



# Parish of Gosford

## The Shrine of St John Paul II

The Communities of St Patricks East Gosford,  
Mangrove Mountain Community & Holy Trinity Spencer  
Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.



## Year of JOY



### Happy 40th Birthday Father Greg!

What a Blessing Father Greg is for God's Church, his Family and our Parish. His Pastoral care is unwavering, his energy never ceases, his walk never slows! We look forward to celebrating you over this weekend Father Greg. Thank you for being you and loving God the way you do.



### COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

**BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD**  
\* A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19: 28-40

28 Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'. 32 So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. 33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' 34 And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'. 35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. 36 And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. 37 As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! 39 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. 40 He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

#### APRIL

#### For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



#### FR. Francis Jordan

At an appropriate time each day turn to God for advice. Ask for enlightenment so you may fulfill His most holy will, that He might be known and loved by all.

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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

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

<http://www.sds.org.au>

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### EX OFFICIO PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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| YOUTH MINISTRY   | <b>Sebastian Eager</b>  |
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|  | If you see any activities involving children or vulnerable adults that concerns you, please email Hilary our Safeguarding officer |

## CHURCH OPEN DAILY DURING OFFICE HOURS

### STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <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 PRIOR

GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

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| <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>  |
| <b>Mangrove Mountain</b>               | <b>Sat Vigil 5:00pm</b> St Dionysius Church<br>21 Nurses Road, Central Mangrove |
| <b>SPENCER, 4200 WISEMANS FERRY RD</b> | 4:00pm 2nd Sat of Month   |

### ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN OUR CHURCH

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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

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| <b>Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu</b> | Rosary Begins 1 Hour Before Mass  |
| <b>Fridays</b>            | 11:35 am to 11:55 pm (30 Mins Before Mass)  |
| <b>Saturday</b>           | 8:05am until 8:25am: 1st Priests & Religious<br>2nd Mothers & Babies<br>3rd Persecuted Christians |
| <b>Sunday</b>             | 7:05 am to 7:25 am  |

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL WITHIN THE CHURCH

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| <b>Monday to Friday</b> | Access during Parish office hours |
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### ACTIVE GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY OF ST PATRICK'S

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| <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 pm  |
| <b>Men of the Sacred Heart</b>                            | 3rd Saturday of the month. 5:00pm Mass followed by meeting in the Jordan room.  |
| <b>Seniors Ministry</b>                                   | Activities 1st Tuesday of the month. Enquiries: Barb: 4322 0250 or Eunice: 0438 272 141   |
| <b>Monday Morning Prayer Groups</b><br>9:30 am after Mass | <b>Prayer Group DVDs</b> 1st Monday of the Month<br><b>Prayer &amp; Bible Discussion</b> 2nd, 4th and 5th Monday of the Month<br><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>                           | Based on the writings of Luisa Piccarreta 6:00pm to 7:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan Room.  |
| <b>Salvatorian Collaborators</b>                          | 3:00pm, 4th 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  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>                                 | Every Sunday during the 9:30am Mass except during school holidays and during Sacramental program formation. All Children's Liturgy Leaders are cleared with Working with Children Checks.   |

## SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



### 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



## FATHER GREG'S BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA

Please Join in celebrating Father Greg's birthday with cake and morning tea after the **9.30am Mass on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> April**

## SUPPORT OUR YOUTH FUNDRAISER - ATTENDANCE AT THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL IN MELBOURNE



### Easter Trees – A Sweet Way to Celebrate Easter 🌿

This Easter, bring home something new and exciting—Easter Trees filled with delicious chocolate eggs! A fun and festive way to celebrate, these beautifully decorated trees make the perfect centerpiece for your home, a thoughtful gift, or a special treat for the whole family. Support our youth while enjoying some Easter joy!

### Limited stock available – don't miss out!

📅 **On sale: 20-30 March**

Available - Church Foyer before and after Mass or pop into the Parish office

💰 **Price: \$50**

Thank you for supporting our parish youth—may your Easter be filled with faith, joy, and chocolate!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Gardeners** - We would like to invite parishioners to assist in keeping our Parish gardens and lawns maintained. Please call the Parish office 4325 1042 with your contact details and days you are able to assist. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

**Altar Society** - Assistance is required with arranging the Church flowers for weekend Masses, this is typically carried out on a Saturday morning, but if you organise your own team you can work around the weekday Masses on a day and time that suits. Please call the Parish office 4325 1042 or Helen Moore 0428 237 708 for further details

## CHRISM MASS

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 15 April** at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral. All are invited to attend. The Parish Bus will be available, please include your name and contact number on the list in the Church foyer.

## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

Mothers day raffle tickets will be on sale in the Church Foyer from Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> April and will be drawn on Mothers day **11<sup>th</sup> May @ 9.30am** Mass

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return project compassion donations to the basket in the Church foyer on Holy Thursday



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 18th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2024 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.5 million (\$1.4 million [2023], \$1.4 million [2022] and \$1,126,098 [2021]). The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges, financial and spiritual, and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

Name of Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Waverley NSW  
Name of Account: Holy Land Commissariat  
BSB / Account Number: 062 267 / 1001 4847  
Your Reference: Suburb/town + postcode + parish name as per the Catholic Directory, using abbreviations if necessary.  
e.g. Campbelltown 2560 St John.  
Please notify the details of your electronic transfer to [admin@franciscans.org.au](mailto:admin@franciscans.org.au) if you require a receipt.

## VISIT TO THE SICK 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

If you would like yourself or a sick loved one visited by our Clergy on the **16<sup>th</sup> April** please contact the Parish office on 4325 1042 to have names and addresses added to the list.



# EASTER EGG HUNT

20TH  
APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY  
AFTER 9:30AM MASS

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME!



## PASCHAL TRIDUUM @ ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Holy Thursday 17th April @ 7pm

Stations of the Cross Friday 18th April  
@ 10am - Gosford & Spencer

Passion of our Lord 18th April @ 3pm

Easter Food Blessing 19th April 11am

Easter Vigil 19th April @ 7pm

Easter Sunday 20th April  
@ 7.30am 9.30am and 6pm



GOSFORD PARISH

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU!

UPCOMING...

## MERCY HOUR

ADORATION  
RECONCILIATION  
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

27TH APRIL | 3PM  
@ ST PATRICK'S PARISH



THE SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II  
PRESENTS...

## FATIMA NIGHT

Main celebrant:  
Most Rev George  
Kolodziej SDS,  
Bishop of Bunbury

10TH MAY  
MASS @ 5PM

Followed by procession and recitation of multicultural  
rosary + blessing of Mary's grotto.

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THE SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II

## SATURDAY MASS

DEVOTION TO  
ST JOHN PAUL II

@ 9AM

SPECIAL PRAYERS THROUGH HIS INTERCESSION

GOSFORD PARISH



## Gosford Parish Year of Joy

THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN  
TO YOU, THAT MY JOY MAY BE IN  
YOU, AND THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE  
FULL.

John 15:11

“God made us for joy.”  
St. John Paul II





## RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Our elect and candidates completed the final of three Scrutinies last weekend. Thank you for praying for and with us as we took these moments to reflect on our lives in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Following the second Scrutiny, the Ephphatha Rite was performed. As Fr Greg touched the ears and lips of the elect and candidates like Jesus did curing the deaf man (Mark 7:31-37), we pray that their hearts and all in our parish community be opened to the grace needed to hear and profess the loving word of God.



## CLEANING OF THE CHURCH BEFORE EASTER 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Please join Father Greg on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April @ 9.30am in cleaning the Church before Easter, followed by morning tea in the Jorda room.

## NO MORNING MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Lord Supper will be held at 7pm on Holy Thursday

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to our volunteers making and selling the Easter Trees, particularly Dianne and Elvira as well as for the many other helpers! To Mark Bennett and his family for helping in our gardens at the front of the church last week and to our palm leave cross makers, particularly Marites Clarke for single handedly making 1000 palm crosses!! **Thank you!**

## JOIN PLANNED GIVING IN OUR PARISH

Planned giving is a meaningful way to support your parish community, both now and for future generations. Here are a few reasons why you should consider joining a planned giving program:

1. **Sustaining the Mission:** Planned giving helps ensure that the parish can continue its vital ministries. Whether it's supporting the formation of young people or maintaining the parish's physical space, your gift contributes to the ongoing mission of the Church.
2. **Empowering the Parish's Growth:** Planned giving allows the parish to plan budget for future projects and initiatives, from expanding outreach programs to enhancing the church building. Your contribution makes these goals attainable.
3. **A Faithful Response:** Stewardship is a core principle of the Catholic faith. Planned giving is an opportunity to express gratitude for God's blessings by giving back in a meaningful and lasting way. It's a way to participate in the work of God. We By joining planned giving, you help secure the future of your parish and ensure that its ministries continue to thrive for years to come.

