

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

17 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

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

BY BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

As we enter upon the final weeks of Lent, the Lectionary sets before us readings that focus more strictly upon the death that Jesus is to undergo in Jerusalem and the meaning of that death for the world.

The First Reading, from Jeremiah 31:31-34, features a passage destined to become very significant in the New Testament tradition. Faced with the failure of the people in respect to the original Sinai covenant, the prophet Jeremiah records the divine intent to forge a 'new covenant' with the house of Israel and Judah. The difference between this covenant and the former one will be that, instead of laws and requirements written on tablets of stone and so imposed on human beings 'from outside', as it were, this will be a covenant 'written' deep in people's hearts. Not only will they know its requirements, they will also have the capacity to observe them willingly in the context of a renewed and intimate relationship with God.

St Paul sees this promise fulfilled in the gift of the Spirit (2 Cor 3:3-6; Rom 8:2). Likewise, the accounts of the institution of the Eucharist, in their Pauline (1 Cor 11:23-25) and Lukan (Luke 22:19-20) form, have Christ say over the cup, 'this is ... the new covenant in my blood'. The shedding of Christ's blood on Calvary inaugurates the 'new covenant' of which Jeremiah spoke; believers of subsequent generations re-enact their entry into that new covenant and receive its benefits each time that they fulfil the Lord's command, 'Do this in memory of me'.

A tradition running across the New Testament brings out the personal cost to Jesus of undergoing the death he endured to bring us into this new covenant. It does so by portraying a moment of shrinking on his part from going through with it. The most dramatic portrayal of this motif comes in the three Synoptic accounts of Jesus' agony in the Garden of Gethsemane when he prays for a time to his Father that the 'cup' held out before him be removed (Matt 26:36-39; Mark 14:33-36; Luke 22:40-44).

The short extract from Hebrews (5:7-9) in the Second Reading contains an echo of the same tradition. As a sense of the divinity of Christ increased in the early Church tradition the memory of a very human shrinking from death on his part might well have been suppressed. That it was preserved alongside the growing sense of his status as divine Son of God was doubtless because it enshrined so precious a truth. That Jesus found what was required of him so costly as to lead him to beg that it be removed witnessed to the extremity of his



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love. Every believer can, then, make their own the words of Paul: '(He) loved me and delivered himself up for me' (Gal 2:20).

In what way did Christ 'learn obedience through what he suffered' (Heb 5:8)? The sense of this odd phrase seems to be that it was in his passion that Christ plumbed to the depth what obedience to his mission from the Father involved. Being Son did not shield him from suffering. On the contrary, by going through with his suffering and death he paid the cost of being faithful to who he was precisely as his Father's Son.

The Gospel, John 12:20-33, contains a momentary Johannine echo of the same motif in the Fourth Gospel. Jesus exclaims, 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - "Father, save me from this hour"?' (v. 27). What sparks off this reaction in Jesus - and the parable about the grain of wheat that precedes it (v. 24) - is the arrival on the scene of 'some Greeks'. The reason that Jesus reacts in this way can be seen from the end of the passage when he says, 'And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself', together with the comment of the evangelist, 'He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die' (vv. 32-33). The 'Greeks' are the forerunners of all those people from afar (including the Gentile world) whom the love of Jesus, demonstrated supremely upon the cross, will draw to the Father and so to eternal life. The arrival of these Greeks and their desire to 'see' Jesus indicates that the 'hour' of his death is at hand. Their presence also shows that his dying, like a single grain falling upon the earth, will produce a 'rich harvest', that is, the drawing of all to eternal life. In this way the cross will overthrow the ruinous grip of the 'prince of this world' (Satan) upon human life.

We can detect a hint of the mission of the later church as, first Andrew, then Philip, 'mediate' the access of these Gentiles to Jesus.

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

Nothing is a greater source of credit to a religious community, nothing nurtures and nourishes observances, piety and steadiness more than concord.



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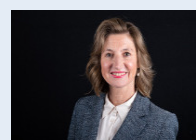
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CHURCH OPEN DAILY 8:30AM – 4:30PM.

STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

Mon: 9:00am	Wed: 11:30am	Fri: 12:00pm
Tue: 9:00am	Thu: 9:00am	Sat: 9:00am
Devotion to St JPII after Mass		

Adoration and Confession 30 minutes before each weekday Mass.

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 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 20/03/24	7:00 – 8:00pm	MERCY NIGHT
Fri 22/03/24	11:30am – 12:30pm	Stations of the Cross @Gosford
Fri 22/03/24	6:00 – 7:00pm	Public Stations of the Cross

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.

2ND RITES OF RECONCILIATION

Gosford Mercy Night 20/3 7pm. Woy Woy 21/3 @ 7pm. Kincumber 19/3 @ 7pm

THE PASSION MOVIE SCREENING

This Monday, our parish will be hosting a screening of "The Passion of the Christ" after the 9:00am Mass in the Jordan Room.

PALM SUNDAY FAMILY MASS

Our Family Mass will commence for Palm Sunday at the 9:30am Mass, 24/03. Mass will begin on the school grounds and process in to the Church.

