



The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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

Pope Francis' prayer to Mary to intercede to end the pandemic.

(During Rosary with world's shrines.)

O Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes to us in this pandemic of coronavirus, and comfort those who are lost and weeping for their dearly departed, sometimes buried in a way that hurts the soul."

"Support those who are distressed for the sick people to whom, to prevent contagion, they cannot stay near. Instil confidence in those who are anxious about the uncertain future and the consequences for the economy and work."

"Mother of God and our Mother, implore for us from God, Father of mercy, that this hard trial ends and that a horizon of hope and peace returns."

"As at Cana, come to your Son Jesus, asking him to comfort the families of the sick and victims and to open their hearts to trust. Protect the doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, volunteers who in this time of emergency are in the front line and put their lives at risk to save other lives."

"Accompany their fatigue and give them strength, goodness and health. Be close to those who night and day care for the sick, to priests and consecrated persons who, with pastoral solicitude and evangelical commitment, seek to help and support everyone."

"O Mary, comforter of the afflicted, embrace all your troubled children and ask that the Merciful Father intervene with his omnipotent hand to free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life may take its daily course in serenity," he prayed.

"We entrust ourselves to You, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, O merciful, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen."



Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

Pray therefore, and pray again!
That is the means by which you can achieve so much!



26 June 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, we received the wonderful news that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has authorised the promulgation of the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, Founder of the Salvatorians, under which our parish is entrusted to the care of. This declaration of the Pope finishes the process on the miracle and opens definitively the way towards the beatification of Fr. Francis Jordan. You can read more about the Beatification process of Fr Francis in this weekend's parish bulletin. Printed copies of the bulletin are available in our Churches and the front of our parish office or you can read it online on our parish website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/news-events/bulletins>

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As we welcome more and more parishioners each weekend back to our Churches and with more easing of restrictions set to be introduced from 1 July 2020, we will only livestream our 5pm Mass on Saturdays starting from this weekend. This Mass will be available to view on our website up until midday on Sundays, so those that are used to watching at 10am, can have access to the Vigil Mass. To join the livestreaming or to watch the recording of the livestreamed Mass, please visit our parish website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/news-events/parish-news/livestream-our-weekend-masses>

We will continue to use Trybooking for our weekend Masses to ensure that we fulfil the requirements of the 50 people limit even though the restrictions are easing from 1 July. This also makes it easier and quicker when arriving at Mass as you are already registered there is no need for you to complete all your details.

To book for our Weekend Masses at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJPSE>

To book for our Weekend Masses at Maria Regina Church, Avalon, please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJPSP>

If you don't have access to a computer and cannot access Trybooking, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office to book your place.

Thank you for protecting one another by maintaining social distancing, sitting in the marked spaces and using the sanitiser provided. Please continue to register your attendance for the weekday Masses on the sheets as you enter the Church for the purposes of contact-tracing if it becomes necessary.

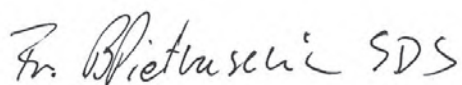
Please consider making a donation to support the wonderful work for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay by the Charitable Works Fund. Tax deductible donations for this financial year can still be made to help us reach our annual quota. You can learn more about the works of CWF by watching the video and make a donation by credit card by clicking the Bpoint logo at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving> CWF envelopes are also available in the pews of the Church this weekend or can be made over the phone to the parish office.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Charitable Works Fund along with both our first and second collections. Weekly donations can be made via the boxes placed at the back of our Churches or to use the "Tap n Go" credit card facilities. Donations can be also made by Visa or MasterCard via our website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving>

Next Friday, 3 July 2020, there will be no communal anointing of the sick during the Masses of the Sick at 8am at Maria Regina Church, Avalon or at 10.30am at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale.

Fr Richard and I are looking forward to seeing you over the weekend. Please continue to spread the wonderful news that the Churches are once again open.

Yours in Christ,



Fr Bronek Pietrusewicz SDS
Parish Priest

WE NEED HELP TO GET THE WORD OF GOD TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!

After months of NO Face to Face News of Our Faith and the Word of GOD. Our young Public School Students are in need of help to know the Glorious News of Our Faith in these troubled times.