To join planned giving please contact parish office Tel: 4325-1042 or email: [patsgos@acs.net.au](mailto:patsgos@acs.net.au)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SHRINE OF HOPE FOR FAMILIES

**11th April** – 7pm - Lenten Mercy Night –

2nd Rite of Reconciliation, Adoration, Praise and Worship

**2nd May** – 12 noon Mass - Anointing Mass for sick and seniors followed by lunch, all welcome

**3rd May** – Walk of Hope for families –

Saint John the Baptist church Woy Woy to Saint Patrick's church East Gosford

**3/4th May** – Special Blessing for Marriage Anniversaries for the month of May at all Masses followed by hospitality

**10th May** – Our Lady of Fatima night -

5pm Mass followed by candle-lit procession and Rosary

**11th May** – Mother's Day – All Masses - Special Blessing for Mothers

| GOSFORD PARISH   |  | SHRINE OF ST JOHN PAUL II  |  |
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| <i>"Never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged"</i>  |  |  |  |
| <b>START: 9AM MASS</b><br>@ ST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH, WOY WOY<br><br><b>ARRIVE: 2PM</b><br>@ ST PATRICK'S EAST GOSFORD<br><br><b>LUNCH: 2PM IN JORDAN ROOM</b><br><br><b>FINISH: 3PM</b> |  | <b>12KM WALK</b><br><br><b>DATE &amp; TIME:</b><br><b>3RD MAY 2025</b><br><b>9AM - 3PM</b> |  |
| <b>BRING:</b><br>COMFY SHOES<br>HAT<br>WATER BOTTLE<br>MORNING TEA   |  | <b>REGISTER VIA THE QR CODE:</b><br>   |  |
| FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT GOSFORD PARISH  |  |  |  |





## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cf JOHN 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10**

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. **Hosanna in the highest!** Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

## FIRST READING

**ISAIAH 50:4-7**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

## SECOND READING

**PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God

but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9**

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## GOSPEL

**LUKE 23:1-49**

**The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator

Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.) Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to

them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed. When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.' It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

## All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts. All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**MATTHEW 26:42**

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



| Roster Holy Week   |   |   |  |   |  | Year C                          |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Mass   | Holy Thursday<br>Lord's Supper 7pm  | Good Friday<br>Lord's Passion<br>3pm  | Easter Vigil<br>7.00pm   | Easter Sunday<br>7.30am   | Easter Sunday<br>9.30am  | Easter Sunday<br>6.00pm         |
| MC   | John McCrae   | Kevin O'Donnell   | Peter McLean   |   |  |                                 |
| Audio Visual   | Michael Lynch   | Michael Lynch   | Ron Begg   | Michael Lynch   | Peter McLean   | Cheryl Walsh                    |
| Acolytes   | Kevin O'Donnell   | Peter Young   | Peter Young  | Gerard Price  | Liz Malik  | Patrick Nicholls                |
|  | Sheila Evans  | Mark Bennett  | Sheila Evans   | John Ryan   | Mark Bennett   | Tim Dasan                       |
|  | Joseph Nicholls   | Liz Malik   | Joseph Nicholls  |   |  |                                 |
| Commentator  | Patti Beattie   | Frances Mathey  | Patti Beattie  | Eunice Dal Busco  | Emily Rudd   | Barbara McCarthy                |
| Lectors  | Sharon Bevan  | Emily Rudd<br>Nora Koleszar   | (Gen 1:1-2:2)<br>Rayden Gomez<br><br>(Ex 14:15-15:1)<br>Penny Gomez                  | Thea Dowsett<br>Eunice Dal Busco  | Carol Bailey<br>Steph Trevenen   | Peter Forbes<br>Kevin O'Donnell |
|  | Frances Mathey  | <u>Passion</u><br>Maisie Tenev<br>Joseph Nicholls   | (Isaiah 55:1-11)<br>Megan Neale<br><br>(Romans 6:3-11)<br>Nora Koleszar              |   |  |                                 |
| Extraordinary<br>Ministers of<br>The Eucharist                     |   |   |  | Lucy Price  | Emily Rudd   | Sherree Sullivan                |
| Altar<br>Servers   |   |   | Vito De Toffol   |   |  |                                 |
|  |   |   | Remi De Toffal   |   |  |                                 |
|  |   |   | Luca De Toffol   |   |  |                                 |
|  |   |   | Reagan Gomez   |   |  |                                 |
| COUNTERS   | ALTAR LINEN<br>Aimee Sands<br>Pick up - Monday<br>14 <sup>th</sup> April<br><br>Drop off - Friday<br>18 <sup>th</sup> April<br><br>COFFEE SHOP<br>Maria Nardi<br>Danielle Camelleri | ALTAR SOCIETY<br>Sat 19/04/2025<br>Maree Nolan<br>Anna Neale<br>Pauline Nesbitt<br>Ros Moriarty<br><br>CHILDRENS LITURGY<br>13/04/25<br><br>School holidays | PARISH BUS<br>20/4/25<br>Driver -<br>Jorge Osorio<br><br>Helper -<br>Pauline Nesbitt | FRIDAY HOSPITAL<br>25/4/25<br>Co- Theresa<br>Giddings<br>John McCrae<br>Denise Nicholson<br>Sandra Petith<br>Joan Vella-Critien<br>Gary Wills | SUNDAY HOSPITAL<br><br>13/04/25<br>John McCrae<br>Johnson Fernandes<br><br>27/04/25<br>Sheila Evans<br>Michael Lynch |                                 |
| 14/4/25<br>Marie Cradock<br>Victoria Milanovic<br>Eunice Dal Busco |   |   |  |   |  |                                 |
| 21/4/25<br>David Slingsby<br>Neryl Tyrrell<br>Trudie Hiep          |   |   |  |   |  |                                 |

