

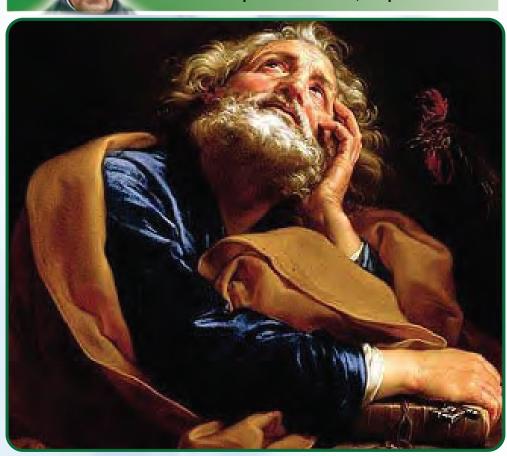
Sacred Heart & Maria Regina. Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.

In this Challenging Time

Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people. Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence. We place in your gentle heart the elderly, the frail. people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care. In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills. We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

Hope comes from faith! We must have great faith, and without great faith we cannot have hope or confidence in God, or hope in the Lord!



Pope Francis'
Prayer Intentions
For August

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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



Happy Birthday Bishop

Bishop Bernard celebrates his 89th birthday on Monday 24 August.

May God's loving presence in your life be felt strongly on your birthday and every day.

trybooking:

To ensure that we fulfil the requirements of the 80 (Mona Vale) and 100 (Avalon) 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. Further weekend Masses will be added each week, taking into consideration any changes in government restrictions.

Here are some pointers that might help:

- 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.
- 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"
- You will then need to enter the First Name and the Last Name of each of the Attendees. Then click NEXT.
- 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.

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

LIBRARY

Now that the restrictions have been lifted concerning the opening of churches, although at present only 100 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

We Pray for

Recently Deceased

Maureen Casey James Burns Kathleen Brown

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.

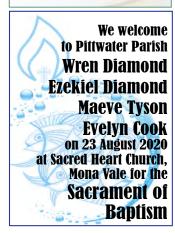
Deceased Anniversary

Matthew S<mark>eve</mark> Souls of the faith<mark>ful</mark> departed Maria Concetta Papandrea Lisa Hill

Prayers for the Sick

Bill Eyre
Manny Zarb
Philip Maddrel
Gall Reiher
Imelda Vince
Eric Domagas
Vicky Villaluz
Ben Castillo
Moira Howie
Carol Brennan
Jomar
Christine Hills
Donald McRae
Sara Zofrea
Beryl Peo-Duncan
Joe Romeo
John Charles Graham
Michael Carrodus
Pat Regan
Robyn Sheather
Lynette Buhat
Jan Nuelle

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







from Our Schools



Mater Maria Catholic College

We are praying for all our Year 12 students curently sitting their Trial HSC examinations this week. For most courses it will conclude their school-based assessment and indicates that they are concluding their programs of study. In addition, over the coming weeks HSC major projects and performances will be presented for marking. We have had 'Tomorrow Man/Woman' presenting to our Year 10 students this week. Their workshops aim to enable students to confidently navigate a world of expectations, demands and emotional complexity, to create a healthier life for themselves and the people they love. We are very thankful that local community school sport has been able to continue during the COVID-19 situation. Our students continue to play their best for the Peninsula Cup U14 and U16 Rugby competitions and Open Boys Soccer Competition. Some of our other news and events

Some of our other news and events can be found here:
www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au/news
-events/

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. 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.

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.





DVD REVIEW

Mary The Mary MacKillop Story



A dramatic recreation of her life and her commitment to educate all people, regardless of their social status or religious beliefs.

