



# Parish of Gosford

## The Shrine of St John Paul II

The Communities of St Patricks East Gosford, St Francis of Assisi Somersby & Holy Trinity Spencer Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.



Gosford Parish  
year of **PRAYER**

ASK  
SEEK  
KNOCK  
Matthew 23



Prayer is the greatest  
strength of the world

## Year of PRA YER

### HOW DOES A GENUINE ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST RENEW MY HEART AND EMPOWER ME FOR MISSION IN THE WORLD?

A genuine encounter with Christ in the Eucharist is not simply a moment of devotion but a profound meeting that reshapes the heart at its deepest level. In the Eucharist, Christ offers Himself fully—His presence, His love, His sacrifice. When I come before Him with openness, this encounter becomes transformative. It reveals to me who I truly am: a beloved child of God who is invited into communion with Him. This realization softens what has grown hardened, heals what has become wounded, and reorders what has drifted off-center. In receiving the Eucharist, I am reminded that God's love is not distant or abstract; it is intimate, given directly into my hands, placed upon my lips, and welcomed into my very being.

The patience, courage, and charity I am called to offer others do not originate in my own strength. They flow from the Eucharistic Christ who remains with me. Receiving Him teaches me to become bread for others: to be broken in service, poured out in love, and available in simplicity. The world hungers not only for truth but for tenderness, not only for answers but for authentic presence. The Eucharist equips me to respond to that hunger.

Ultimately, a true encounter with Christ in the Eucharist renews my heart by restoring me to love and sends me on mission by making me a vessel of His love for others.

This renewal happens because Christ does not enter my life merely as an idea but as a living presence. His peace steadies my anxieties. His compassion exposes the narrowness of my own heart and invites me into something wider and more generous. His humility calls me away from self-reliance and into trusting surrender. Slowly, the Eucharist trains my heart to beat more like His. It purifies my intentions and rekindles desires that perhaps had faded—desires for holiness, for communion, for deeper love.

But renewal is never meant to end in personal comfort. The Eucharist is also a commissioning. Each encounter sends me back into the world with Christ dwelling within me. I carry not only a memory of Him but His living presence. This empowers me for mission, because mission is not primarily about doing more; it is about allowing Christ to act in and through me. When I walk into ordinary spaces—my home, my work, my relationships—I do so strengthened by the One I have received.



### Pope Leo XIV - Prayer Intention for December For Christmas in areas of conflict

*Let us Pray that Christians living in areas of war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.*



### Blessed Francis Jordan

Today we thank the blessed, Immaculate Virgin! Deepest thanks! Let us be grateful! Let us not forget! Only in eternity will we realize what graces we have received from God and his dear mother!  
JT 1893/12/08

## 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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CHAIRPERSON	<b>Scott Beattie</b>
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LITURGY	<b>Jon Kealy</b>

### EX OFFICIO PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS	<b>St Patrick's - Kevin Williams</b>
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	<b>St Edwards - Mark Bonnici</b>
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 *Parish Contributions*

To support our parish, scan the QR code to make a donation for both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections.

This QR code allows you to make contributions easily and securely using your mobile device.



CHURCH OPEN DAILY 9.30AM – 4:00PM.

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

### ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

#### BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

<b>Mon 8:30 - 9:00am</b>	<b>Wed 11:00 - 11:30am</b>	<b>Fri 12:30 - 3:00pm</b>
<b>Tue 8:30 - 9:00am</b>	<b>Thu 8:30 - 9:00am</b>	<b>Sat 8:30 - 9:00am</b>

### ROSARY

<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 2nd Mothers & Babies 3rd Persecuted Christians
<b>Sunday</b>	7:05 am to 7:25 am

