

Sacred Heart & Maria Regina. Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.

A Prayer for Courage

Lord, I am afraid.

I don't feel bold or courageous today.

Help me remember that bravery isn't the absence of fear, it's doing the right thing no matter what

#### GIVE ME A COURAGEOUS HEART

I know that You will be with me.
I am not alone.

You are greater than
any enemy or obstacle I face.
Help me to take a stand,
to not give up, to push on,
and to step forward today,
knowing that
You are trustworthy and
You are my strength.

In Jesus' name.
Amen.



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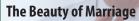


#### **Thoughts of Bl Francis Jordan**

We must diligently and wisely use all ways and means which the love of Christ inspires to glorify God.







Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



The Service NSW QR codes are now available at the entrance of both of our churches, for you to use to check in. If you do not have a smartphone or you're not carrying it with you, please provide your contact details via the sign-in sheets provided. If you have checked-in with the QR code, you do not have to use the sign-in sheets. Thank you

A warm welcome
to all especially our
parishioners and visitors
who are celebrating the
Eucharist with us at
Pittwater Parish Sacred Heart Church
Mona Vale and Maria
Regina Church, Avalon.



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All our Ministries comply with Working With Children Check requirements

We acknowledge the lifelong trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families, the failures of the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the consequent breach of community trust.

### We Pray for

# Deceased Anniversary Rina Lardizabal-Yam Bob Kasch

If you would like the names of your relatives or friends and offerings included, please drop the envelope in to the Parish Office by Midday on Wednesdays. Thank You.

#### Recently Deceased

Edo Kogl Jan Scott

Special Intentions
Michael Schadel

#### **Prayers** for the Sick

Philip Maddrel
Gail Reiher
Imelda Vince
Ben Castillo
Moira Howie
Christine Hills
Donald McRae
Sara Zofrea
Beryl Peo-Duncan
John Andrew Graham
John Charles Graham
Michael Carrodus
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Peter Vorlicek
Warwick Chipman
Erin Ocampo
Mark Lindfield
Chico Mesina
Vicky Kalingasan
Cos Coniglio
Bill Eyre
Brian Gregan
Marian Poe
Marcia Bailey
Bec Burroughs

The names on this list will be removed after four weeks unless otherwise requested or advised. Thank you

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

Lamps of Fire
Daily Readings with
St. John of the Cross
Sister Elizabeth Ruth, ODC



Short daily meditations to enable us to widen our spiritual vision.

## THURSDAY MORNING SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Our study this year continues with Pope Francis' new Encyclical Letter on Fraternity and Social Friendship. Pope Francis gives us insight into a way of life which allows to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity and regardless of where they were born or live. "God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters."

We meet after 10am mass (around

We meet after 10am mass (around 10:30) for morning tea, followed by study and contemplation until 12 noon. We read through the book in a very relaxed manner gaining new insights from each other. All are invited.

Contact Margaret Abrahams via the Parish office on 9157 0999.

# TAP TO REPLACE



Our air-conditioning units in our Maria Regina Church, Avalon, which were generously donated by a parishioner, have been irreparably damaged by some uninvited lizards and now the Church is in need of new air conditions units.

Our aim is to raise \$17,500.00 to cover the cost of the supply and installation of new units. It would be wonderful if we could achieve this goal quickly so that we can make the Church cosy in the fast approaching winter months as well as when we need it to cool in our hot Summer.

To help reach this target, our Tap & GO Device in our Maria Regina Church, Avalon will be temporarily set to \$50 and all proceeds will go directly to cover the cost of the new air conditioning.

Envelopes are also available in the Church for your cash and cheque donations and can be placed in the collection baskets.

Credit Card donations can be made via our website through BPoint

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving and selecting "Other" from the drop down Biller Code list and using "Air Conditioning" as the Reference.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

#### from Our Schools



Catholics

#### Mater Maria Catholic College

Our Year 7's attended our annual Reflection Day at Warriewood Uniting Church. This event is part of the general evangelisation and catechesis program for Year 7 students. The day was spent in reflection on the teaching found in Pope Francis' letter Laudato Si and on what that means for us as we endeavour to live our lives as faithful

Our Year 8 students watched the drama production Sister Mary of the Cross performed by two actors. It unveils Mary MacKillop's political, practical and spiritual determination to fulfil her dream; collaborating with Father Woods, building a school in Penola, battling for independence, her excommunication, the glorious blessing of the Pope and despite unyielding illness the foundation of The Sisters of Saint Joseph. The play includes many of the thoughts and feelings of Mary MacKillop and is an excellent resource on pioneers, women in society, religious studies and the history of the Catholic Church in Australia.