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

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**CONDOLENCES:**

We offer our sincere condolences to all who have recently felt the loss of a loved one, particularly Mary Luci's family, Mary's Mother Teresa Spano, Husband Paul Luci and Mary's children Louisa Foxford, Charlene Xuereb, Anthony Luci and Alyce Chin and 11 grandchildren.

As well as Dave Cassells' wife Josephine and daughters Lauren and Roz. May God welcome Mary and Dave into his Heavenly home and grant them eternal rest.

Both Mary and Dave contributed greatly to our Parish community, particularly the Ministry to our Parish children via the Sacraments and Catechist programs and will be greatly missed by all.

**Mary's Funeral Requiem Mass will be held at St Patrick's Church on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am**

Dave's funeral Requiem Mass will be advised shortly

## MASS INTENTIONS

| Date     | Mass               | Intention   | Date     | Mass               | Intention                        |
|----------|--------------------|---|----------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat 12/4 | 9:00am Gosford     | JPII Intentions   | Wed 16/4 | 11:30am Gosford    | Recently deceased ANDY MOORE     |
| Sat 12/4 | 4:00pm Spencer     | Recently Deceased MARY LUCI   | Thu 17/4 | 9:00am Gosford     | Recently deceased JENNI ROBERTS  |
| Sat 12/4 | 5:00pm Gosford     | PARISH INTENTIONS   | Fri 18/4 | 12:00pm Gosford    | <i>Intention available</i>       |
| Sat 12/4 | 5:00pm Ct Mangrove | Recently deceased JOSEPHINE GAUCHI  | Sat 19/4 | 9:00am Gosford     | JPII Intentions                  |
| Sun 13/4 | 7:30am Gosford     | Recently Deceased DAVID CASSELLS  | Sat 19/4 | 5:00pm Gosford     | <i>Intention available</i>       |
| Sun 13/4 | 9:30am Gosford     | 1. The Soul of JUDITH WENNERBOM<br>2. Birthday Blessings for FATHER GREG on his 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday | Sat 19/4 | 5:00pm Ct Mangrove | Remembrance MANUEL & ROSE GASSAR |
| Sun 13/4 | 6:00pm Gosford     | The Soul of FLORIPES D'SOUZA  | Sun 20/4 | 7:30am Gosford     | Birthday Blessings for MAXINE    |
| Mon 14/4 | 9:00am Gosford     | Recently deceased SHARON BARNES   | Sun 20/4 | 9:30am Gosford     | Parish Intentions                |
| Tue 15/4 | 9:00am Gosford     | Recently deceased GEOFF BARNES  | Sun 20/4 | 6:00pm Gosford     | <i>Intention available</i>       |



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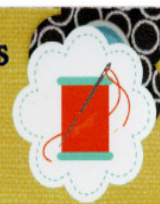
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