CHURCH CLEANING IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, FOLLOWING THE 9AM MASS

We usually have a great response to the our church cleaning mornings, and the delicious morning tea that follows, and are hoping that it will be the same this time. See you there!

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. Priests of the Diocese of Broken Bay gather for this celebration with Bishop Anthony Randazzo to renew their priestly commitments. During Mass, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the Chrism is consecrated and brought back to each parish for use in various Sacramental liturgies throughout the year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this sacred occasion in the life of our Diocese. Those who would like to attend this Mass are asked to place their names on the sheet provided in the foyer. We anticipate our bus will depart the church at 5:30pm.

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE SHOP

AFTER 9:00 AM MASS
IN THE
JORDAN ROOM



FEAST OF ST PATRICK, OUR PATRON

March 17 is the Feast Day of Saint Patrick, one of the Church's great evangelizing saints.

Although he is the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick was actually born in Roman Britain in the fifth century. When he was a teenager, he was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. It was during this time, that he discovered his own faith, finding strength through his relationship with God.

Saint Patrick's enslavement lasted for six years until he had a dream in which he was told to escape by going by way of the coast. He successfully made it back to Britain, but after a few years, he had a vision in which a man came to him from Ireland and gave him a letter with the heading "The Voice of the Irish." In his spiritual autobiography, the Confessio, Saint Patrick said that, at that moment, he heard the Irish people crying out, "We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us."

It led Patrick to further his education and study for the priesthood. He would later be ordained a bishop and was appointed as successor to Saint Palladius, the first bishop of Ireland. Saint Patrick spent the rest of his life bringing the Good News of the Gospel to the people of Ireland, which was a pagan country at the time. He is believed to have used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, and the shamrock remains associated with the saint and the Trinity to this day.

The prayer "Breastplate" is attributed to Saint Patrick. It reads in part: "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."

Saint Patrick died on March 17, 461. He is now the patron saint of Ireland and is known as the Apostle of Ireland.

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH - 19 MARCH

In the words of St John Paul II, "Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God."

RCIA - JOURNEY TO EASTER SACRAMENTS

Our RCIA elect (catechumens) and candidates are in their final formation period: The Enlightenment. This weekend, the final of three Scrutinies is held during Sunday 6pm Youth Mass. The Scrutinies 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. After this final scrutiny, there is one final step: They receive their Sacraments of Initiation, and are welcomed completely into the Catholic Church!

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

ALPHA IS BACK @ ST PAT'S!

You are invited to come and join us as we give the Australian Edition of Alpha a crack. Starting Wednesday 3rd April at 7pm, we will gather weekly until the middle of June. Each week we cover a new topic, with our first night asking the question: "Is there more to life than this?". Alpha is for all: from new Christians to those who have been Catholic their entire lives; from teenagers to those less willing to disclose their age! Register here <https://www.trybooking.com/CQFWA> or follow the QR code.

We are still looking for volunteers, with roles for part of or the whole program, especially for hospitality. Please leave your details with the office if you think you can help. Chris will be available after the Mercy Night this Wednesday to chat.



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



SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II | GOSFORD PARISH

'Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God'
St John Paul II

MERCY NIGHT

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

+ ADORATION | PRAYER | VENERATION | PRAISE & WORSHIP

20TH MARCH @ 7PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THIS LENTEN SEASON

GOSFORD

Fridays @ 11.30am followed by Mass

SOMERSBY

Wednesdays @ 6pm followed by Mass



SHRINE OF JOHN PAUL II | GOSFORD

DIVINE MERCY HOUR

7TH APRIL | 3-4PM



PALM SUNDAY

24TH MARCH

9:30AM MASS BEGINS WITH PROCESSION
FROM THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

ALL OTHER MASSES START OUTSIDE THE
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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.

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.



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.

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:

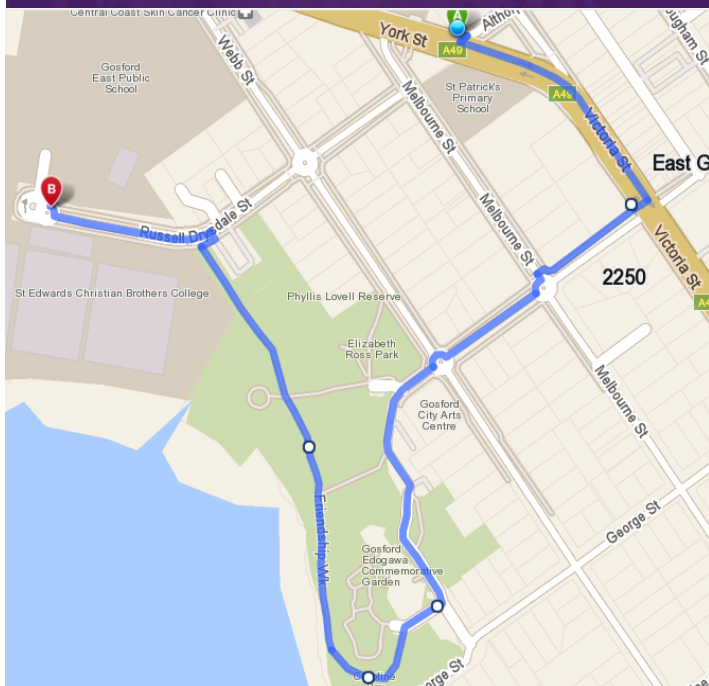
SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II | GOSFORD PARISH

PUBLIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

22ND MARCH @ 6PM

MEET AT 5:50PM @ ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CARPARK
LED BY OUR YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY



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

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:

<p>Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Catechists taking the gospel to state school students.</p>	<p>Hospital Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care Practitioners Helping those who are vulnerable, experiencing loneliness or are sick in hospital.</p>	<p>St Lucy's School Serving year K-12 students with disabilities.</p>	<p>St Edmund's College Serving year 7-12 students with disabilities.</p>	<p>Ephpheta Centre Pastoral care, sacraments, and advocacy for the deaf community.</p>
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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.



““IF A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS ON THE GROUND AND DIES, IT YIELDS A RICH HARVEST””

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf PSALM 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to

save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

JOHN 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

JOHN 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.

But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

THIS WEEK

Mon ST PATRICK, bishop

Mass @ St Patrick’s 9:00 am

Tue ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass @ St Patrick’s 9:00 am

Wed Wednesday of the 5th week of Lent

Mass at St Patrick’s 11:30 am

Thu Thursday of the 5th week of Lent

Mass at St Patrick’s 9:00am

Fri Friday of the 5th week of Lent

Mass 12:00 noon

Sat Saturday of the 5th week of Lent

Mass at St Patrick’s 9:00 am

Mass at St Patrick’s 5:00 pm

Mass at Somersby 5:30 pm

Sun PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

1st: Isaiah 50:4-7

Ps Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

2nd: Philippians 2:6-11

Gos: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

LATEST EPISODE FROM OUR PODCAST:

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST WITH ST PATS YOUTH

INTO THE DEEP

WITH THE SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II

GOSFORD PARISH

EPISODE DESCRIPTION

Join Sebastian in this special episode as he welcomes members of St Pats youth onto the podcast. Listen to Abhishek, Vito and Laura speak about their encounters with Christ and how St Pats youth has equipped them to live out their faith.

ROSTER — MARCH 24TH, PALM SUNDAY

Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Somersby - 5:30 PM	
Date	23.03.24	24.03.24	24.03.24	24.03.24	Function	23.03.24
Audio Visual	Michael Lynch	Sheila Evans	Greg McBride	Sam O'Connor	Audio / Visual	Matthew Xuereb
Acolytes	Alberto Torres	Gerard Price	Peter Julius	Joseph French	Altar Society	Michael Monaghan
		Eunice Dal Busco	Peter McLean	Patrick Nicholls		
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PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

Jessica Anslow, Soon Hock, Margaret Mathieson, Robyn Murphy, Paul Jones, Claire Hastings, Joshua Herbert, Mery-Anne Bonnici, Aaron Burke, Robyn McBride, Jadwiga Skulska, Joshua McCarroll, Gloria Emara.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

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REMEMBRANCES

Maria Maisano, Friquet Family, Ronald Freeman, Fogarty Family, Holy Souls, Ted Turley, Peter Mills, Joseph Minto, Hilda Doutre, Anne Maree Lott, Maria, Frank & Carmel Attard.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincere condolences to those members of our parish who have recently faced the loss of loved ones. May God welcome them into His heavenly home.

MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Mass	Intention
Sat 16/03	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sat 16/03	5:00pm Gosford	+ Anniversary LAURENCE POPE
Sat 16/03	5:30pm Somersby	Recently Deceased VINCENZO LUCI
Sun 17/03	7:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 17/03	9:30am Gosford	Special Intentions GUIDANCE WITH SALE OF PROPERTIES
Sun 17/03	6:00pm Gosford	Recently Deceased COLIN PRATTL
Mon 18/03	9:00am Gosford	+ Anniversary VICTOR BUHAGIAR
Tue 19/03	9:00am Gosford	Healing & Strength SOON HOCK
Wed 20/03	11:30am Gosford	+ Anniversary ANNA-MARIA MAISANO

Date	Mass	Intention
Wed 20/03	6:30pm Somersby	+ Remembrance FRIQUET FAMILY & RONALD FREEMAN
Thu 21/03	9:00am Gosford	+ 1st Anniversary WIESLAW WOZNIAK
Thu 21/03	9:30am SJC	+ Recently Deceased MARY VELLA
Fri 22/03	12:00pm Gosford	SPECIAL INTENTIONS HUIE-ASHING FAMILIES
Sat 23/03	9:00am Gosford	JPII INTENTIONS
Sat 23/03	5:00pm Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE
Sat 23/03	5:30pm Somersby	Strength & Healing JADWIGA SKULSKA
Sun 24/03	7:30am Gosford	+ Anniversaries FRANK & PATRICIA HICKEY
Sun 24/03	9:30am Gosford	PARISH INTENTIONS
Sun 24/03	6:00 pm Gosford	INTENTION AVAILABLE

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