

Parish of Gosford

The Shrine of St. John Paul II

The communities of St. Patrick's East Gosford,
Mangrove Mountain & Holy Trinity Spencer

Entrusted to the care of Salvatorians.



**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

4TH OCTOBER 2026

Gosford Parish
**year of
PRAYER**



Loving and merciful God,
You invite us to ask, to seek, and to knock,
trusting that You will always open the
door to those who come to You in faith.
As we journey together in this Year of Prayer,
open our hearts to the power of Your Spirit
and help us to grow in trust, gratitude, and love.
Teach us to listen deeply to Your voice—in
silence, in Scripture, and in the faces of
those around us.
Strengthen our parish family in unity and hope,
so that our prayer may lead us to action
and our faith may shine in all we do.
May this year renew our hearts
and draw us ever closer to You.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen



“
Prayer is the greatest strength
of the world.”



**ASK
SEEK
KNOCK**

IMPORTANT DATES

Thank you all for another week of prayers and support of our Parish.

Special thanks to all of our rostered volunteers for their work during Mass and behind the scenes this week. Your efforts make a meaningful difference.

Here are some dates for your diary:

4 October Sunday. 7.30am Mass.

9.30am Mass.

6.00pm Mass.

No Youth Group (school holidays)

5 October. Monday. 9.00am Mass.

6 October. Tuesday. 9.00am Mass.

10.00am Seniors Bingo in the Jordan Room.

7 October. Wednesday. 11.30am Mass

8 October. Thursday. 9.00am Mass.

9 October. Friday. 12.00pm Mass.

No Youth Group (school holidays)

10 October. Saturday. 9.00am Mass followed by

Public Rosary outside the Church, and

Saturday Morning Coffee Shop in the Jordan Room.

Fatima Night

5.00pm Vigil Mass followed by Rosary procession with candles

11 October Sunday. 7.30am Mass.

9.30am Mass.

12.00pm Filipino Mass.

6.00pm Mass.



Blessed Francis Jordan

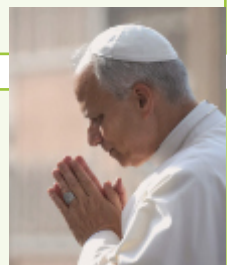
I want to give myself to you wholly and entirely - wholly and entirely for whatever you choose.

I want to disappear in humility... lose myself: be but a tool for you to use.

MM *Yearning* 1875 in Poems

Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for October. For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



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Standard Weekend Masses

St. Patrick's Church; 76 York St. East Gosford

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am; 9:30 am; 6:00 pm

Filipino Mass: 2nd Sunday of each month: 12:00 pm

St. Dionysius Church 21 Nurses Rd. Central Mangrove
Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Holy Trinity Church; 4200 Wisemans Ferry Rd; Spencer
1st. Saturday of the Month 4:00 pm

Confession 30 minutes before weekend Masses

Standard Weekdays Masses

Mon.: 9:00 am	Tues: 9:00 am	Wed.: 11:30 am
Thurs.: 9:00 am	Fri.: 12:00 pm	Sat.: 9:00 am

Confession 30 minutes before weekdays Masses

Devotions

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Saturday from 8:30 am to 9:00 am

Wednesday from 11:00 am to 11:30 am

Friday from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Rosary

Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Saturday begin at 8:05 am

Sunday begin at 7:05 am

John Paul II Shrine

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WHAT WAS VATICAN II ALL ABOUT? 10 QUOTES FROM ST. JOHN XXIII'S OPENING SPEECH

St. John XXIII who led the Catholic Church from 1958 until his death in 1963, called for and opened the Second Vatican Council, commonly known as Vatican II, with the aim of responding to the challenges of the day and finding new ways and a new “energy” to proclaim the Gospel to all people. Vatican II, St. John XXIII said, “musters the Church’s best energies and studies with all earnestness how to have the message of salvation more readily welcomed by men.” There have been 21 ecumenical councils in the Church’s history at which, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “the college of bishops exercises power over the universal Church in a solemn manner.” Vatican II was the first council held in nearly a century — Vatican I was convened in 1868, also in response to the most challenging ideologies of its day. Vatican II’s council fathers, in four sessions attended by thousands of priests, religious, and lay people, produced 16 documents that continue to shape the Catholic Church today. Here are some quotes from John XXIII’s opening speech to the Second Vatican Council delivered 60 years ago today. (Note that the pope, as was the custom of the day, refers to himself using the “royal we.”)

