

# 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.*



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 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



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Prayer is the greatest strength  
of the world.



**ASK  
SEEK  
KNOCK**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Fr Paul wishes to thank to all visiting priests and volunteers who assisted with Antoni Szczur's Memorial Mass. Special thanks to Peter McLean for co-ordinating the event, to the musicians, to all who attended, and to everyone for their continued support and prayers.

**22 March. Sunday.** 7.30am Mass. 9.30am Mass. 6.00pm Mass. **PARISH PICNIC POSTPONED** due to wet weather.

**23 March. Monday.** 9.00am Mass.

**24 March. Tuesday.** 9.00am Mass.

**25 March. Wednesday.** St Patrick's Year 5 join us for 11.30am Mass.

**26 March. Thursday.** St Patrick's Year 2 join us for 9.00am Mass.

**27 March. Friday.** 11.30am Stations of the Cross. 12.00pm Mass. **7.00pm Mercy Night.**

**28 March. Saturday.** After 9.00am Mass, Saturday Coffee Shop in the Jordan Room. 5.00pm Mass.

**29 March. Palm Sunday.** 7.30am Mass. 9.30am St Patrick's Family Mass (Kindergarten & Year 6). Youth Group after 6.00pm Mass.

**30 March. Monday.** 9.00am Mass.

**31 March. Tuesday.** 9.00am Mass. 5.45pm Bus departure for 7.30pm Chrism Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

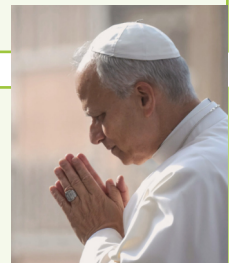
**1 March. Wednesday.** After 11.30am Mass, volunteers clean the church & light lunch



### Blessed Francis Jordan

Oh adorable zeal in the heart of our Savior, inflame our cold and lukewarm hearts!  
BL 1881 in *Consecrated to the Lord*

**Pope Leo XIV Prayer Intention for March.** *For disarmament and peace.* Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



# ST PATRICK'S PARISH GOSFORD

UNDER THE PASTORAL CARE OF SALVATORIANS  
Society of the Divine Saviour

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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.

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CHURCH OPEN DAILY 9.00AM – 3:00PM.

## STANDARD WEEKDAY MASSES

### GOSFORD, 76 YORK STREET EAST GOSFORD

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

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 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sat of Month</b>

## ADORATION IN OUR CHURCH

### BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

## 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 Lenten Program</b>	6.00-7.30pm Every Friday from 20 <sup>th</sup> February. Meet outside the Jordan Room. \$10 program available.
<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, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, The Jordan room.
<b>Paddies - Youth Group</b>	St Pats Yr 3&4 Fridays 3-430PM (term time)
<b>Arise - Youth Group</b>	St Pats Yr 5&6 Fridays 6PM (term time)
<b>Ascend - Youth Group</b>	Yr 7-12 Sundays after 6PM 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>Bible Discussion</b>	Every Monday after 9.00am Mass

**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

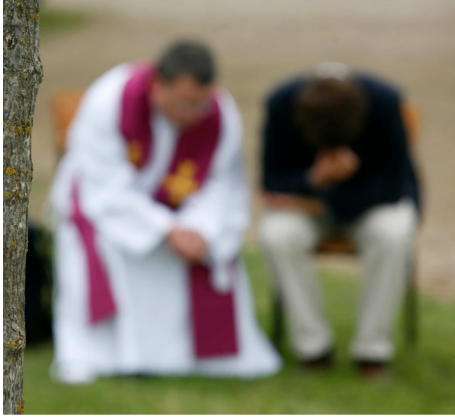


NATIONAL CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP STANDARDS  
Committed leadership, governance & culture  
Key Elements of Standard 1:  
† A Commitment to Safeguarding  
† Promoting a Safeguarding Culture  
† Safeguarding Policies  
† Code of Conduct



## WHY GO TO CONFESSION?

There are a lot of popular (mis)conceptions that surround the sacrament of confession (or the sacrament of penance and reconciliation as the Catechism calls it). To many people, the image of confession can evoke feelings of discomfort or hesitation. In my experience, I have found that much of the doubt and confusion surrounding confession is coloured by two common misconceptions: that my sin is just about me, so I shouldn't have to talk to a priest and that confession is a shameful or hurtful process.