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

<b>Craft Group</b>	9:00am to 12:00pm Every Friday in the Jordan Room
<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>Men of the Sacred Heart</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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: Barbara: 4322 0250 or Eunice: 0438 272 141
<b>Divine Will Prayer Group</b>	Based on the writings of Luisa Piccarreta 6:00pm to 7:15pm every Wednesday in the Jordan Room. Wendy 0477 451 973 Jim 0468 273 280
<b>Salvatorian Collaborators</b>	3:00pm, 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, in the Jordan room.
<b>Paddies - Youth Group</b>	Years 3 & 4 students, meet every Friday during school terms in the primary school Hall 3:00 to 4:30 pm.
<b>Arise - Youth Group</b>	Years 5 & 6 students, meet every Friday during school terms, in the primary school Library 6:00pm.
<b>Ascend - Youth Group</b>	Years 7 to 12 meet every Sunday night during school terms, in the Jordan room after 6:00 pm Youth Mass
<b>Young Adults Group</b>	18 to 35 year olds meet the 3rd Saturday of each month 6:00 pm in the JPII Centre
<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





#### THANK YOU FROM SALVATORIAN FATHERS

Dear parishioners, each year the Australian Region of Salvatorians is humbled by the generous support shown by all our parishes across Australia. We remain sincerely grateful for every donation offered throughout this year to assist the formation of our seminarians and the growth of our missionary works. As Christmas approaches, I warmly wish you and your families a very peaceful, safe, and joy-filled celebration, along with a blessed and hope-filled new year. May God continue to guide, protect, and always abundantly bless you all.

Fr Greg Skulski SDS,  
Regional Superior

#### A NOTE FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fr Greg will soon be moving to Currambine in Western Australia as he begins focusing more fully on his recently appointed role as Superior of the Australian Region of the Salvatorians.

As we prepare to say goodbye, we take this opportunity to reflect with gratitude on the many blessings his ministry has brought to our parish community.

We are deeply grateful for his faithful ministry, his generous service, and the many ways he has shared Christ's love with our community. His dedication has strengthened our faith and enriched our life as a parish.

If you would like to express your personal gratitude, you are invited to make a monetary gift of appreciation. Contributions may be placed in the envelopes found in the pews this weekend and again in January and placed in the collection plate, delivered to the parish office or given directly to Fr Greg.

These gifts will help him as he transitions to his new ministry and will serve as a heartfelt reminder of the affection and esteem of our parish community that he has served so faithfully.

Please continue to keep Fr. Greg in your prayers during this time of change. May the Lord reward him abundantly for his ministry among us and bless him with joy, strength, and renewed zeal as he begins this next chapter of his priestly service.

Members of the Parish Finance Committee

#### THANK YOU

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers, Eunice Dal Busco, Lucy Price, and Grace Russo for their beautiful baking, to all those who donated baked goods, and to Dianne Dankwah and the Fundraising Committee for crafting the Christmas Angels. We are deeply grateful to everyone involved.

A special thank you to Paul Galea for cleaning our Parish windows this week in preparation for Christmas. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

#### SALVATORIAN FOUNDATION DAY

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Salvatorians around the world will be celebrating Salvatorian Foundation Day. Please join us for 9am Mass on Monday to pray for all Salvatorians priests, nuns, and lay Salvatorians. Please also pray for the canonisation of Blessed Francis Jordan, founder of the Salvatorians.

The poster features a green and gold color scheme. At the top left, it says 'Gosford Parish year of PRAYER'. In the center, a quote from Matthew 7:7 reads: 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Matthew 7:7'. To the right, a green speech bubble contains the words 'ASK SEEK KNOCK' with a checkmark icon. At the bottom left, there is a small circular portrait of a man, and next to it, a quote: 'Prayer is the greatest strength of the world.'

#### NEW PARISH PRIEST IN GOSFORD

Fr Pawel (Paul) Szczur SDS has been appointed the new parish priest of Gosford Parish. Currently serving in Esperance, Western Australia, Fr Paul is known for his enthusiasm, energy, and strong work ethic. He brings with him many years of dedicated priestly ministry and pastoral experience. The Gosford community looks forward to welcoming him as he officially begins his new role on 24 January 2026.

#### VISIT TO THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Please contact the parish office before 16 December if someone in your family is sick and unable to attend Mass for a long time and would like a priest to visit them before Christmas. Priests are available to bring Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick. Early notification helps us plan visits and ensure everyone who needs spiritual care is reached in time, with gratitude for your cooperation.