St. John XXIII called the council in order to respond to the “errors, needs, and opportunities” of the world of the 1960s. “The present council is a special, worldwide manifestation by the Church of her teaching office, exercised in taking account of the errors, needs, and opportunities of our day.” “The Church has always opposed these errors, and often condemned them with the utmost severity. Today, however, Christ’s Bride prefers the balm of mercy to the arm of severity. She believes that present needs are best served by explaining more fully the purport of her doctrines, rather than by publishing condemnations.”

Problems and difficulties in life are common to all mankind. “Certain it is that the critical issues, the thorny problems that wait upon men’s solution, have remained the same for almost 20 centuries. And why? Because the whole of history and of life hinges on the person of Jesus Christ. Either men anchor themselves on him and his Church, and thus enjoy the blessings of light and joy, right order and peace; or they live their lives apart from him; many positively oppose him, and deliberately exclude themselves from the Church. The result can only be confusion in their lives, bitterness in their relations with one another, and the savage threat of war.”

In light of the difficulties of modern life, the truth of Catholicism is needed. “[T]he function of every ecumenical council has always been to make a solemn proclamation of the union that exists between Christ and his Church; to diffuse the light of truth; to give right guidance to men both as individuals and as

members of a family and a society; to evoke and strengthen their spiritual resources; and to set their minds continually on those higher values which are genuine and unfailing.” “The major interest of the ecumenical council is this: that the sacred heritage of Christian truth be safeguarded and expounded with greater efficacy.”



The council was not a rejection of past tradition... “The voice of the past is both spirited and heartening. We remember with joy those early popes and their more recent successors to whom we owe so much ... Their uninterrupted witness, so zealously given, proclaims the triumph of Christ’s Church, that divine and human society which derives from its divine Redeemer its title, its gifts of grace, its whole dynamic force.” **...but rather an attempt to proclaim the Christ’s truth with a new “energy.”** “We have every confidence that the Church, in the light of this council, will gain in spiritual riches. New sources of energy will be opened to her, enabling her to face the future without fear. By introducing timely changes and a prudent system of mutual cooperation, we intend that the Church shall really succeed in bringing men, families, and nations to the appreciation of supernatural values.” “What is needed at the present time is a new enthusiasm, a new joy and serenity of mind in the unreserved acceptance by all of the entire Christian faith, without forfeiting that accuracy and precision in its presentation which characterized the proceedings of the Council of Trent and the First Vatican Council. What is needed, and what everyone imbued with a truly Christian, Catholic, and apostolic spirit craves today, is that this doctrine shall be more widely known, more deeply understood, and more penetrating in its effects on men’s moral lives. What is needed is that this certain and immutable doctrine, to which the faithful owe obedience, be studied afresh and reformulated in contemporary terms. For this deposit of faith, or truths which are contained in our time-honoured teaching is one thing; the manner in which these truths are set forth (with their meaning preserved intact) is something else.”

The Church does not reject science or advances in knowledge, but all human striving should be done with eternity in mind. “[A]ll men without exception,

both individually and in society, have a lifelong obligation to strive after heavenly values through the right use of the things of this earth. These temporal goods must be used in such a way as not to jeopardize eternal happiness.” “Real [scientific] progress must not be impeded by a passing infatuation for transient things.”