Some of our classes at AVALON and MONA VALE PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS are without teachers. Due to COVID 19, some of our valued Catechists with health issues cannot break self-isolation.

If you can help with this wonderfully rewarding work, please contact the Parish Office 9157 0999 - Veronica Thomas or Maureen Woodridge.

Thank you and God Bless

Veronica Thomas
CCD Coordinator for Avalon/ Bilgola Schools & High Schools
Mobile 0417061534
Email: veronicatehomas2009@gmail.com

Did you know that if you are new to our parish you can register your details through our website or if your contact details have changed you can update them.

Simply go to
www.pittwaterparish.org, click on the "Welcome" menu item and select "Parishioner Registration" from the dropdown menu.
If you have any problems, please contact the parish office on 9157 0999.

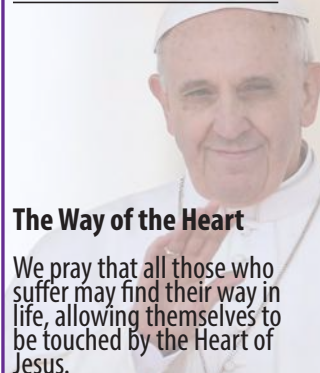
LIBRARY

"Now that the restrictions have been lifted concerning the opening of churches, although at present only 10 people, we can access the Library. You are very welcome to browse the vast assortment of books and DVDs in the Parish Library at Maria Regina after the daily and weekend Masses." Books and DVDs will still be reviewed in the Bulletin."

if you have an inquiry you may phone me on 99183973 (Home) 0401613643 (mobile).

Trish Newman

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For June



The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

We Pray for

Recently Deceased

Bob Kasch
Mate Spadina
All the faithful departed
Lorraine
Jan Wagner

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.

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them
O Lord, And Let Perpetual Light
Shine Upon Them.**

**May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
May Their Souls And The Souls
Of The Faithful Departed,
Through The Mercy Of God,
Rest In Peace. Amen.**

Deceased Anniversary

Zofia Hersztek
Mieczyslaw Hersztek
Anthony Nguyen
Ivan Copo

Prayers for the Sick

Tayla Riddle
Giovanni Returra
Bill Eyre
Manny Zarb
Philip Maddrell
Gail Reiher
Imelda Vince
Eric Domagas
Vicky Villaluz
Ben Castillo
Moira Howie
Carol Brennan
Jomar
Christine Hills
Donald McRae
Mary O'Connor
Sara Zofrea
Beryl Peo-Duncan
Joe Romeo
John Andrew Graham
John Charles Graham

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

DVD REVIEW

Entertaining Angels The Dorothy Day Story



A DVD of the Chronicles the life of Dorothy Day who dedicated herself in service to her socialist beliefs and her adopted faith of Catholicism. The movement she created continues to thrive to this day.

**If you are experiencing
Domestic Violence.**

**Ring 1800 RESPECT
1800 737 732**

Weekend Mass from our parish will be live-streamed :

**Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm .
This Mass will be available to
view on our website up until
midday on Sundays
[https://www.youtube.com/
channel/UCBpLC9Gn8yp4qW-TU
0GDzsw/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBpLC9Gn8yp4qW-TU0GDzsw/videos)
or search Pittwater Parish
on Youtube or follow the link on
our Parish Website.
Please check our website for
links to the other celebrations
www.pittwaterparish.org or
our facebook page.**



To ensure that we fulfil the requirements of the 50 people limit, we would like you to use the Trybooking website to book for our weekend Masses. There is no need to book for the weekday Masses.

The bookings are now open and will close at 4pm on Fridays. Further weekend Masses will be added each week, taking into consideration any changes in government restrictions.

Here are some pointers that might help:

1. Once you have selected the Mass you would like to book for, you will need to enter the quantity of tickets at the bottom of the page. Then click NEXT.
2. Once you have read and agreed to the "Additional Information" you will need to select "YES" from the dropdown box that says "I Agree to the Terms Above"
3. You will then need to enter the First Name and the Last Name of each of the Attendees. Then click NEXT.
4. In the Checkout, you will need to complete all the fields, First Name, Last Name, Phone Number, Address, Suburb, Postcode and Email Address. Then click PURCHASE.
5. If you have completed the transaction successfully, you will see "Transaction Successful" on the following page and you will receive an email with the "ticket" to the Mass you have selected.
6. If you do not see "Transaction Successful" and you do not receive an email (please remember to check your junk email) then the items may still be in your cart and you may need to re-complete one of the steps.
7. You do not need to print the ticket. We will have your name on the "Ticket Holder List" for each Mass.

