15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan Where there is prayer, there is grace; Prayer is your strength.

Pope Francis' **Prayer Intentions For July**

Elderly We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and resposibility.

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

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

If you have used this bulletin, please take it home with you.

Prayer for **Inner** Peace

Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm my troubled heart. My soul is like a turbulent sea. I can't seem to find my balance so I stumble and worry constantly. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me. Amen.



MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART CHURCH 1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale

Weekday Masses Tuesday 8.30am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 8am, followed by Mass at 9.30am Wednesday 9.30am Thursday 7pm **Exposition of the** Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 7.30pm to 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 • 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

Recently Deceased

Hugh Anthony Caillard Pamela Fay Schubert

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.

Prayers for the Sick

Beryl Peo-Duncan Michael Carrodus Pat Regan **Garry Gleeson** Annette Davis Andrew Hood Jeff Langley **Erin Ocampo Mark Lindfiels** Vicky Kalingasan **Bill Eyre** Brian Gregan **Mrian** Poe Marcia Bailey **Bec Burroughs** Susan Hickey Sophia Burfitt Margaret De Landre Maeve Robinson Jenny Carroll Matt Ukishima Pietrina Maiorana Susan Makabenta Mina Lee **Denise Wagner** Ron Leonie Ariemetto **Candy Ocampo** John Graham

<u>Liturgy for the Week</u>

11/07 Monday St Benedict Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34- 11:1

12/07 Tuesday Ordinary Time 15 Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

13/07 Wednesday Ordinary Time 15 Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27

14/07 Thursday Ordinary Time 15 Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

15/07 Friday St Bonaventure Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

16/07 Saturday Ordinary Time 15 Micah 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

BOOK REVIEW

St John's Gospel The Navarre Bible



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Pope Francis receives landmark Uluru document



A Sydney academic and proud Aboriginal woman said she was deeply honoured to meet Pope Francis last week and to have presented him with a personal copy of the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which is expected to help guide Indigenous policy over coming years in Australia. The Director of Gweagal Cultural Connections and lecturer in Aboriginal spirituality at ACU, Ms Theresa Ardler, said she met Pope Francis by chance while in Rome to deliver a presentation at ACU's Rome campus as part of Laudato Si' Week.

Australia's Ambassador to the Holy See, Ms Chiara Porro heard Dr Ardler's presentation and then invited her to meet Pope Francis and present him with a copy of the landmark Uluru Statement from the Heart. Alongside Ms Ardler at the meeting with the Holy Father was Ambassador Porro, who also acted as a translator, ACU's Dean of Theology and Philosophy, Professor Dermot Nestor and ACU's Jacqui Remond who had coordinated the Rome conference in her role with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Ms Ardler said it was a deeply personal moment she will never forget as a proud Gweagal woman.

"I gave the Pope my crucifix which I painted and which was a Franciscan cross and he absolutely loved that", she explained in an interview with The Catholic Weekly. "I was so proud that I wore an Aboriginal flag at the meeting and I was very conscious too that Pope Francis has done so much for Indigenous peoples around the world, especially in his own home country of Argentina, where he has stood in solidarity with Indigenous peoples in the Amazon region".