The Catholic Church’s teaching should be proclaimed to all and not kept hidden. “[The Church’s teaching] is a treasure of incalculable worth, not indeed coveted by all, but available to all men of goodwill. And our duty is not just to guard this treasure, as though it were some museum-piece and we the curators, but earnestly and fearlessly to dedicate ourselves to the work that needs to be done in this modern age of ours, pursuing the path which the Church has followed for almost 20 centuries.” “The great desire, therefore, of the Catholic Church in raising aloft at this council the torch of truth is to show herself to the world as the loving mother of all mankind; gentle, patient, and full of tenderness and sympathy for her separated children. To the human race oppressed by so many difficulties, she says what Peter once said to the poor man who begged an alms: ‘Silver and gold I have none; but what I have, that I give thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk.’”

Christ, through his Church, offers eternal happiness to all. “[I]t is not corruptible wealth, nor the promise of earthly happiness, that the Church offers the world today, but the gifts of divine grace which, since they raise men up to the dignity of being sons of God, are powerful assistance and support for the living of a more fully human life. She unseals the fountains of her life-giving doctrine, so that men, illumined by the light of Christ, will understand their true nature and dignity and purpose.”

Christ desires unity for his Church, and for all people. “[I]f we consider well the unity for which Christ prayed on behalf of his Church, it would seem to shine, as it were, with a threefold ray of supernatural, saving light. There is first of all that unity of Catholics among themselves which must always be kept steadfast and exemplary. There is also a unity of prayer and ardent longing prompting Christians separated from this Apostolic See to aspire to union with us. And finally there is a unity, which consists in the esteem and respect shown for the Catholic Church by members of various non-Christian religions.”

God has a plan. “Present indications are that the human family is on the threshold of a new era. We must recognize here the hand of God, who, as the years roll by, is ever directing men’s efforts, whether they realize it or not, towards the fulfillment of the inscrutable designs of his providence, wisely arranging everything, even adverse human fortune, for the Church’s good.”

By Jonah McKeown, [www. www.thebostonpilot.com](http://www.thebostonpilot.com)

ST PATRICK’S PARISH GOSFORD | SHRINE OF JPII

PUBLIC ROSARY

SATURDAY

10 OCTOBER

**OUTSIDE ST PATRICK’S
CHURCH @ 9:40AM**

**OUTSIDE GREEK ORTHODOX
CHURCH @ 4:30PM**



The last one this year!
Fatima NIGHT

At The Shrine of St. John Paul II; Gosford Parish

76 York St. East Gosford, NSW, 2250

Saturday, 10th October 2026

Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Follow by Rosary Procession with Candles

