14th May & 15th May 2022

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

# The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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

Act of Love

O my God, I love You above all things with my whole heart and soul, because You are all good and worthy of love. I love my neighbour as myself for the love of You I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon for all whom I have injured.

Amen.





## **Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan**

Love and serve God with all your might. He is Most High and All Holy. In Him alone you will find true peace. good example.

## True love comes from God.

Pope Francis' Continue to practise good A warm welcome Prayer Intentions hygiene. *Please use the* to all our parishioners For May hand sanitisers provided and visitors who are in both of our Churches. celebrating the Eucharist with us at Pittwater Parish It is our responsibilty to - Sacred Heart Church and protect others and ourselves and stop the Maria Regina Church. **Faith-Filled Young People** We pray for all young people, called to live life to spread of COVID-19 in Australia. LIKE US ON the fullest; may they see in facebook Mary's life the way to listen, The Catholic Parish the depth of discernment, of Pittwater If you have used this the courage that faith bulletin, please take it You can find us on generates, and the home with you. Instagram

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dedication to service.

## **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

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

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

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.

Prayers for the Sick Beryl Peo-Duncan Michael Carrodus Pat Regan Garry Gleeson Annette Davis Andrew Hood Jeff Langley Warwick Chipman Erin Ocampo Mark Lindfield Vicky Kalingasan Bill Eyre Brian Gregan Marian Poe Marcia Bailey Bec Burroughs Susan Hickey Sophia Burfitt Margaret De Landre Maeve Robinson Jenny Carroll Matt Ukishima Pietrina Maiorana Susan Makabenta Dominic Ursino Diane Williams Denise Wagner Ron Leonie Ariemetto

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

## To All Parishioners

"Voice of the Martyrs", Chaplain, Rev. Ray Wadeley will be speaking at the Parish Centre at 10.00 a.m., on Monday 23rd May. The persecuted church world-wide has many miracles taking place. Rev. Wadeley will be telling us of some of those miracles. Everyone is welcome to attend.





Our Duke of Edinburgh students have been undertaking their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh practice Adventurous Journey in and around Glenworth Valley onthe Central Coast. The expedition is in preparation for their qualifying walk which takes place in September. Students practiced their navigational skills and carried all their food, clothing, tents andsleeping bags in their backpacks.We are blessed with sunshine andwarm temperatures and all students demonstrated great teamwork, culminating in a wonderful two days of hiking and camping inbeautiful surroundings.

Our Yr 7 and 9 students applied themselves with diligence as they sat their literacy and numeracy NAPLAN tests for the first in four years this week. It is also the first time they sat the assessments online. The last two years have been challenging for our students with lockdowns, floods and Covid cases keeping students out of the classrooms and we therefore give

thanks to all our students for their best efforts this week.

Despite the wet weather, many of our students in years 7 to 11 participated in the BBSSSA Cross Country Championship which was held at St Ives Showground. This month our Year 12 student Sarah Cassidy, will have one of her short stories The Apple Tree published in Voiceworks magazine. Voiceworks is an Australian quarterly literary journal that features exciting new fiction, nonfiction, poetry, art and comics by people under the age of 25. A huge congratulations to Sarah on such a promising start to her writing career!

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/

## Liturgy for the Week

16/05 **Monday of the 5th Week of Easter** Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

- 17/05 **Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter** Acts 14:119-28; Jn 14:27-31
- 18/05 Wednesday of the 5th Week of Easter Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
- 19/05 **Thursday of the 5th Week of** Easter Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

20/05 **Friday of the 5th Week of Easter** Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

21/05 **Saturday of the 5th Week** of Easter Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21



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## LIVESTREAMS READINGS NEWS



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## Learníng to love as <u>God</u> loves



In the Beatitudes, Christ taught the disciples, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes the sun rise on the evil and on the good, andsends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous" (Matthew 5:44-45). What a poignant way for Christ to explain God's unconditional love for all people and to call his followers to emulate that love.

