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Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

Lord Jesus Christ,
Saviour of the world,
you called Francis Mary Jordan
to be your apostle,
to make God known and loved
by all people everywhere,
using all the means your love
inspires. You filled him with
universal apostolic zeal, with a
deep trust in God's loving
providence, with a profound
spirit of prayer, with a sincere
devotion to Mary,
Mother of the Saviour,
and with the courage to follow
you, even into the mystery of
the Cross.

Grant also to me the grace to
proclaim the Gospel in this
spirit and make me an effective
apostle in today's world.

Through the intercession of
Blessed Francis Jordan,
I pray to you for my special
needs.

I make this prayer through you,
my Saviour, who lives and reigns
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
forever and ever. Amen.

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



Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan

Always be joyful and praise God constantly,
whatever may break in upon you.
Yes, always be joyful.

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



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY For a Eucharistic Life

We Pray that Catholics may place the celebration
of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives,
transforming human relationships in a very deep
way and opening to the encounter with God
and all their brothers and sisters.

**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**

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 8:30 am, 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

We Pray for
Deceased Anniversary
Robert Hagar
Augustine Neo Eng Guan

Recently Deceased

Joanne Key

Alec Norek

Joseph Murphy

Lindsay Walker

Beryl Peo-Duncan

Prayer for the Sick

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Guy Zofrea

Avelino Samartin

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New stock is now available at the Vinnies Sacred Heart Piety Store.

All proceeds of the Piety Store go to St Vincent de Paul.

All transactions are CASH only, as we do not have EFTPOS facilities.

Any queries, please contact the Parish Office on 9157 0999.

BOOK REVIEW

Christ Present in the Eucharist
by: Frank O'Loughlin



This book communicates the energy and comprehensive celebration of life that are central to it.

For a short book it stirs a flock of ideas and explorations.

Liturgy for the Week

24/07 Monday, Ordinary Time 16
Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

25/07 Tuesday, St James
2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

26/07 Wednesday, Sts Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9

27/07 Thursday, Ordinary Time 16
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20; Mt 13:10-17

28/07 Friday, Ordinary Time 16
Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

29/07 Saturday, Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27

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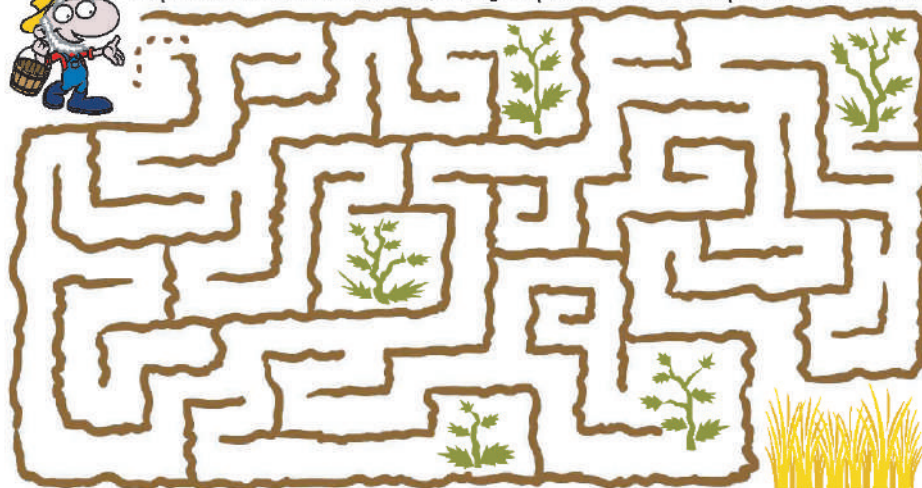
What are some of the "weeds" in our lives that stop us from growing?

Circle the things plants need in order to grow.



Write down or draw some of the things we need to make ourselves grow.

Help the farmer scatter the seed by finding the path to the wheat. Keep a look out for weeds!



Mt 13:24-30

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Maria Regina Church

Saturday, 2 September @ 6:00 pm

Sunday, 3 September @ 9:00 am

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, 9 September @ 5:00 pm

Sunday, 10 September @ 10:00 am & 12 noon

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

For more information about the requirements and to enroll your child, you MUST attend one of the parent information sessions as below (children do not need to attend).

**The first Parent Information was held last
Wednesday, 19 July
and the next session will be on**

**Tuesday, 25 July (Maria Regina Church)
@ 7:30 pm**

**Weekly group preparation sessions run for
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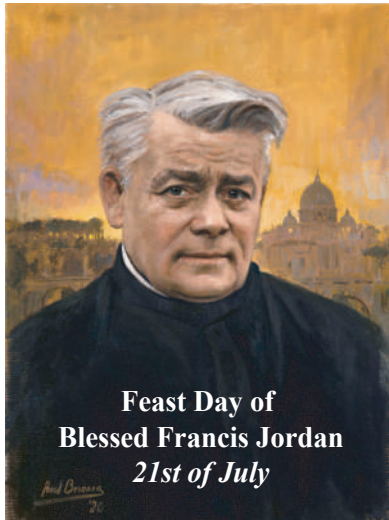
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Special Fundraiser

*We would be so grateful if you can help us
raise money for replacing the flower
arrangements and for the framing of the
Divine Mercy canvas print at
Maria Regina Church.*

*There will be Special Fundraiser envelopes
at the Churches' entrance.*

Thank you so much for your generosity!