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To book for our Masses at Maria Regina Church, Avalon, please visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJPSP>

Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish office 9157 0999 if you need any assistance.

Watch the daily Mass on Demand at

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>

We hope that this will help the faithful to celebrate the Holy Mass online wherever they are



PLANNED GIVING

The money contributed to our parish via our second collection helps us to meet the running costs which our Parish incurs, including wages, electricity, telephones, insurances, rates, building and equipment repairs and maintenance, to name but a few. As we are unable to donate via our second collection at present, our parish will not receive the funds which are truly needed to cover our relentless stream of expenses. Whilst you are unable to attend Mass, if you are able to make your regular donation by way of automatic direct debit from your credit card, please complete the form included in this bulletin. **Or donations can be made on our website: 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.



from Our Schools



**Mater Maria
Catholic College**

**Enrolment Update – Waitlist for
Year 7, 2022. Now Open for Year 7,
2023.**

Applications for Year 7, 2022 at Mater Maria Catholic College are now closed. If you would still like to be considered, please contact our Enrolment Registrar on 02 9997 7044 or email deborah.fitzgerald@dbb.catholic.edu.au for more information. Please visit the College website www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments for a prospectus, Application for Enrolment or to register for a Private College tour. Applications for Year 7, 2023 now open.



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Planned Giving Direct Debit Agreement Form for Contributions Via Credit Card

☐ I am an existing Planned Giving contributor

☐ I am new to Planned Giving

Or Donate at
www.pittwater-parish.org
Donations and
Giving Tile

Full Name			
Address:			
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Payment Agreement

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This authorisation is to remain in force until notice is received in writing for it to be changed.

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Thank you for supporting our planned giving programme.

Please return the completed form to the parish office or email to office@pittwaterparish.org

Terms and Conditions

I/We hereby authorise The Catholic Parish of Pittwater to debit my/our credit card account. Monthly debits occur on the 15th day of each month or the next business day. Weekly and fortnightly debits occur on the Monday of each week or fortnight accordingly. The administration of this agreement is conducted by The Catholic Parish of Pittwater. The Catholic Parish of Pittwater will not change the amount or frequency of drawing arrangements without my prior approval. It is my responsibility to ensure that I/We have sufficient clear funds in our nominated account to enable the direct debit to be honoured by our financial institution. If the Debit request falls on a weekend or public holiday, it will be processed on the next working day. I/We are advised to verify account details against a recent bank statement and if uncertain to contact our financial institution or The Catholic Parish of Pittwater. If our Direct Debit is dishonoured or returned by our financial institution, for any reason, The Catholic Parish of Pittwater reserves the right to re-present the Direct Debit for processing again on the next business day. The Catholic Parish of Pittwater will keep the information about our nominated account at the financial institution private and confidential unless this information is required to investigate a claim made in relation to an alleged incorrect or wrongful debt, or otherwise required by law. I/We may stop, cancel, alter or defer your Direct Debit Request at any time, by contacting The Catholic Parish of Pittwater I/we agree to notify The Catholic Parish of Pittwater if the account is closed.

MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART CHURCH

1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9.30am

Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday 7pm

(Followed by Adoration and
Benediction at 9pm)

Friday 9.30am

*First Friday of the Month,**Exposition of the**Blessed Sacrament,**Adoration,**Reconciliation**and Benediction**from 9.30am,**followed by Mass**with Anointing of the Sick**at 10.30am*

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am • 10.00am •

4.00pm Croatian

(1st & 3rd Sunday)

6.00pm (SOUL)

Reconciliation

4.00pm to 4.30pm Saturday

Baptism

4th Sunday - 11.30am

MARIA REGINA CHURCH

7 Central Road, Avalon

Weekday Masses

Monday 8am

Wednesday 8am

Thursday 10am

*9am Exposition of the**Blessed Sacrament,**Adoration and Benediction**at 9.45am*

Friday 8am

Mass with Anointing of the Sick -
First Friday of the Month at 8am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

Reconciliation

Before Vigil Mass on Saturday

Baptism

3rd Sunday - 11.00am

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.