An old Christopher prayer card reflects this wisdom in its plea for us to grow in the love of God. It reads, "Help us to grow in your love – a love that doesn't gloss over failings but one that stresses the good in everyone. Then, Lord, as we increase our ability to love as Jesus did, bring us closer to the kingdom prepared for us."

This prayer picks up on some key ways in which we can learn to love as God loves. It shows that God's love does not ignore our failings, but can also see past those failings to the good in each of us. This can help us to understand why God showers the blessings of this world on good and bad people alike. He understands our failings and wants us to repent and become better people, but he also sees our good qualities and knows that the best way for us to change is to increase in those good qualities rather than by simply harping on our faults.

This outlook can change the way we relate to other people. Only when we see the good in others can we respond to them in ways that invite them to increase those qualities. In a Psychology Today article titled "See the Good in Others," neuropsychologist Dr. Rick Hanson shows how noticing people's positive traits can produce amazing results, but he notes that we must first understand that good intentions are often intertwined with qualities we perceive as negative.

"For example," Hanson writes, "a toddler throwing

mashed potatoes wants fun, a teenager dripping attitude wants higher status, and a mate who avoids housework wants leisure."

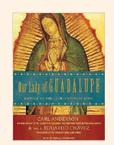
Hanson also shares a personal story of how he was changed when someone chose to focus on his positive attributes. He recalls always being picked last for teams in gym class as he was growing up. But when he got to college, he joined an intramural touch football team led by a quarterback who understood how to draw the best out of people. Hanson writes, "After one practice, he told me in passing, 'You're good and I'm going to throw to you.' I was floored. But this was the beginning of me realizing that I was actually quite a good athlete. His recognition also made me play better which helped our team. Thirty-five years later I can still remember his comment. He had no idea of its impact, yet it was a major boost to my sense of worth. In the same way, unseen ripples spread far and wide when we see abilities in others – especially if we acknowledge them openly."

The greater people's faults, the more difficult it becomes to see the good in them, which is why we must practice this skill in little ways with all those we encounter. This way, we will prepare ourselves to act like Christ, even in the most challenging situations, because only when we see the good in the most hardened and challenging people will we truly love like God.

> By Father Ed Dougherty, M.M. Syndicated Columnist Catholic Review

BOOK REVIEW Our Lady of Guadalupe

by Carl Anderson



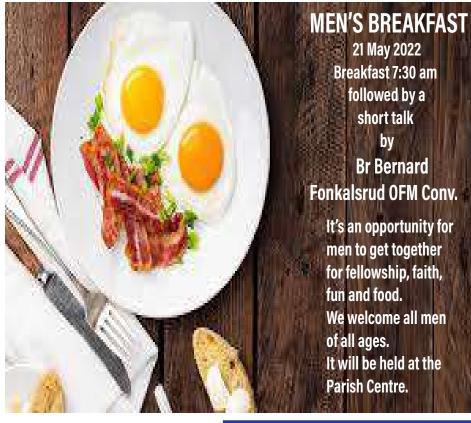
The Virgin Mary appeared to a native American Christian near Mexico City. Her message of love replaced the institutionalized violence of the Aztecs and built a bridge between two worlds. SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The weekly preparation groups are starting on Monday, 16 May 2022 Thank you to all the Facilitators who volunteered to lead this program.

If you need more information, please email Sonia on *sacraments@pittwaterparish.org* 

## Sacrament of Confirmation is on Saturday, 18 June 2022

Maria Regina Church, Avalon at 10:30 am Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale at 1 pm and 2:30 pm







Starting 15th May and each third Sunday thereafter there will be barista. coffee served in the Parish Centre after the 10:00am Mass at Sacred Heart. Please come and enjoy fellowship with your friends and parishioners and support the work of the Good Samaritan Rural Outreach Program.