The recently elected federal Labor government, led by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, has committed itself fully to the Uluru Statement, which includes a pledge to establish a First Nations Voice to Federal Parliament, to be enshrined in the Australian Constitution. The statement, which was signed in 2017 by 250 Indigenous representatives at a National Convention, also calls for the setting up of a dedicated commission to supervise the process of determining a treaty in Australia between governments and First Nations people. It also raises concerns over the high incarceration rate for Indigenous Australians, saying it has meant Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Peoples are "proportionally... the most incarcerated people on the planet"". Ms Ardler said she is very conscious of the great personal hardships faced by Indigenous Australians and the tragedy of the stolen generations. She believes the Catholic Church has a pivotal part to play in reaching those in the community in greatest need and it's pivotal it continue to play that role. "I lost both my parents by the time I turned 18 and I've had nothing but absolute support from the Catholic Church, through my educational studies and I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for the Catholic Church and the support I received", she said. Ms Ardler is the Director of Gweagal Cultural Connections, a business that educates school and university communities about the richness of Aboriginal culture and spirituality.She has worked as a primary school teacher, specialising in religious education and is currently undertaking doctoral studies in Aboriginal spirituality through Charles Darwin University. In the days leading up to the meeting with Pope Francis, Ms Ardler delivered a presentation, "Caring for Creation- Our Oceans and our Totems Humpback Whales: Song and Cry of Mother Earth", focused on her personal struggle to protect her ancestral home on the NSW South Coast. The presentation was part of Laudato Si' Week, marking seven years since Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the theme of caring for the environment. Ms Ardler told the conference, how pollution from household chemicals in South Coast waterways has tragically effectively put an end to traditional fishing practices, around Jervis Bay. "The pollution in our water is killing our sea turtles and it is no longer safe to drink tap water for people in my community. We have now filed a class action for cultural loss in relation to fishing and gathering of seafood", she said. "Sadly, our sea turtles are being poisoned and the hatchlings are not growing enough to enter the sea. So we are working on management strategies to support these beautiful creatures, so they don't become extinct".

ACU's Jacqui Remond praised Theresa's presentation and her great advocacy for the protection of her ancestral lands and ocean waters. "We have to remember that Pope Francis very much recognised the importance of engaging with Indigenous peoples in implementing the fruits of Laudato Si', given the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon were the first peoples he visited after releasing the encyclical in 2013", she explained. "It's very much about encouraging the faithful to see all the beauty and songs and cries of creation that we need to respond to, so that our future generations can enjoy sustainable lives".

> By Michael Kenny The Catholic Weekly

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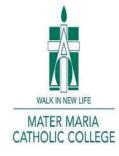
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Parish Bulletin – Term 2, Week

On Monday, Year 11 students attended a Modern History incursion at the College. This was a live presentation of artefacts from trench warfare during World War One. This provided our students with a valuable insight into primary sources in relation to their study of this time. On Tuesday, Year 7 students participated in the World of Maths Day in our Marana Complex. This involved problemsolving games which incorporated the 'Working Mathematically' syllabus outcomes.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and students attending the Years 8, 9 and 10 Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday evening and Thursday during school hours.

These interviews gave parents the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with teachers and implement plans, if necessary, to enable their child to achieve their personal best.

It is currently enrolment time for students who would be starting high school in 2024. This week concluded the first round of offers to parents, and parents and students on the waiting list have now had a meeting with our Principal, Marc Reicher. Early next term all those who have been offered positions will meet in small groups with the Principal to gain some valuable insights into Mater Maria and have any questions answered.

Applications for Year 7, 2025 are now open. There are waiting lists for Year 7, 2023 and Year 7, 2024. For more information about enrolling at our Mater Maria Catholic College please visit

https://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/.



Thinking about World Youth Day 2023? Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting young people of the Diocese to join him on an experience of a lifetime. Go on pilgrimage to Italy to see the homes and sites of the saints, and on to Lisbon, Portugal to join youth from around the world for WYD23. Check out the CYBB WYD website for further information and subscribe to join the mailing list to start your journey.

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UPDATE ON OUR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022 Parent Information Session It is imperative to attend ONE of these sessions: Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale 26 July 2022, Tuesday at 7:30 pm Maria Regina Church, Avalon 28 July 2022, Thursday at 7:30 pm

*Children in Year 4 and over are eligible to receive this sacrament if they have been confirmed.

First Reconciliation Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale 25 October 2022, Tuesday 4.30 pm- 5:30 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm Maria Regina Church, Avalon 3 November 2022, Thursday 4:30 pm- 5:30 pm



Help the good Samaritan find the injured man and take him to the inn at Jericho.



Luke 10:25-37

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The Living Word

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:15

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

First Reading

Dt 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

Col 1:15-20

A reading from the first 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 warted

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 See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 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 yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 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

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 neighbor?' 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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