**Feast Day of
Blessed Francis Jordan
21st of July**

Early life and study in Germany

It was Gurtweil, a small place in southwestern Baden, just a few kilometers from the district town of Waldshut, close to the Swiss border, that became the hometown of Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, founder of the Salvatorians. Father Francis Jordan was born on June 16, 1848, second son to Lawrence and Notburga nee Peter. On the following day he was baptized at the local parish church with the name John Baptist.

Being brought up in a poor family, he was not able to realize his dream of becoming a priest, although as a teenager he had already become aware of his vocation at the moment of his First Communion. After finishing primary school he worked as a laborer and painter-decorator, traveling in what was then Germany.

He noticed the difficult spiritual situation of his homeland and of the other European countries. The people would turn away from God and leave the faith. The Church was limited in performing its mission by the state (Kulturkampf). All these experiences made Jordan's faith stronger and his conviction of being called to the priesthood clearer. He finally decided to follow his vocation and to begin studies in theology.

In 1869 he started private lessons with his priest friends in Waldshut; after that, he studied at the gymnasium in Constance. The time of secondary studies required much effort from Jordan but, at the same time, despite his difficulties with sciences, he developed his talent for languages. For the graduation exam he presented an essay in eight European languages and another one in four other languages.

Growing in vocation to become a FOUNDER

In 1874 John Baptist began his studies of theology and philology at the Ludwig Albert University in Freiburg in Breisgau. After successfully finishing it, he started his preparation for the priesthood at St. Peter Seminary, close to that town. He used the time of theological studies to deepen his faith and spirituality.

Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan

He continued receiving the sacraments regularly, which had been his usual practice since childhood, and he devoted much time to prayer. Also, he began writing his spiritual diary, in which he would note the most important insights until his death. This diary has become an invaluable source of knowledge for his personality and spiritual profile.

On July 21, 1878, Jordan was ordained to the priesthood and later, on the order of his bishop, he left for Rome to begin studies of oriental languages: Syrian, Aramaic, Coptic, Arabic, as well as Hebrew and Greek.

From the time of his theological studies he had a growing conviction that he was being called by God to found a new apostolic work in the Church, in which members would defend the faith and contribute to enlivening it, by proclaiming to all people that Jesus Christ is the only Savior.

This conviction became even stronger during a trip to the Middle East in 1880. After returning to Rome he started implementing his idea of founding a community of religious and lay with the above mentioned apostolic purpose.

This would be organized into three groups, called "grades": the first one for those who, like the Apostles, leave everything and, living community life, devote themselves entirely to proclaiming the Good News; the second for academics, who spread the Divine truths by publications; and the third for those lay people who, remaining in their families and within the reality of their everyday life, would proclaim the Savior above all through the witness of a good Christian life.

Developing two branches of the Society

Father Jordan's work received the name Apostolic Teaching Society, and on December 8, 1881, its first grade was officially inaugurated in Rome, at Piazza Farnese 96. A year later the name was changed to the Catholic Teaching Society, and in November, 1882, the growing community with Father Jordan moved to a building in Borgo Vecchio 165, which became their Motherhouse.

Several months later the structure was changed into two religious congregations, one of men and one of women. A few years later the community of women separated from Jordan and became the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother. In 1893 the men's community received its current name: Society of the Divine Savior.

Father Jordan devoted himself totally to the work of developing his institute as its founder, spiritual guide, and superior general. This multiple role was not easy

for him, as it entailed serious effort, especially when he faced different organizational, financial and personnel difficulties.

At the same time, however, it gave him a profound internal joy, based on his unshakeable trust in Divine Providence and on his deep conviction that it was the way of putting into life his foundational vocation and a contribution to the salvation of souls.

Thanks to his great determination he founded a second female religious congregation (Sisters of the Divine Savior) in 1888 with Therese von Wuellenweber (Blessed Mary of the Apostles).

Developing two branches of the Society

Another important development was taking over a mission in Assam, as well as founding new houses of the Society in various countries of Europe and other parts of the world. Through all these experiences Father Jordan matured as a human being, as a religious, and as a priest and founder, developing his personality and growing spiritually.

The foundation of this spiritual growth was his deep love of God and neighbor, his perseverance in prayer, his trust in Divine Providence, as well as his humility, love for the Eucharist, courageous acceptance of the cross, and fidelity to the Church. Over the course of time Father FJordan began to be considered as a man who led a holy life, both by the members of his community and by people from outside. At the same time he witnessed the important development of his work both geographically and numerically.

In 1915, because of World War I, the Society leadership, together with Father Francis Jordan, was forced to move from Rome to neutral Switzerland. After withdrawing from the active administration of his institute at the general chapter in 1915, Father Jordan spent the last three years of his life in Fribourg (Switzerland).

He died in a small hospice in Tafers near Fribourg on September 8, 1918, and was buried in the local parish church. In 1956 his mortal remains were transferred to the Society Mother house in Rome.



Rapid Antigen Tests

There are still a number of RATs at the Parish Office that are available for everyone.

The Royal North Shore Hospital kindly donated these tests to our Parish community.

The *Living* Word

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R)**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous
deeds, you who alone are God. **(R.)**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love
and truth, turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things

that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Psalm 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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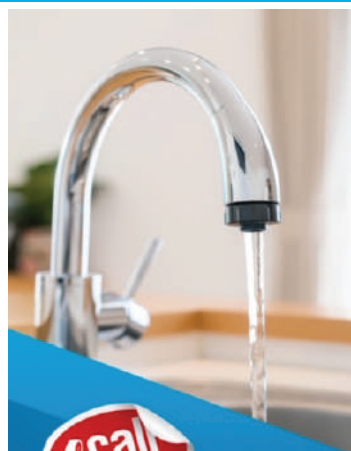
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