lent**
Mass Service @ St Patrick's 9:00 am
- Wed Wednesday of the 3rd week of Lent**
Mass at St Patrick's 11:30 am
- Thu Thursday of the 3rd week of Lent**
Mass at St Patrick's 9:00am
- Fri Friday of the 3rd week of Lent**
Mass 12:00 noon
- Sat Saturday of the 3rd week of Lent**
at St Patrick's 5:00 pm
at Somersby 5:30 pm
- Sun FOURTH 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

- 1st: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23
- Ps Ps 136. R. v.6
- 2nd: Ephesians 2:4-10
- Gos: John 3:14-21

LATEST EPISODE FROM OUR PODCAST:

THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF LENT



INTO THE DEEP

WITH THE SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II

GOSFORD PARISH

EPISODE DESCRIPTION

Join Father Greg and Sebastian as they reflect on this weeks gospel John 2: 13-25. How to Journey to Christ through the Lenten season and the transformative power of the easter message.

ROSTER — MARCH 10TH, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

| Mass | Vigil 5:00 pm | 7:30 am | 9:30 am | 6:00 pm | Somersby - 5:30 PM | |
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| Date | 09.03.24 | 10.03.24 | 10.03.24 | 10.03.24 | Function | 09.03.24 |
| Audio Visual | Michael Lynch | Ron Begg | Greg McBride | Rayden Gomez | Audio / Visual | Matthew Xuereb |
| Acolytes | Sam Giddings | Eunice Dal Busco | Peter Julius | Joseph French | Altar Society | Frances Bigeni |
| | Hilary Pope | Sheila Evans | Tim Dasan | Joseph Nicholls | | |
| Commentator | Maisie Tenev | John Konopka | Patti Beattie | Johan Fernandes | Commentator | Peter Chin |
| Lectors | Trudie Hiep | Anne Lovett | Steph Trevenen | Sam O'Connor | Lectors | Nai Herford |
| | Natalie mills | Gerard Price | Joan Vella-Critien | Ange Stitt | | Sonia Cummings |
| Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist | Nicole Murphy | Neryl Tyrrell | Margaret Mathieson | Anna Llige | Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist | Charlene Xuereb |
| Altar Servers | | | | | Cleaning | Mary Luci & Alyce Chin |
| | Natasha Pettitt | Amelia Eager | Theodore Huang | Vito De Toffol | Altar Servers | Dylan Xuereb |
| | Soren Patelia | Faith Eager | Cara Eades | Remi De Toffol | | |
| | | | | Luca De Toffol | | |
| | | | Xavier Werder | Flowers | Rita Galea | |
| | | | Reagan Gomez | | | |
| COUNTERS | ALTAR LINEN | ALTAR SOCIETY | CHILDREN'S LITURGY | PARISH BUS | FRIDAY HOSPITAL | SUNDAY HOSPITAL |
| 04/03/24 Eunice Dal Busco Diana Addis Victoria Milanovic | P/Up 04/03/24 Sheila Evans Ret'n by 08/03/24 | Sat 09/03/24 Fran Thompson Audrey Morris Thea Dowsett Barbara Mills Regina Fong | 10/03/24 Raelene O'Connor Emily Rudd | 10/03/24 Driver Sherree Sullivan Helper Frances Hickey | 15/03/24 Bigi Kongola Coleen Martin Denise Nicholson Sandra Petith Joan Vella-Critien Gary Wills | 17/03/24 Bigi Kongola Marie Cradock |
| 11/03/24 Trudie Hiep Joyce Byrne David Slingsby | COFFEE SHOP 09/03/24 Salvatorian Collaborators Cecilia & Margaret | | | | | |

PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Robyn Murphy, Paul Jones, Claire Hastings, Joshua Herbert, Mery-Anne Bonnici, Aaron Burke, Robyn McBride, Jadwiga Skulska, Joshua McCarroll, Dean Davids, Gloria Emara.

REMEMBRANCES

Ted Turley, Peter Mills, Joseph Minto, Hilda Doutre, Anne Maree Lott, Maria, Frank & Carmel Attard, Manuel Dizon & his parents, Laura McGuire.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jill Kulp, Vincenzo Luci, Max Randall, Clarie Answerth, Jim Robison, Leigh Adams, Dennis McCarroll, Colin Pratt, Martin Brown, John Beston, Baby Arrow Flores

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.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Josephine Mair, Helen & Charlie Clement, Zoe & Annette Patten, Concetta Di Martino, Gilberto Dal Busco, John Hiep, Joe Sanfilippo, Conchetta Di Martino, Lie Mae & Robert Wagner.

MASS INTENTIONS

| Date | Mass | Intention |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sat 02/03 | 9:00am Gosford | JPII INTENTIONS |
| Sat 02/03 | 5:00pm Gosford | + Remembrance PETER MILLS |
| Sat 02/03 | 5:30pm Somersby | Recently Deceased COLIN PRATT |
| Sun 03/03 | 7:30am Gosford | + Anniversaries ZOE & ANNETTE PATTEN |
| Sun 03/03 | 9:30am Gosford | PARISH INTENTIONS |
| Sun 03/03 | 6:00pm Gosford | Strength & Healing JADWIGA SKULSKA |
| Mon 04/03 | 9:00am Gosford | PRIVATE INTENTIONS [FG] |
| Tue 05/03 | 9:00am Gosford | COMMUNION SERVICE |
| Wed 06/03 | 11:30am Gosford | THANKSGIVING MASS ALL HOLY SOULS |

| Date | Mass | Intention |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Wed 06/03 | 6:30pm Somersby | THANKSGIVING MASS ALL HOLY SOULS |
| Thu 07/03 | 9:00am Gosford | COMMUNION SERVICE |
| Fri 08/03 | 12:00pm Gosford | RECENTLY DECEASED JILL KULP |
| Sat 09/03 | 9:00am Gosford | JPII INTENTIONS |
| Sat 09/03 | 4:00pm Spencer | Strength & Healing JADWIGA SKULSKA |
| Sat 09/03 | 5:00pm Gosford | + Anniversary JOSEPHINE MAIR |
| Sat 09/03 | 5:30pm Somersby | Anniversaries HELEN & CHARLIE CLEMENT |
| Sun 10/03 | 7:30am Gosford | + Remembrance TED TURLEY |
| Sun 10/03 | 9:30am Gosford | PARISH INTENTIONS |
| Sun 10/03 | 6:00 pm Gosford | Strength & Healing JADWIGA SKULSKA |

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