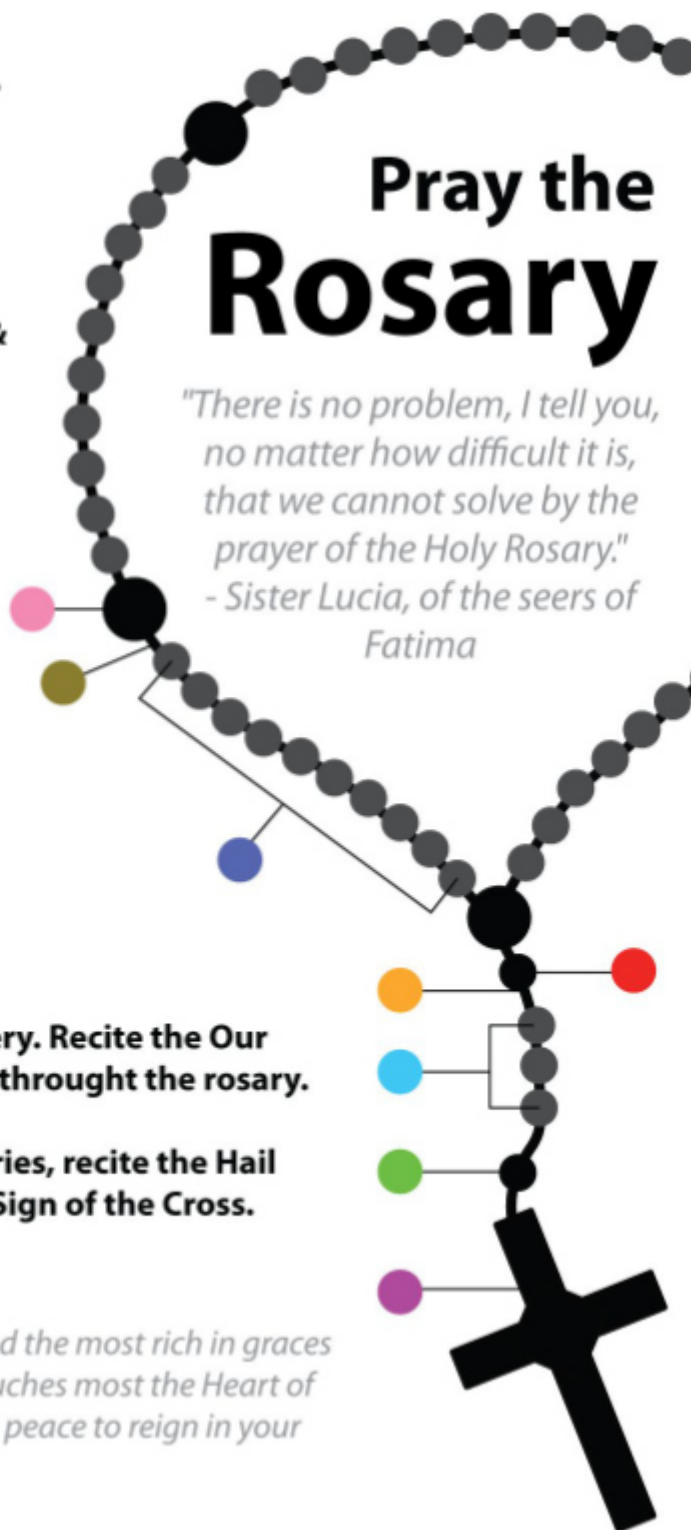
"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary."
- Saint Louis de Montfort

Pray the Rosary

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
- Sister Lucia, of the seers of Fatima

- 1 **Make the Sign of the Cross & recite the Apostles' Creed.**
- 2 **Recite the Our Father.**
- 3 **Recite three Hail Marys.**
- 4 **Recite the Glory Be.**
- 5 **Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.**
- 6 **Recite ten Hail Marys.**
- 7 **Recite the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.**
- 8 **Announce the second mystery. Recite the Our Father and repeat the steps through the rosary.**
- 9 **After completing the mysteries, recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.**

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
- Pope Saint Pius X



Join the group at Gosford Parish

Craft Group Every Friday in the Jordan Room from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Seniors Ministry Activities 1st Tuesday of the Month. Enquires: Barbara: 02 4322 0250 or Eunice 0438 272 141

Divine Will Prayer Group Every Wed. 4pm. The Jordan Room. Enquires: Jim 0468 273 280 Joy 0416 076 507

Salvatorian Collaborators: 3rd Saturday of the Month. 3:00 pm. The Jordan Room

Paddies—Youth Group: Year 3-4 3.00-4.30pm Friday Abhishek Thomas Ph: 0444 558 600

Arise—Youth Group: Year 5-6 6.00-7.45pm Friday Abhishek Thomas Ph: 0444 558 600

Ascend—Youth Group: 7-12 7.00-8.45pm Sunday Abhishek Thomas Ph: 0444 558 600

Young Adults: Enquires: Jaimi Andrews Ph: 0452 480 112 E: jaimilea.andrews@gmail.com

Bible Discussion: Every Monday after 9:00 am Mass. The Jordan Room. Ph: Cecilia 02 4323 6571

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf ESTHER 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SEE JOHN 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

LAM 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



PARISH ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 10TH & SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