PITTWATER YOUTH GATHERING

All Young People
(High School Aged and Over)
are Invited on

Sunday 5th July 2020

Sacred Heart Church Mona Vale 6pm

Mass • Praise & Worship Music • Activities • Dinner

Soibada Update

This year is the tenth anniversary of our Parish Friendship Agreement with the Parish of Soibada in Timor Leste. We had big plans for a celebration but due to Covid-19 this and all of our events for the year have been put on hold. However, progress on the projects in the village have continued even during lockdown. Construction is underway for the classrooms in the Arts, Craft and Cultural training Centre. Not only are we funding this new educational facility that will impact many in the community we are also paying the wages of the local builders and tradesmen. This in turn keeps their families fed.



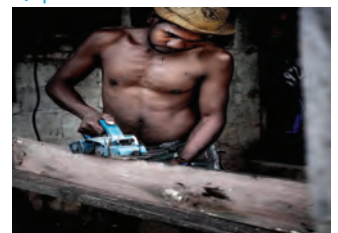
The average family in Soibada has 8 children. It costs approximately \$25 a week to feed them. A builder earns just over \$40 a week.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Have a look at the Chuffed Crowdfunding Campaign that is raising funds to support these workers.

https://chuffed.org/project/soibada-families-futures?fbclid=IwAR2dLFyT_DwRUbewuC2SZv-9mQ

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Please donate if you can, it is tax deductible, and share the details with your friends.

This project began in our parish and the results have changed lives. We cannot abandon our sister parish now

Tamara Sloper Harding OAM
Chairperson Pittwater Friends of Soibada
0403226699



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo
Bishop of Broken Bay
Message for BBNeighbourhoods 23 June 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

René Girard, the French historian, literary critic, and philosopher of social science, wrote that “There is an irresistible urge in human communities from time to time to purge themselves by choosing an innocent victim from among their ranks, on whom to blame all of their own faults and vileness” (The Scapegoat, 1989, p. 40). While he wrote these words towards the end of last century, I think that they are still relevant for us today, 20 years into the twenty-first century.

There seems to be an irresistible temptation in human nature to blame others. In the English language, we even have the verb “to scapegoat” which means to blame someone for something bad that has happened. Scapegoat has its origins in the Hebrew Scriptures, specifically the Book of Leviticus:

“Then Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and sending it away into the wilderness by means of someone designated for the task. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to a barren region; and the goat shall be set free in the wilderness”. (Leviticus 16:21-22)

The original concept was to confess one's transgressions or sins and then to be freed from them by ritually placing them on the head of the goat. Unfortunately, the true meaning of acknowledgement of failings, confession of sins, and liberation from past ways of living, has been lost in this context. The secular world simply defaults to blame. In our time, the blame is rarely self-blame. Rather, it is blame of others – the government, the police, the Pope, the bishop, the priests and deacons, the parish council, the youth, the schools... the list is endless.

As the community of the Church, our vocation is different. The “blame game” is nowhere to be found in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Instead, as brothers and sisters of the Lord, our calling is one of virtuous living. It includes genuine devotion to God and our Catholic tradition. Living virtuous lives by no means places us over or above others. It does however; allow the power of the Holy Spirit to work through us so that others might meet Christ in us and through this encounter, they will know the love and mercy of God. There is no room for blame in this way of living.

I would like to propose to you that this call, this vocation, is common to all the baptised. It is our commission to be evangelists of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Evangelists are called to share Christ with others. The next step is to acknowledge that we belong to an evangelising community. Pope Francis reminds us that an evangelising community gets involved in people's lives and stands by people every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy the journey. (cf The Joy of the Gospel, 24) This is an essential part of our mission and will cause us to have a daily concern to spread the love and goodness of God. It can be challenging work; however, it is not without its rewards. The desire to share our Christian joy is itself a gift from God who has taken the initiative of loving us first.