Good Samaritan Oblates are now carrying on this work. Sister Anna asked that the donations from our parish be used to support Khyan Townsend. Khyan is now in Year 11 at the Nagle Catholic College in Geraldton WA. Khyan's younger sister Sharlie also now attends Nagle Catholic College These two Aboriginal students are doing very well and remain focussed on furthering their education. By coming to our Coffee Mornings and making a donation you will be supporting them. At the same time you can enjoy a cup of coffee and a bite to eat with friends. Hope to see you!

short talk by **Br Bernard** Fonkalsrud OFM Conv. It's an opportunity for men to get together for fellowship, faith, fun and food. We welcome all men of all ages.

We welcome to **Pittwater Parish** for the **Sacrament of Baptism** 

Maria Regina Church **Avalon** Josua Paul Richmond Marcus Isaac Jahn Louis Calvin Schlitter

> **Sacred Heart Church Mona Vale** Livia May Laxale



## SERRA VOCATIONS MASS

Bishop Anthony Randazzo will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral 23 Yardley Avenue Waitara commencing at 6.00 pm on

Thursday 26th May 2022. This is a special Mass to celebrate the vocations of our 8 seminarians and our 4 diaconate aspirants and the 40th anniversary of the charter of the Serra Vocations Ministry in Broken Bay.

Members of the Diocesan Vocations Team and the Diaconate Formation Team will be in attendance.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Everyone is welcome.



event run in collaboration with the French Forest Catholic Parish Social Justice Group and the Kierans Creek Landcare Group with support by Mona Vale Music. Date: Sunday, 29 May 2022 Address: St Anthony in the Fields Church, 46 Myoora Rd Terry Hills Session One: Talking, Walking Country Free Event: 2:30 pm for a 2:45 pm start, finishing at 3:30 pm Session Two: Singing Up Country 3:45 pm Smoking Ceremony, 4 pm start Tickets: Full Price \$50 Pensioners & Students \$35 Children under 16 Free Bookings are Essential: www.trybooking.com/BYCFY



5th Sunday of Easter, Year C Jesus tells us to love each other as he loves us. How did Jesus show us that he loves us?

## Write or Draw

things you can do to show your love for others?

## Family

## Friends

## **PEOPLE IN NEED**

## Use the words below to **COMPLETE** these Scripture passages

"Love your \_\_\_\_\_, do good to those who \_\_\_\_ you."

"You shall **love** the \_\_\_\_ your God with all your \_\_\_\_, and with all your soul." *Matthew 22:37* 

"You shall **love** your \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself." *Matthew* 22:39

"Just as I have \_\_\_\_\_ you, you also should **love** one \_\_\_\_\_." *John 13:34* 

Lord enemies hate loved heart neighbour another

## The Living Word

**Entrance Antiphon** *Cf. Ps 97:1-2* 

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

#### First Reading Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

#### The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

## (R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (**(R)** 

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat theirblessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reignand declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deedsand the glorious splendour of your reign.(**R**)

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R)** 

**Second Reading** *Rv 21:1-5* 

#### A reading from the book of the

**Apocalypse** *He will wipe away all the tears from their* 

eyes. I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men.

He will make his home among them;

they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

#### The word of the Lord

#### Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

### Jn13:31-35

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.* 

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

#### **Communion Antiphon** Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

### REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSS

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members. The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different. The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells

in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God. Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.

*Touch of Heaven* (Alan Ames Ministry) *Holy Mass and Healing* 

*Service* Saturday 11th June 5 pm

Mass, Talk & Healing St Luke the Evangelist 1 Beaconsfield St Revesby NSW 2212

## Sunday 12th June 6 pm

Mass, Talk & Healing Sacred Heart Catholic Church 2 Rychard 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. He spoke again in 2004, he spoke at two holiest sites in Christendom; the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth and St Catherine's, the Church of 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 prayers. Alan has permission to speak Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, his bishop in WA.

For more information please contact Scott Ross 0410640437 Web page: alanames.org Advertising Space Available

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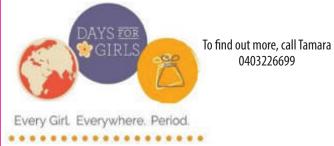






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