Mass	VIGIL (5.00pm)	7.30am	9.30am	6.00pm	5.00pm Mangrove Mt
Date	Sat 10 th October	Sun 11 th October	Sun 11 th October	Sun 11 th October	Sat 10 th October
Audio/Visual	Ron Begg	Mary Lynch	Greg McBride	Thomas Werner	
Acolytes	Sam Giddings	Eunice Dal Busco	Peter McLean	Mark Bennett	
	Michael Lynch	Gerard Price	Peter Julius	Tim Dasan	
Commentator	Maisie Tenev	John Konopka	Frances Mathey	Gemma French	Alyce Chin
Lectors	Val Dibben	Sheila Evans	Carol Bailey	Sebastian Eager	Peter Chin
	Thea Dowsett	Susan Lindaya	Jamie Bright	Anna Llige	Nai Herford
Extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist	Trudie Hiep	Anna Neale	Frances Mathey	Peter Forbes	
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			Elinor Aldaoud	Serah Jubin	
			George Aldhoud		
			Phoebe Gottardo		
			Jessica Jaison		
Counters	Altar Linen	Altar Society	Coffee Shop	Friday Hospital	Sunday Hospital
28/9 Trudie Hiep Diana Addis Neryl Tyrrell 5/10 Trudie Hiep Ron Begg Margaret Hunter 19/10 Eunice Dal Busco Joyce Byrne Neryl Tyrrell	For Sun 11/10 Sheila Evans	For Sun 11/10 Fran Thompson Audrey Morris Thea Dowsett Barbara Mills	Sat 10/10 Salvatorian Collaborators (friends of the Salvatorians)	9/10 Co- Cheryl Walsh John McCrae Bigi Kongola Denise Nicholson Sandrea Petith Joan Vella-Critien 23/10 Cheryl Walsh Bigi Kongola Denise Nicholson Sandrea Petith Joan Vella-Critien Cecilia Cornejo	Co- Nora Koleszar 11/10 Johnson Fernandes Paul Hussein 25/10 Cecilia Cornejo Mark Bennett

PRAY FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY Catherine Croll, Mary Brown, Robert O'Shea, Helene Hussein, Colin Easey, Peter O'Neill, Teresa Zurek, Cosimo Lentini, Amal Gittany, Pamela Miles, Ula Okruta, David McEwen, Stella Kim, Helen Golden, Mary Bayliff, Juniper Ann Butt, Coleen Martin, Marian Rodwell, Clarrie Anslow, Greg McBride, Christine Hind, Colleen Leslie, Frank Lentini, Gloria Emara, Tom Milostic, Mary-Anne Bonnici, Carmen Gaha, Chris Golden, Clair Hasting, Paul Jones

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Geoffrey Matthews, Wendy Stringer, Dawn Murphy, Benedict Alvarado.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Vicky & Chris Buhagiar, Sean Mackay, Anneliese Hiep, Rosa Pirrottina.

REMEMBRANCES: Maria Wolska, Mary Luci, Anthony D'Mello, Silvio Eddie Vega Munoz,

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3/10	9.00am Gosford	JPII Intentions	Wed 7/10	11.30am Gosford	For the soul of Anneliese Hiep (anniversary of death)
	4.00pm Spencer		Thu 8/10	9.00am Gosford	
	5.00pm Central Mangrove	For the souls of Vicky & Chris Buhagiar (anniversary of death)	Fri 9/10	12.00pm Gosford	For the soul of Rosa Pirrottina (6 th anniversary of death)
	5.00pm Gosford	Parish intentions	Sat 10/10	9.00am Gosford	JPII Intentions
Sun 4/10	7:30am Gosford	For the soul of Sean Mackay (25 th anniversary of death)		5.00pm Central Mangrove	For the soul of Mary Luci
	9:30am Gosford	For the soul of Mercy Eleanor Mora Aguirre		5.00pm Gosford	Fatima Night intentions
	6.00pm Gosford	For the soul of Maria Wolska	Sun 11/10	7:30am Gosford	For the soul of Anthony D'Mello
Mon 5/10	9.00am Gosford			9:30am Gosford	For the soul of Silvio Eddie Vega Munoz
Tue 6/10	9.00am Gosford			6.00pm Gosford	For the soul of Benedict Alvarado (recently deceased)

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Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.



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