This week, I encourage you to spend some quiet time in prayer and contemplation with the Lord. Discover and re-discover what God's saving love has done and is doing in your life. Then, go out and proclaim that love as a witness to the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May the love, the joy, and the peace of Christ be with you.


Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL
Bishop of Broken Bay

As we celebrate the Year of Prayer in our parish... Pope Francis' Catechesis at the General Audience on 17th June 2020



Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

The Prayer of Moses

In our itinerary on the theme of prayer, we are realising that God never liked to have anything to do with those who prayed the “easy” way. And Moses was not a “weak” dialogue partner either, from the very first day of his vocation.

When God called him, Moses was in human terms a “failure”. The Book of Exodus depicts him in the land of Midian as a fugitive. As a young man he had felt compassion for his people, and had aligned himself in defence of the oppressed. But he soon discovered that, despite his good intentions, it was not justice, but violence that came from his hands. His dreams of glory shattered, Moses was no longer a promising official, destined to rise rapidly in his career, but rather one who gambled away opportunities, and now grazed a flock that was not even his own. And it was precisely in the silence of the desert of Midian that God summoned Moses to the revelation of the burning bush: “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God” (Ex 3:6).

Moses opposes God who speaks, who invites him to take care of the people of Israel once more with his fears and his objections: he is not worthy of that mission, he does not know the name of God, he will not be believed by the Israelites, he has a stammering tongue... so many other objections. The word that appears most frequently on Moses's lips, in every prayer he addresses to God, is the question: “Why?” Why have you sent me? Why do you want to free this people? Why? There is even a dramatic passage in the Pentateuch, where God reproaches Moses for his lack of trust, a lack that will prevent him from entering the promised land (cf. Nm 20:12).

With these fears, with this heart that often falters, how can Moses pray? Rather, Moses appears human like us. And this happens to us too: when we have doubts, how can we pray? It is not easy for us to pray. And it is because of his weakness, as well as his strength, that we are impressed. Entrusted by God to transmit the Law to his people, founder of divine worship, mediator

of the highest mysteries, he will not for this reason cease to maintain close bonds of solidarity with his people, especially in the hour of temptation and sin. He was always attached to his people. Moses never forgets his people. And this is the greatness of pastors: not forgetting the people, not forgetting one's roots. And just as Paul says to his beloved young Bishop Timothy: “Remember your mother and your grandmother, your roots, your people”. Moses is so friendly with God that he can speak with Him face to face (see Ex 33:11); and he will remain so friendly with other people that he feels mercy for their sins, for their temptations, for the sudden nostalgia that the exiles feel for the past, recalling when they were in Egypt.

Moses does not reject God, but nor does he reject his people. He is faithful to his flesh and blood, he is faithful to God's voice. Moses is not therefore an authoritarian and despotic leader; the Book of Numbers defines him rather as “a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth” (Nm 12:3). Despite his privileged status, Moses never ceased to belong to the numbers of the poor in spirit who live by trusting in God as the viaticum of their journey. He is a man of his people.

Thus, the way of praying most proper to Moses is through intercession (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2574). His faith in God is completely at one with his sense of fatherhood towards his people. Scripture habitually depicts him with his hands outstretched towards God, as if to form a bridge between heaven and earth with his own person. Even in the most difficult moments, even on the day when the people repudiate God and him as a guide and make themselves a golden calf, Moses does not feel like putting his people aside. They are my people. They are your people. They are my people. He does not reject either God or his people. And he says to God: “Ah, this people has committed a grave sin in making a god of gold for themselves! Now if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not” - if you do not forgive this sin - “then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Ex 32:31-32). Moses does not barter his people. He is the bridge, the one intercessor. Both of them, the people and God, and he is in the middle. He does not sell out his people to advance his career. He does not climb the ladder, he is an intercessor: for his

people, for his flesh and blood, for his history, for his people and for the God who called him. He is the bridge. What a beautiful example for all pastors who must be “bridges”. This is why they are called pontifex, bridges. Pastors are the bridges between the people, to whom they belong, and God, to whom they belong by vocation. This is what Moses is. “If you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written. I do not want to get ahead at the expense of my people”.