#### ST PATRICKS PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Dear Parishioners,

Our school is blessed to begin a \$15 million building project in the Christmas holidays. The building company takes possession of 60% of the Victoria St Campus (Primary) on 20<sup>th</sup> December. At the conclusion of the project (May 2027) our whole school, K-6 will be located on the Church side of our school. Regarding the parking available on the school playground for weekend Masses, there will be reduced capacity. The capacity for parking will be approximately 50% of its current volume. We certainly appreciate and value your patience throughout the building project. The project company have stated that the building will be a complex and involved project. We understand it will present some difficulties over the next 18 months but kindly ask for your understanding.

May Our Lord's blessings bring an abundance of gifts to your family during the Christmas season.

Kevin Willams

School Principal

#### JUBILEE YEAR PASSPORTS

If you have completed your Jubilee passport and collected four stamps, please bring it to the Parish office so we can apply for the Bishop's Certificate for the Jubilee year for you and your family.

#### FAREWELL FOR FATHER GREG - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parishioners who would like to assist with the committee organising Fr Greg's farewell dinner, to be held on Saturday, 17 January, are warmly invited to volunteer. Please contact the parish office during this week so planning can begin smoothly and all preparations can be coordinated effectively for this special event.

#### WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS BOOKS

God's Word Daily Reflections books for 2026 are now available in the piety shop. These beautifully prepared guides offer thoughtful reflections, Scripture readings, and inspirational insights to support your spiritual journey throughout the year. Quantities are very limited, so we encourage you to secure your copy as soon as possible to avoid missing out. Pick up a book for yourself, a friend, or a family member, and begin the new year with renewed faith and deeper connection to God's Word.

#### ANGELS FOR CHRISTMAS

Celebrate the spirit of the season with our Angels for Christmas collection! Beautiful Christmas gifts and decorations, thoughtfully prepared by our amazing Fundraising Committee, are still available for sale after all Masses. Each piece is crafted with love and care to bring warmth, joy, and a touch of angelic beauty to your home this Christmas. 💰\$30 each, and all proceeds will support our parish initiatives. ✨ Don't miss out!

#### AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Young people from our parish recently attended the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne, joining around 6,000 others from across the country. It was a wonderful time filled with prayer, worship, inspiration, and joyful fellowship. Our participants returned encouraged in their faith and grateful for the chance to be part of such a vibrant gathering. We extend heartfelt thanks to our whole parish community for supporting them through various fundraising efforts and for your ongoing prayers for our youth always.

# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

14<sup>th</sup> December  
@ 7PM

Faith  
Fellowship  
Fun

IN THE JORDAN ROOM



You are invited to,

# FR GREG'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION

Join us to celebrate Fr Greg's ministry in our parish over last 7 years and thank him for his service and hard work

**Farewell Dinner**  
**17/01/2026 @ 6pm**  
**The Parish Hall**

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH**  
**AFTER THU 18/12 9AM MASS**  
**MORNING TEA PROVIDED**

**HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH**  
**AFTER SAT 20/12 9AM MASS**  
**MORNING TEA PROVIDED**

**PLEASE REGISTER AT THE PARISH OFFICE**



A FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

# BBQ BREAKFAST ORGANISED & SERVED BY YOUTH MINISTRY

**1ST SUNDAY  
OF THE  
MONTH**

**AFTER MASS**  
**7:30AM &  
9:30AM**

**GOSFORD PARISH**







**GOSFORD PARISH**  
**2025 Nativity Play**

Father Greg would like to invite all Parish children to participate in our Parish Nativity play for 2025

The Nativity play will be held at the start of the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass  
**24<sup>th</sup> December**

Rehearsals Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> December straight after the 9.30 am Mass

final rehearsal 24<sup>th</sup> December 3.30 pm

Please register with the Parish office  
 4325 1042 or [patsgos@acs.net.au](mailto:patsgos@acs.net.au)

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**24/12**  
**5PM FAMILY MASS**  
**9PM YOUTH MASS**  
**12AM MIDNIGHT MASS**

**25/12**  
**7.30AM MASS**  
**9.30AM MASS**

**PWBB NOVEMBER APPEAL**

Who does Pastoral Works Broken Bay support?