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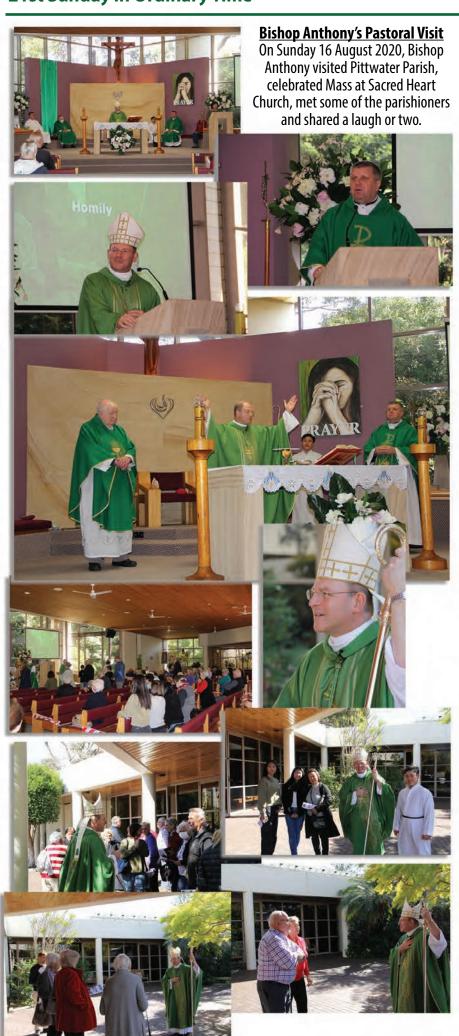
Spiritual Communion Prayer

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.



INVITATION

TO NON-CATHOLICS AS WELL AS **CATHOLICS**

We are happy to invite everybody who would like to know more about our Catholic faith tradition to join our next RCIA programme of our Parish in Pittwater starting on Wednesday, September 4, 2020.
If Jesus asked us as he queried Peter and his disciples "Who do people say the Son of Man is?", what would our answer be??
Our RCIA team (RCIA stands for 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults') would love to share our answers with you based on our faith tradition and our personal experience.

In 24 informal evening sessions we discuss some of life's deeper questions:
- What does it mean to be Catholic today?

- What can the Bible and the Church tell us in this day and age? - What do we really believe, really?

In the past few years close to 60 people have joined us and given us numerous enthusiastic responses. Many participants testify to this every year by becoming full or renewed members of our Church at Easter.

Why not you?

In view of the ongoing COVID restrictions would you please register at our Parish Office (02 9157 0999) before September 3 and join us on Wednesday, September 4, at 7.30pm (for 90 mins) in our Parish Centre at Mona Vale Sacred Heart Church.

Everybody is welcome!

Position Vacant

Catechist Coordinator, Lower North Shore Parish

Casual Role: 4 - 10 hours per week

The Catholic Parish of Lower North Shore requires a committed person to lead the Special Religious Education (SRE) ministry in the Parish. This involves supporting the catechists; coordinating classes and resources; communicating with the various stakeholders at the schools, Parish and Chancery; and looking after the administration of the ministry in the Parish.

The successful applicant should be enthusiastic for the work of SRE, and be able to inspire and direct the catechists in their implementation of classroom programs and the organisation of activities beyond the classroom, in the spirit of the Parish Pastoral Plan.

For a position description or more information, please email recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au or call Jackie Hanson (Chancery HR) on 8379 1667. View the full advertisement on the Diocesan website: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

The successful applicant must be eligible to work in Australia; hold a current unrestricted driver's licence; and will be required to undertake a pre-employment National Police History Check

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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.

Our Beautiful Queen: Lessons on the Queenship of Mary

By Gretchen Filz



One of the most beautiful and universal titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary is her title as Queen, honoured on the August 22nd feast of the Queenship of Mary, the octave day of the feast of her Assumption. What does this mean, and what is the Church tradition on this doctrine of the Catholic Faith?

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN MARY ENTERED HEAVEN

The Queenship of Mary is very closely associated with the dogma of her Assumption into heaven. Catholic Tradition holds that once Mary, the Mother of God was assumed into heaven at the end of her earthy life, she was then crowned as Queen of both Heaven and Earth to reign alongside her Son, the King. This is why the two events in Mary's life are side by side in the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Pope John Paul II, in his apostolic letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae writes of this Glorious Mystery of her Coronation:

"Christ was raised in glory to the right hand of the Father, while Mary herself would be raised to that same glory in the Assumption, enjoying before hand, by a unique privilege, the destiny reserved for all the just at the resurrection of the dead.