On Wednesday, several of our Year 10 students attended the International Convention Centre for the annual Stand Tall Sydney event. The event brought a host of speakers together in one room to arm students with the skills of resilience, the strength to stand up to bullying, the keys to motivation, the power of perspective and the benefits of making good and wise decisions. The event exists to build hope in the youth of Australia, a vital component to their mental wellbeing.

We also had a couple of significant sporting events this week, in addition to the usual Peninsula Cup, Steve Menzies Shield and Jamie Lyon Cup competitions. Years 7 to 10 participated in the All Schools Touch Football tournament in Werrington, an opportunity for our best-performing students to represent Mater Maria, and a selection of students competed in the Mater Maria Surf Off to determine which students will represent our College at the Sydney North Surfing Regionals for U16 boys.

Our small group tours will recommence in Term 3. Please note that places are limited and therefore registration for all tours is essential. To book a tour please visit www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrol ments/book-a-tour/.

Applications are currently open for Year 7, 2024.

#### The Sacred Heart is an invitation to ask ourselves, 'How did Jesus love?'



On Friday and this weekend at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale, we celebrate the Beautiful Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The main origins of the feast are with the visions received by St. Margaret Mary Alocoque, a 17th-century Visitation nun in a town called Paray-le-Monial, France. Her visions of Jesus presenting himself with his heart, were initially disbelieved by her fellow sisters. Then Jesus promised her in prayer that he would send her

his "faithful servant and perfect friend." Shortly afterwards, a Jesuit named Claude la Colombiere showed up at the convent to serve as a spiritual director for the sisters. He saw that Sister Margaret Mary's visions were authentic, and devotion to the Sacred Heart spread from there.

Some people might be turned off by the devotion thanks to kitschy representations of Jesus pulling open his cloak and pointing to his Sacred Heart. But if we set this devotion aside, we will miss out on a great opportunity to meditate on one of the most important aspects of Jesus' life: the way that he loved. The Sacred Heart is an invitation to ask ourselves, "How did Jesus love?" and "Whom did Jesus love?" For me the answers to those two questions are: abundantly, totally and completely; and everyone, especially those who were poor or marginalised. But there are other questions that Solemnity of the Sacred Heart raises: "How do I love?" and "Whom do I love?" And the most important question of all, "How can I love like Jesus?" Maybe that's a question you can ask yourself all week, as you encounter each person with the love of your own heart, which seeks to love as Jesus' Sacred Heart did.

James Martin, S.J.

The Rev. James Martin, S.J., is a Jesuit priest, author and editor at large at America.



#### JUNE 26, 2021 | 10AM - 3PM St Patrick's Church

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#### **Fan the Flame**

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

# 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like?'

Mark 4:26-34

This love cannot be mere words because it is an imitation of Christ's own love for every person, a love that forgives, transforms, and brings those who hear him into the fullness of life. (Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal – Discernment Paper

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Children's Liturgy

- Saturday 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale
- Sunday 9am Mass at Maria Regina Church, Avalon.

We welcome to Pittwater Parish Rose Maria Giavera Konen on 13 June 2021 at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale for the Sacrament of Baptism



#### Pope Francis releases video message on the beauty of marriage

Pope Francis has asked people to pray throughout June for young people preparing for the life-long journey of marriage.

"Getting married and sharing one's life is something beautiful," Pope Francis said in a video message published June 1.

"It is a demanding journey, at times difficult, and at times complicated, but it is worth making the effort."



The Vatican released a video message <a href="https://thepopevideo.org/">https://thepopevideo.org/</a> to present the pope's prayer intention for June.

The pope is asking people to pray that couples preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community may "grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience."

In his video message, Pope Francis said that marriage is a vocation and "a conscious decision for the rest of one's life that requires specific preparation."

"And on this life-long journey, the husband and wife aren't alone; Jesus accompanies them," he said.

The prayer request by the pope comes after the marriage rate in the United States hit a record low in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic caused people to postpone marriage plans.

In the European Union, the marriage rate has fallen to nearly half of what it

was in 1964, and the divorce rate has more than doubled.

Italy had the lowest marriage rate among all EU countries in 2019 with only 3.1 marriages per 1,000 inhabitants.

Pope Francis said: "Is it true, what some people say - that young people don't want to get married, especially during these difficult times?"