Many people question the need to confess to a priest as opposed to just in private prayer, seeing confession as an arcane and outdated practice. Others, having heard stories of negative experiences in the confessional or seeing depictions of the sacrament in film and television fear that the confessional is a place of belittlement, shame, and punishment. We Catholics don't always do a great job of counteracting these ideas either. How often do we speak of the beauty of the sacrament of confession? How often do you convey the deep intimacy that lies at the heart of this gift we have been given? Confession, like all other sacraments, is a gift through which God has made His saving love and mercy real and present to us. In his desire to set all people free and draw them into the authentic peace that is communion with God, Christ entrusted his ministry of reconciliation to the apostles. In this, through confessing to a priest we are not only reconciled with Christ, but with the community of the Church as well. Often we can liken our relationship with the Church to that of a membership within a club or our political affiliation. But that is not the case. Our relationship with the Church is personal, intimate and like any honest relationship, it requires forgiveness and healing. The priest is the representative of both Christ and the Church which is Christ's body. And it is through the sacrament of confession that Christ offers us the privilege to bear our hearts to him, seeking his help as we strive towards a life of holiness and ultimately, eternal life with him. Much of the fear and hesitation that prevents people from seeking out confession ultimately comes from a deeper misconception of what *sin* is. Often when we make an examination of conscience (prayerful meditation over our sins before confession), we look at God's commandments and begin constructing the laundry list of how we've failed. But in doing so, we fail to recognize that God's commandments are not merely a

list of things that feel good yet aren't supposed to be done. We forget that the commandments given to us by God through the prophets and through Christ are part of a *covenant*, that they all point towards our *relationship* with God. Examining our consciences shouldn't point us to a scrupulous listing of every fault and error we can think of, but instead to an honest account of how we have failed to love God, our neighbour, and ourselves. I recall sitting down for confession with a priest in my freshman year of college, nervously stumbling over the opening words, having not gone to confession in a while. The priest simply smiled and comfortingly said,

"Just tell me what is weighing on your heart son." That is the precise question Christ is presenting us with in the sacrament of confession. It is important to note that not every experience of confession I have had has been as moving as that day in college. There have been times when my confession has felt quick and the priest's response uninspiring. Leaving the confessional in these moments, I can be tempted to see them as transactional or simply disappointing. When this happens, I try to focus on that voice that called me to confession in the first place, reflecting on the wound or weight I was carrying and my desire for healing. Praying for humility and patience, I try to remind myself that grace, while seemingly subtle, is inevitably at work in these moments. When we are able to examine our sinfulness with greater depth and honesty, we are then able to invite Christ into those parts of ourselves we originally thought irredeemable or untouchable by his love. In encountering and receiving the love of Christ in this intimate way, we begin to receive the call essential to the Christian life: conversion. We know from the prophets and from Christ that a life inspired and formed by the Gospel is not easy, and we cannot do it on our own. Confession offers us the grace to be honest about that reality. In doing so, we begin the work every Christian has undertaken from the first apostles to today, to work to shape our hearts after the One that loved us first. The fear and hesitation we feel in the face of confession makes sense. Perhaps there are parts of our hearts we are scared to look at or perhaps we feel a sense of loss or desire to have more control over our struggles. Perhaps we have had an experience in confession that was uncomfortable or hurtful. Whatever the source of our fear may be, it is a movement we should bring to prayer, discerning where Christ is calling us in the midst of it. My hope is that through this discernment we may all recognize Christ's desire: to be desperately close to us. Christ does not await us in confession with a response of shame or disgust. Christ awaits us with the same love and compassion he details in the parable of the Prodigal Son. The prodigal son plans to approach his father ashamed and state that he is no longer worthy to be called his son. Yet before he can do this, "his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him" (Lk. 15:20, NAB). 5And how else can we respond to such love except with humility and contrition in our heart? by Noah Banasiewicz, SJ

[www.thejesuitpost.org](http://www.thejesuitpost.org)

## ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

As early as the middle of the 6th century in the East, and the 7th century in Rome, there is evidence of this Feast celebrated on 25 March. Since this feast is connected with the Lord Jesus and to His entry into history, the revised liturgical calendar gave this feast the title of the “Annunciation of the Lord”, over the more popular Annunciation of Mary. The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is a Christmas feast even though it is not celebrated during the Christmas Season. Nine months before we celebrate the Lord’s birth, we celebrate His incarnation in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. *From the Gospel of Luke: The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.” But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her. (Lk. 1:26-39)*