Crowned in glory — as she appears in the last glorious mystery — Mary shines forth as Queen of the Angels and Saints, the anticipation and the supreme realisation of the eschatological state of the Church."

Here we see that after the end of Mary's earthly life she was exalted even above the angels in heaven, having a unique privilege and place as the Mother of Jesus Christ, who is both fully God and fully man.



Prayer in Honour of the Queenship of Mary

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness. O thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope.

We recognise your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph. We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. You are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Saviour, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognise her rights as Mother and as Queen.

Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign!

Amen.

To read the messages from Bishop Anthony, please go to www.pittwaterparish.org. News and events tile and Messages from Bishop Anthony on the drop down menu.

Music Changes During Mass

Due to the ongoing spread of COVID-19 in Australia, you will notice some music changes being implemented for the time being. These will reduce the risk of any transmission occurring in our churches, while also enabling us to maintain music as an important part of the liturgy. Choirs in both churches and the use of woodwind instruments have already been suspended, and further measures include having fewer musicians leading the hymns and the parts of the mass (such as the Gloria), will be said.



Who do you say I am'



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Mt 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Who do you say Jesus is? Write some words which describe Jesus.

Match up each of these symbols of St Peter with its correct story









Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that he would be the foundation upon which the church would be built.

When Jesus first met Peter and his brother Andrew he said to them, "Follow me!" Immediately they stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that they would desert him. Peter told Jesus he would never desert him, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times.

Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter; to you I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

The Living Word

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 85:1* Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading Is 22:19-23 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash. entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder: should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 11:33-36 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church:

the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia.

Gospel Mt 16:13-20 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

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The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

or Cf. Jn 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when

they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

It is our responsibilty to protect others and ourselves and stop the spread of COVID-19 in Australia.

As we move towards living COVIDSafe, it is important that you **stay at home if you feel unwell.** If you have cold or flu like symptoms, such as a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose or shortness of breath, you should seek medical advice and get tested for COVID-19. You should get tested even if your symptoms are mild.

If you have a coughing episode in Church, we advice you to step out to the courtyard, or the parish centre, away from others for the moment.

Continue to practise good hygiene.

Please use the hand sanitisers

provided, in both of our Churches.

Everyone must also stay 1.5 metres away from other people whenever possible.

If you have been overseas or interstate in the last 14 days, or have been in contact with a confirmed case of Covid 19 in the last 14 days, as much as we would like you to be with us here in Church, we appreciate your prayers more than you presence in this situation.

We will continue to record names and contact details of those present at services along with the date and time they attend.

MASK for MASS

The use of face masks is encouraged to keep our communities safe during this time.





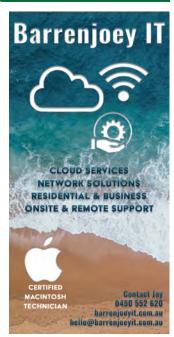
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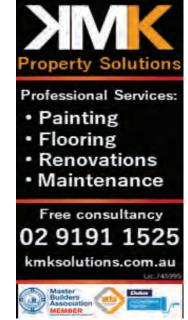




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Liturgy for the Week

24/08 **Monday St Batholemew,** *apostle* Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51

25/08 **Tuesday Ordinary Time 21** 2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

26/08 **Wednesday Ordinary Time 21** 2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

27/08 **Thursday St Monica** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51 (Alt. Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16; Lk 7:11-17)

28/08 **Friday St Augustine,** bishop, doctor 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13 (Alt. 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 23:8-12)

29/08 Saturday The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr (Jer 1:17-19); Mk 6:17-29





ENROLLING NOW for YEAR 7 2023

If you wish to enrol your daughter for Year 7 2023 at Stella Maris College, the Registration form needs to be received by the Registrar no later than Friday 18 September 2020.

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