And this is the prayer that true believers cultivate in their spiritual life. Even if they experience the shortcomings of people and their distance from God, in prayer they do not condemn them, they do not reject them. The intercessory attitude is proper to the saints who, in imitation of Jesus, are “bridges” between God and His people. Moses, in this sense, was the first great prophet of Jesus, our advocate and intercessor (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2577). And today, too, Jesus is the pontifex, He is the bridge between us and the Father. And Jesus intercedes for us, He shows the Father the wounds that are the price of our salvation, and He intercedes. And Moses is the figure of Jesus who today prays for us, intercedes for us.

Moses urges us to pray with the same ardour as Jesus, to intercede for the world, to remember that despite all its frailties, it still belongs to God. Everyone belongs to God. The worst sinners, the wickedest people, the most corrupt leaders, they are children of God, and Jesus feels this and intercedes for everyone. And the world lives and thrives thanks to the blessing of the righteous, to the prayer for mercy, this prayer for mercy that the saint, the righteous, the intercessor, the priest, the bishop, the Pope, the layperson, any baptised person incessantly raises up for humanity, in every place and time in history. Let us think of Moses, the intercessor. And when we want to condemn someone and we become angry inside... to get angry is good it can be healthy - while to condemn does no good, let us intercede for him or her; this will help us a lot.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

**My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You
into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.**

Amen.

Five people are a step closer to sainthood



martyrdom and another on heroic virtues.

Miracles

With the decrees, 3 miracles through the intercession of the following 3 candidates have been recognized:

- Venerable Servant of God Mamerto Esquiú, of the Order of Friars Minor, Bishop of Córdoba (Argentina). He was born on 11 May 1826 in San José de Piedra Blanca (Argentina) and died on 10 January 1883 in La Posta de El Suncho (Argentina).

- **Venerable Servant of God Franziskus Maria of the Cross (nee Johann Baptist Jordan), priest and founder of the Society of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorians) and of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour. He was born on 16 June 1848 in**

Pope Francis on Friday took 3 men and 2 women a step closer to sainthood. The Holy Father received in audience Cardinal Angelo Becciu, Prefect of the Congregation of Causes of Saints, and authorized the promulgation of 5 decrees. The candidates are from Argentina, Germany, Venezuela, Italy and Mexico. The decrees concern 3 miracles, a

Gurtweil, Waldshut-Tiengen (Germany) and died on 08 September 1918 in Tafers, Fribourg (Switzerland).

- Venerable Servant of God José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, a lay man, who was born on October 26, 1864 in Isnotú (Venezuela) and died on June 29, 1919, in Caracas (Venezuela).

Martyrdom

A decree recognized the martyrdom of the Servant of God Maria Laura Mainetti (nee Teresina Elsa). A professed nun of the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross, Sisters of Saint Andrew, she was born in Colico (Italy) on 20 August 1939 and killed Chiavenna (Italy), in hatred of the Faith, on 6 June 2000.

The candidates whose miracles and martyrdom have been recognized have been cleared for beatification, which is a step away from canonization or final sainthood. Another miracle would be needed to clear their way for sainthood.

Heroic virtues

Another decree recognized the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Gloria Maria of Jesus Elizondo García (nee Speranza).

The superior general of the Congregation of the Missionary Catechists of the Poor was born August 26, 1908 in Durango (Mexico) and died in Monterrey (Mexico) on December 8, 1966. With this decree, she has been conferred the title Venerable Servant of God. The next step is beatification, for which a miracle is needed.

RECOGNITION OF THE MIRACLE ATTRIBUTED TO FR. FRANCIS JORDAN

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has authorised the promulgation of the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of Father Francis Mary of the Cross (in secular life John Baptist) JORDAN, Founder of the Salvatorians.

Biographical data



Father Francis Jordan was born on 16 June 1848 in Gurtweil, a small town in the archdiocese of Freiburg (Germany). After ordination to the priesthood on 21 July 1878, he was sent to Rome, where he spent most part of his life. Motivated by the apostolic zeal and desire to make Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, known and loved by all people, everywhere, he founded the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) in 1881 and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Sisters) in 1888. He also organized groups of lay people to take part in the Church's mission of evangelization using all ways and means. He died on 8 September 1918 in Tafers in Switzerland.