**God enters through the back door** The Annunciation is the Feast celebrating the Lord’s incarnation in Mary’s womb, initiating a new history. It is interesting to notice that God does not send the angel to the Temple in Jerusalem, but to Galilee, a despised region, considered a haven for unbelieving pagans. Nazareth is a city that is never mentioned in the Old Testament. **Mary is troubled** On hearing the Angel’s message, Mary reflects, she enters into dialogue with herself and

with the angel, asking what his message meant and how it would happen. Mary does not allow herself to be overcome by her emotions. She appears as a courageous woman, who remains in control of herself even though she is faced with something unheard of. In the end, she evaluates and makes a decision in God’s light. **The action of the Holy Spirit** It is the Spirit who clothes Mary, making her fit for her mission. He does it here and He will do it again in the Upper Room. Mary is the woman clothed with the Spirit, thanks to whom and in whom everything becomes possible. **Mary’s Yes** Mary’s “Let it be done to me” transforms the humble house of “her” being into God’s House, becoming a Tabernacle of the Most High Jesus. All it took was her “Let it be done to me”, a sign of her willingness, knowing she could trust in the action of the Holy Spirit. And God entered into history, accepting to “make” history in the lives of those who have said and who would say over and over again, “Let it be done to me”. **Mary’s characteristics** Mary’s first characteristic is her faith. She believes and entrusts herself to God, certain that nothing is impossible for Him. God is not afraid of our moments of confusion, of reflection, of trying to understand. God does not force our freedom, but teaches us how to be free so that each one of us can say our own “Let it be done to me”. The second characteristic is that she accepted God’s time and pace—His time requires our time, it requires that we live more profoundly. God asks for our “yes”, but He also asks that we assume go at His “pace” and “time” which is not simply the ticking of the clock. God’s time is the right time, the fullness of time, the opportune moment, the moment of grace. **Prayer** Today is disclosed the myst’ry before the ages; and the Son of God shall become the Son of Man, that by his adoption of the lowest he may grant us the highest. Of old Adam failed to become a God as he desired, so God became Man that Adam might become as God. Wherefore, let creation rejoice, and nature exchange greetings, for the archangel did stand reverently before the Virgin and offered her joy instead of sorrow. Wherefore, O our God, who by thy compassion became man, glory be to thee. [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

We are pleased to announce the following dates:

**Friday 19 June at 6pm: Reconciliation**

**Sunday 21 June at 11am: First Holy Communion**

Scan the QR to complete your online enrolment and select your preparation class time. Enrolments close Friday 17 April. Join us for **Parent Information Night on Wednesday 22 April, held in the church.**



## NEW YOUTH COORDINATOR



Hi everyone! My name is Abhishek Thomas, and I'm excited to step into the role of Youth Coordinator here at our parish. I've been a part of this community since I was five, when my family moved here from India, and this parish has truly felt like home ever since. I first joined the Youth Group when Fr. Greg started the program with Matt French, and I was fortunate to continue through the leadership of Jamie and later Seb. I'm deeply grateful for the legacy these amazing leaders have built, and I hope to continue their mission of nurturing faith, friendship, and service among our young people. My goal is to help create a safe, welcoming, and faith-filled space where youth can grow, connect, and feel truly valued as part of our parish family.

## THANK YOU ANNA CATLIN

We extend our gratitude to Anna Catlin, who has stepped down as Catechist Program Coordinator (2025-26). We wish you all the best Anna, and we thank you for your faithful leadership and service to our church.

## WED 1 APRIL - HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH!

Help clean the church in preparation for Easter, then join us for a light lunch in the Jordan Room - After 11.30am Mass, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## SATURDAY COFFEE SHOP VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to join our Saturday Morning Coffee Shop team? If so, please contact the Parish office and you will be added to our monthly roster, thank you.

## PARISH BUS SERVICE

Please register interest with the Parish Office, if you would like to be picked up for Sunday 9.30am Mass, or if you would like to join the list of volunteer bus drivers and helpers. Thank you all. We are considering reinstating this bus service.