Every year, your donations to Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) support two key Diocesan ministries. They are the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also contributes financially to St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities and the Ephpheta Centre which supports the deaf community.

#### 1. Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)

In our Diocese, more than 700 volunteer catechists who have received specialised training provide religious education to over 12,000 Catholic students attending public primary and secondary schools in our local parish communities. CCD provides regular resources and newsletters for the students and their families. It is a vital evangelisation role and a vibrant, enriching, and rewarding ministry. Without your support, thousands of our young people in our Diocese would not receive Catholic education.

#### 2. Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioner Program

In the last financial year, our Priests and CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners engaged with around 2,000 individuals (including patients, their families/friends/carers, and even hospital staff) across the seven hospitals in which they minister, representing around 5,000 pastoral visits. Their special ministry supports patients and their families when they are at their most vulnerable, and they are there for those who may not have a family. Sometimes, it may mean a simple conversation, a listening ear, or providing prayerful and sacramental support.

#### 3. St Lucy's School

St Lucy's School is a Catholic K-12 school in the Dominican tradition for students with disabilities. They provide a holistic education, offering outstanding academic programs taught by special educators. At St Lucy's they view each child individually to unlock their unique potential and to encourage them to become independent.

#### 4. St Edmund's College

St Edmund's is a Catholic 7 -12 high school for students with a wide range of disabilities including sensory impairment, intellectual disability, and autism. St Edmunds creates a holistic learning environment incorporating academics and personal wellbeing through co-curricular activities.

#### 5. The Ephpheta Centre

Ephpheta means "Be Open". The Ephpheta Centre provides pastoral care, sacramental services, support, and advocacy for the deaf or hard of hearing. The chaplaincy team visits people confined to their homes, nursing homes, hospitals, and those in prison, as well as friendship community gatherings catering to people across Sydney and the Central Coast.

All donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible.

PWBB Total to be Raised by Gosford Parish	
	<b>APPEAL 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR</b>  <i>Gosford Parish target this year is: \$40,273 to be collected by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.</i>  <div><b>COLLECTED TO DATE:</b>  \$23,083 BALANCE  OWING:  \$17,190</div>  <i>Thank you so much for your generosity to date.</i>
40,273	
35,000	
30,000	
25,000	
20,000	
15,000	
10,000	
5,000	

## REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS CLOSE AT HAND

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cf ISAIAH 30:19,30**

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the  
nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of  
his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

### FIRST READING

**ISAIAH 11:1-10**

**A reading from the prophet  
Isaiah**

A shoot springs from the stock of  
Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear  
of the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with  
integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for  
the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the  
ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the  
wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his  
waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.  
The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's  
hole;

into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the  
knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the  
peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7**

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his  
time, and fullness of peace for  
ever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to  
the king, to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in  
justice and your poor in right  
judgement.

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his  
time, and fullness of peace for  
ever.**

2. In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to the earth's  
bounds.

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his  
time, and fullness of peace for  
ever.**

3. For he shall save the poor when  
they cry and the needy who are  
helpless. He will have pity on the  
weak and save the lives of the poor.

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his  
time, and fullness of peace for  
ever.**

4. May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun. Every tribe  
shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name.

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his  
time, and fullness of peace for  
ever.**

### SECOND READING

**ROMANS 15:4-9**

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

Everything that was written long ago  
in the scriptures was meant to teach  
us something about hope from the  
examples scripture gives of how  
people who did not give up were  
helped by God. And may he who  
helps us when we refuse to give up,  
help you all to be tolerant with each  
other, following the example of  
Christ Jesus, so that united in mind  
and voice you may give glory to the  
God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then,  
for you to treat each other in the  
same friendly way as Christ treated  
you. The reason Christ became the  
servant of circumcised Jews was not  
only so that God could faithfully  
carry out the promises made to the  
patriarchs, it was also to get the  
pagans to give glory to God for his  
mercy, as scripture says in one  
place: For this I shall praise you  
among the pagans and sing your  
name.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**LUKE 3:4. 6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths: all people shall  
see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 3:1-12**