The miracle

A young couple that was expecting a baby in 2014 in Jundiá (Brazil), was informed by several medical doctors and specialists that their unborn child was suffering an incurable bone disease (skeletal dysplasia). Being members of a group of Lay Salvatorians, the parents began to pray through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Francis Jordan, inviting other members of the Salvatorian Family to join them. The child was born in a complete healthy condition on 8 September 2014, the day of Fr. Francis Jordan's death anniversary. After the required canonical procedures had been successfully completed, the Holy Father, Pope Francis declared that this miraculous healing was worked by God through the intercession of Fr. Francis Jordan.



Towards the beatification

The declaration of the Pope on 19 June 2020 finishes the process on the miracle and opens definitely the way towards the beatification of Fr. Francis Jordan. As soon as the date and place of the beatification ceremony will be determined by the Holy See, we will announce it.

For more information about Fr. Francis Jordan and the Salvatorians, please visit our website: www.sds.org.

Prayers for the Intercession of Fr Francis Jordan

Jesus, Saviour of the World, You have given your servant Francis the gift of deep and strong faith, unwavering hope and heroic love for God and neighbour and a strong desire for the salvation of souls. Count him already here on earth among your blessed ones and through his intercession grant us what we humbly ask for. You, who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen

Sunday 28 June 2020



WELCOME TO THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Life has many twists and turns and at times we are faced with challenges that seem heavy and burdensome. Jesus calls us to accept life in all its fullness, and this includes those challenging times. Challenges are the crosses of life which Jesus encourages us to embrace. Jesus meets us in these moments and continues to be by our side strengthening and carrying us, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus carried his cross and we when we carry our crosses in life, we are united to him in a most profound way.



GOSPEL READING: MATT 10:38, 40

"Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me"

Read the full text at

<https://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>

REFLECTION:

"To be a disciple involves pain. This is not a good in itself but a consequence of trying to be faithful in difficult situations and in the face of discouragement."

<https://www.sosj.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/13thSundayOrdinaryTime-YearA.pdf>



PRAYER:

Behold me, my beloved Jesus,
Permit me to lay down my cross in Your Sacred Heart,
For only Your infinite goodness can sustain me;
Only Your love can help me bear my cross;
Only your powerful hand can lighten its weight.
Jesus, be my hope and my refuge. Amen

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=873>



SAINT:

29 June - St Peter and St Paul the Apostles: together are the founders of the Holy See of Rome due to their ministry, preaching and martyrdom in the city. Both St Peter and St Paul are prominent figures in the Early Church and their leadership and ministry proclaimed the gospel far and wide and continues today. It is usual in Christian art that the two saints are depicted together and often they are embracing one another; brothers in Christ. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfhFTRQ48Io>



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

How to Carry your Cross – A Catholic:

<https://www.acatholic.org/how-to-carry-your-cross/>

Embracing Life's Givens with Solidarity and Compassion – The Good Oil:

<https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/embracing-lifes-givens-with-solidarity-and-compassion/>

God Will Not Give Up on You – Nick Vujicic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJ10Ei20hSU>

SONG:

At the Well – Rachel Vala:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOM3u_cdJ5s

THIS WEEK:

Can you lift the burden for someone this week? It might be something as simple as taking bins in for a neighbour or dropping in a homecooked meal to someone going through a difficult time.

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

Gospel Reading and Reflections for Kids:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYW4Tf2oW3M>

Prayer Style Quiz – Life Teen:

<https://lifeteen.com/blog/play-game-overunder-well-tell-ideal-prayer-style/>

MATTHEW 10:37-42

Find words below which can be found in today's Gospel reading

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FATHER	COLD	LOSE	CROSS
SAKE	CUP	SON	

<https://www.education.com/worksheet-generator/reading/word-search/c12r71>

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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3, 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to

be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.'

Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

or

Jn 17:20-21

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us,
that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we

are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.



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29/06 Monday Sts PETER and PAUL,
apostles
Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20;
Jn 21:15-19; Day: Acts 12:1-11;
2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

30/06 Tuesday Ordinary Time 13
Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

JULY

01/07 Wednesday Ordinary Time 13
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

02/07 Thursday Ordinary Time 13
Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

03/07 Friday St Thomas, apostle
Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

04/07 Saturday Ordinary Time 13
Amos 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17



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