### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors who are celebrating the Eucharist with us at Pittwater Parish -Sacred Heart Church and Maria Regina Church

### Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan

Become temples of the Holy Spirit! Pray that he enlightens you in times of danger! Oh how happy you will be, what peace, what bliss, what harmony, what happiness!

### **Stewardship Prayer**

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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#### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION for JULY For Formation in Discernment Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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### **MASS TIMES**

### **Sacred Heart Church**

1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction *from* 8.30 am followed by Mass

#### Wednesday 9.30 am

Thursday 7 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction *from* 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Friday 9:30 am First Friday of the month, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 9:30 am, followed by Healing Mass/ Anointing of the Sick at 10.30 am

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am & 6.00 pm (SOUL)

RECONCILIATION Saturday Vigil 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm

BAPTISM 4th Sunday of the Month 11.30 am

### **Maria Regina Church**

7 Central Road, Avalon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8.00 am

Wednesday 8.00 am

Thursday 10 am 9.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction at 9.45 am

Friday 8.00 am First Friday of the month, Healing Mass/ Anointing of the Sick at 8.00 am

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am

RECONCILIATION Before Vigil Mass on Saturday

BAPTISM 3rd Sunday of the Month 11.00 am



Gerhard Otto Wilhelm Liebig

May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### Prayer for the Sick

Anna Śmigowska Lily Janosik Giannina Amore Maureen Larios **Elaine Boyes Pauline Chipman Ron Clarke** Barbara Clarke Anna Katanec **Mother Pauline** Angela Miller Philip Khalifeh Joseph Khalifeh **Therese Keane Bruce Farr** Heidi Taylor James Jacinta Purnell - Major **Garry Gleeson** Nenita Roque Marie Celine Roque- Maca Neda Crvelin Jesse Cathersides

# **BOOK REVIEW**

John Henry Newman A Very English Saint by: Peter M Chisnall



Originally, as a member of the Church of England, Cardinal Newman sought to reinvigorate it, but later he decided to become a Catholic and all his work to reinvigorate it made him the saint he is today.

The strongest people make time to help others, even if they are struggling with their own problems.



### Liturgy for the Week

- 14/07 Monday, Ordinary Time 15 Ex 1:8-14, 22;Mt 10:34 - 11:1
- 15/07 Tuesday, St Bonaventure Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24
- 16/07 Wednesday, Ordinary Time 15 Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27
- 17/07 Thursday, Ordinary Time 15 Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
- 18/07 Friday, Ordinary Time 15 Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Mt 12:1-8
- 19/07 Saturday, Ordinary Time 15 Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21

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"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." MARK 10:14

For further information, please contact Maureen Wooldridge - 0421 907 469 or Veronica Thomas - 0417 061 534

### **ALAN AMES MINISTRY**

#### **Holy Mass and Healing Services**

Saturday, 9th August 5.00 pm Mass, Talk and Healing St Luke's Church, 1 Beaconsfield St, Revesby NSW 2212

#### *Sunday, 10th August* 6.00 pm Mass, Talk and Healing Sacred Heart Church, 2 Richard Porter Way, Pymble NSW 2073

Alan Ames has been speaking and praying for healing around the world since 1994. He was blessed to speak with church approval at World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto, where he conducted three talks. World Youth Day is a Papal event. Also, in 2004, again with church approval, he spoke at two of the holiest sites in Christendom; the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth and

St Catherine's, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Alan shares his unique conversion experiences that caused a dramatic change in his life from a violent alcoholic to a man of the Sacraments and prayer. Alan has permission to speak from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, his bishop in Western Australia. He is strictly obedient to his spiritual director, a priest selected by the previous Archbishop Barry Hickey.

#### Testimonies

#### **Nanette**

I was in a wheelchair and I wore braces on my limbs to keep them in a functional position. I had constant muscle spasm and excruciating pain. After Alan prayed over me, I had a warm tingling sensation in my body and I began to shake. I then asked a friend to remove my braces and although exhausted, I actually stood to get into the car! I do not need a wheelchair anymore. Since then, my life has improved on a daily basis, and my health has improved in ways the medical community has no explanation for, as there is no cure for my condition. John

My local hospital discovered a tumor on my liver that needed surgery to remove it. We went to Alan's healing service and I felt a tingling in my abdomen and back of my neck. I didn't think anymore about it and went to the hospital for surgery. The day before the surgery, they were trying to locate my tumor and couldn't find it with the ultrasound or x-ray. The doctor then confirmed the tumor was not there and three other doctors also looked for it and could not find anything. I've had eight x-rays since then and still, there is no tumor. Thank God!

Contact: Scott 0410 640 437 or alanames.org Please let everyone know about Alan Ames Ministry. Spread the word!

### PARISH MORNING TEA GATHERING

Everyone is welcome to join and get to know each other in our Parish Community. Every month after the 8 am Mass on the 1st Sunday and after the 10 am Mass on the 3rd Sunday at SACRED HEART CHURCH, MONA VALE

2nd and 4th Sundays after the 9 am Mass at the front of MARIA REGINA CHURCH, AVALON BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST GOD FORGAVE YOU. EPHESIANS 4:32



# **Parish Directory**

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Maria Regina School Avalon Tel 7256 2138 Principal: Ms Kirsty Thorpe

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### UPDATE FROM THE SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place as follows:

Maria Regina Church, Avalon Saturday, 6 September at 6 pm Sunday, 7 September at 9 am

Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale Saturday, 13 September at 5 pm Sunday, 14 September at 10 am and 12 noon

Children in Year 4 and above are eligible to receive this sacrament if they have done their First Reconciliation.

*Enrolments are not open yet.* For more information about the requirements of the program and to enrol your child, you <u>MUST</u> attend one of the following "Parent Information & Commitment" sessions (*children do not need to attend*).

*Thursday, 24 July at 7 pm -*Maria Regina Chuch, Avalon

or **Tuesday, 29 July at 7 pm -**Sacred Heart Church Mona Vale

If you have any questions, please email **Sonia** on sacraments@pittwaterparish.org



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# The Living Word

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

#### Psalm 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

#### First Reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14 A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

#### The word of the Lord

#### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33 (R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (**R**.)

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R.)** 

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (**R**.)

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)** 

#### Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,

and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

#### The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation** John 6:63. 68

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:25-37 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same vourself.

The word of the Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon Psalm 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

### **REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.

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a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him

LUKE 10:33