## CHRISM MASS IN WAITARA

Tuesday 31st March, 7.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. The Parish bus will leave at 5.45pm for those who wish to attend. Sign up in the church foyer.

**27 March 2026, Friday @ 7:00pm**  
**Mercy Night**  
St. Patrick's Church; 76 York St. East Gosford

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Do not forget that true love sets no conditions;  
it does not calculate or complain but simply loves.*  
St. John Paul II

**Holy Week and Easter Celebration**  
at Parish of Gosford

*Unforgettable story*

**2nd April, Holy Thursday,**  
**7:00pm Mass and Adoration to 10:00 pm**  
St. Patrick's Church; 76 York St. East Gosford

**3rd April, Good Friday,**  
**10:00am the Way of the Cross**  
St. Patrick's Church; 76 York St. East Gosford  
Holy Trinity Church; 4200 Wisemans Ferry Rd; Spencer

**3:00pm Celebration of Lord's Passion**  
St. Patrick's Church; 76 York St. East Gosford

**4th April, Saturday, Easter Eve;**  
**11:00am Easter Food Blessing**  
**7:00pm Mass**  
St. Patrick's Church; 76 York St. East Gosford

**5th April, Easter Sunday;**  
**7:30am 9:30am and 6:00pm Mass**  
St. Patrick's Church; 76 York St. East Gosford

## 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

**EZEKIEL 37:12-14**

**A reading from the prophet  
Ezekiel**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 129. R. v.7**

**(R.) With the Lord there is  
mercy and fullness of  
redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you,  
O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our  
guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. **(R.)**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word. My soul is  
longing for the Lord more than  
watchman for daybreak. Let the  
watchman count on daybreak and  
Israel on the Lord. **(R.)**

4. Because with the Lord there is  
mercy and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

**ROMANS 8:8-11**

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

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**SEE JOHN 11:25. 26**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life,  
says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die  
for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL

**JOHN 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45**

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

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus,

‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said:

‘I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’

‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’ Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**CF JOHN 11:26**

Everyone who lives  
and believes in me  
will not die for ever,  
says the Lord.

# PARISH ROSTER SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH & SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Mass	Vigil 5:00 pm	7:30 am	9:30 am	6:00 pm	Mangrove Mt Vigil 5:00 pm Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Date</b>	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Audio Visual</b>	Ron Begg	Sheila Evans	Greg McBride	Reagan Gomez	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Michael Lynch	Eunice Dal Busco	Peter McLean	Kevin O'Donnell	
	Mark Bennett	John McCrae	Peter Cho	Patrick Nicholls	
<b>Commentator</b>	Hilary Pope	John Konopka	Liz Malik	Johan Fernandes	Alyce Chin
<b>Lectors</b>	Adam Murdoch Megan Neale	Jane Eager John Konopka	Neil Murphy Frances Mathey	Rayden Gomez Penny Gomez	Marisa Xuereb Nai Herford
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Carolina Murdoch	Joy McHugh	Steph Trevenen Cath Croll	Trudie Hiep	
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**ANNIVERSARIES:**  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

Fri 20/3	12.00pm Gosford	For the soul of Kazimiera Kotulkska	Wed 25/3	11.30am Gosford	For the soul of Vikki Lee (recently deceased)
Sat 21/3	9.00am Gosford	JPII Intentions	Thu 26/3	9.00am Gosford	For the unborn
Sat	5:00pm Gosford	For the soul Wieslaw Wozniak (3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary of death)	Fri 27/3	12.00pm Gosford	
Sat	5:00pm Central Mangrove	Parish intentions	Sat 21/3	9.00am Gosford	JPII Intentions
Sun 22/3	7:30am Gosford	For Anna (seriously ill)	Sat	5:00pm Gosford	<i>Mass intention available</i>
Sun	9:30am Gosford	For the soul of Miguel Antonio Lazo Alvarez	Sat	5:00pm Central Mangrove	Parish intentions
Sun	6:00pm Gosford	For the soul of Ronald Boland (recently deceased)	Sun 22/3	7:30am Gosford	<i>Mass intention available</i>
Mon 23/3	9.00am Gosford	For the soul of Neil Orford (recently deceased)	Sun	9:30am Gosford	For the soul of Eddie Thomas Vega Olvera
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