"A great deal of patience is necessary in order to love," he said. "But it is worth it"

Each month, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network produces a video to spread the pope's prayer intention. In 2021, these intentions have ranged from prayer for women who are victims of violence to prayer that more people will return to the sacrament of confession.

The Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life contributed to the publication of this month's video as part of the "Special year of the family," which began on March 19.

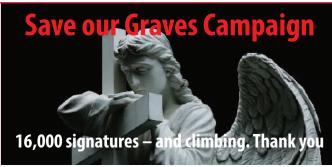
Gabriella Gambino, undersecretary of the dicastery, said that it important to prepare "young people and engaged couples for a real vocation, not just for the celebration of a wedding."

"To understand the presence of Christ in the daily lives of engaged couples, and then of spouses, by building on the meaning of Baptism is indispensable in giving young people the certainty that their family project is a response to a definitive call and that this project is possible," she said.

"In a secularised society that no longer believes in marriage, it is fundamental to proclaim the strength and power of the sacrament as a vocation and to show that family relationships can have a salvific value for people and be a path to holiness. It is a matter of concretely bringing Christ into the lives of families."

Pope Francis said: "Please, never forget this. God has a dream for us - love - and He asks us to make it his own."

"Let us make our own the love which is God's dream for us."



The Catholic Church has been operating cemeteries in NSW for more than 150 years, doing the merciful work of burying the dead, keeping their graves and giving comfort to grieving families.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher from the Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a petition to reverse a NSW Government decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from cemetery management.

Thank you for adding your signature to the petition. At the time of print, more than 16,000 people had signed a petition and the Berejiklian government is set to backflip on the controversial decision to amalgamate New South Wales cemetery operators into a single entity

Please visit https://saveourgraves.com.au to sign the petition, to save our graves.





This is the last opportunity to make a contribution to the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) for this financial year.

All parishes are allocated a quota that they must raise each financial year. Our parish quota for us to raise before 30 June is \$56891.30. So far, you have generously given over \$45,000 towards this target.

Thank you!

We appreciate the difficulties and demands on all of us, especially in the current financial environment, however for those of you with taxable incomes this appeal is a very effective way to reduce your taxable income whilst also helping the needy recipients listed below as all donations are 100% tax deductible.

We are very appreciative of your support to help us meet the last portion of our quota, otherwise it will need to be drawn from our parish funds.

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. Donations

support these five charities:

- Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Programme where Hospital Chaplains and five lay Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our hospitals.
- **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.
- **St Lucy's School** serving primary school students with disabilities.
- **St Edmund's College** serving secondary school students with disabilities.
- **Ephpheta Centre** serving the Catholic deaf community.

If you would like to give a donation, envelopes are in the pews or you can do so by credit card through BPoint on our website https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving and selecting "CWF Donation" from the drop down Biller Code list

Thank you for your 100% tax deductible contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church.

With the current restrictions in NSW, the capacity of our Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale is 200 and 250 for Maria Regina Church, Avalon.

Masks are now not complusory in Church.

Everyone must also stay 1.5 metres away from other people whenever possible.

Continue to practise good hygiene. *Please use the hand sanitisers provided in both of our Churches*.

It is our responsibilty to protect others and ourselves and stop the spread of COVID-19 in



# The Living Word

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 26:7,9 O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading Ez 17:22-24 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot

and plant it myself on a very high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,

who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

#### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

#### (R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High

to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R)

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R)

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God.

still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R)

#### Second Reading 2 Cor 5:6-10 A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

#### The word of the Lord

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower:

all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Mk 4:26-34 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon** Ps 26:4 There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the

# days of my life. \*\*REFLECTION\*\*

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things.

Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

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like branches on • a tree, we all grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one.



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www.pittwaterparish.org through the donations and giving tile. If you would prefer not to give by credit card, please contact the parish office, 9157 0999 for other ways that you can contribute.







#### Advertising Space Available

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#### **Liturgy for the Week**

14/06 **Monday Ordinary Time 11** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42

15/06 **Tuesday Ordinary Time 11** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48

16/06 **Wednesday Ordinary Time 11** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

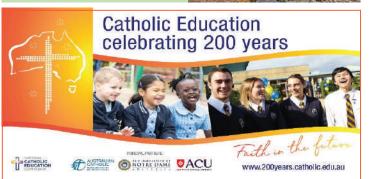
17/06 **Thursday Ordinary Time 10** 2 Cor 3:15 – 4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26

18/06 **Friday Ordinary Time 11** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23

19/06 **Saturday Ordinary Time 11** 2 Cor 12:1-10: Mt 6:24-34

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