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

In due course John the Baptist  
appeared; he preached in the  
wilderness of Judaea and this was  
his message: 'Repent, for the  
kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
This was the man the prophet Isaiah  
spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment  
made of camel-hair with a leather  
belt round his waist, and his food  
was locusts and wild honey. Then  
Jerusalem and all Judaea and the  
whole Jordan district made their way  
to him, and as they were baptised by  
him in the river Jordan they  
confessed their sins. But when he  
saw a number of Pharisees and  
Sadducees coming for baptism he  
said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who  
warned you to fly from the  
retribution that is coming? But if you  
are repentant, produce the  
appropriate fruit, and do not  
presume to tell yourselves, "We  
have Abraham for our father,"  
because, I tell you, God can raise  
children for Abraham from these  
stones. Even now the axe is laid to  
the roots of the trees, so that any  
tree which fails to produce good fruit  
will be cut down and thrown on the  
fire. I baptise you in water for  
repentance, but the one who follows  
me is more powerful than I am, and  
I am not fit to carry his sandals; he  
will baptise you with the Holy Spirit  
and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his  
hand; he will clear his threshing-  
floor and gather his wheat into the  
barn; but the chaff he will burn in a  
fire that will never go out.'

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**BARUCH 5:5; 4:36**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the  
heights, and behold the joy which  
comes to you from God.



# PARISH ROSTER 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Mangrove Mt Vigil 5:00 pm
Date	13 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> December	13 <sup>th</sup> December
Audio Visual	Fiona Bolton	Sheila Evans	Greg McBride	Jackie Wilks	
Acolytes	Michael Lynch	Eunice Dal Busco	Peter Julius	Vito De Toffol	
	Jorge Osorio	Alan Pont	Peter McLean	Patrick Niccholls	
Commentator	Maisie Tenev	Eunice Dal Busco	Emily Rudd	Barbara McCarthy	Peter Chin
Lectors	Nicole Murphy	Susan Lindaya	Neil Murphy	Peter Forbes	Nai Herford
	Megan Neale	Gerard Price	Carol Bailey	Abishek Thomas	Marisa Xuereb
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	Trudie Hiep	Joy McHugh	Frances Mathey	Anna Llige	
Altar Servers		Amelia Eager	Theodore Huang	Remy De Toffol Luca De Toffol	Valentina Chin
		Faith Eager	Jaime Bright	Gabriel Guirguis Samuel Guirguis	
			Jane Bright	Victoria Bennett	
			Samson Pagett	Cara Eades	
Music			Philippino Choir	Gemma & Louise	
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**CONDOLENCES:** We offer our sincere condolences to all who have recently felt the loss of a loved one. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6/12	9.00am Gosford	JPII Intentions	Thu 11/12	9:00am Gosford	Mass intention available
Sat	5.00pm Gosford	Pat Kinsella - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Death	Fri 12/12	12noon Gosford	The souls of Hilario & Ester Aguilar
Sat	5.00pm Central Mangrove	Recently deceased Bernard Xuereb & Charlie Zerafa	Sat 13/12	9:00am Gosford	JPII Intentions
Sun 7/12	7:30am Gosford	Parish Intentions			
Sun	9.30am Gosford	Recently deceased Mercy Mora Aguirre	Sat	5:00pm Gosford	Birthday Remembrance - The soul of Joseph Vaz
Sun	6.00pm Gosford	Recently deceased Eddie Thomas Vega Olvera	Sat	5:00pm Central Mangrove	Mass intention available
Mon 8/12	9.00am Gosford	Alex Iwasaki - Anniversary of Death	Sun 14/12	7:30am Gosford	Parish Intentions
Tue 9/12	9.00am Gosford	Recently deceased Maree Walters	Sun	9:30am Gosford	Mass intention available
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