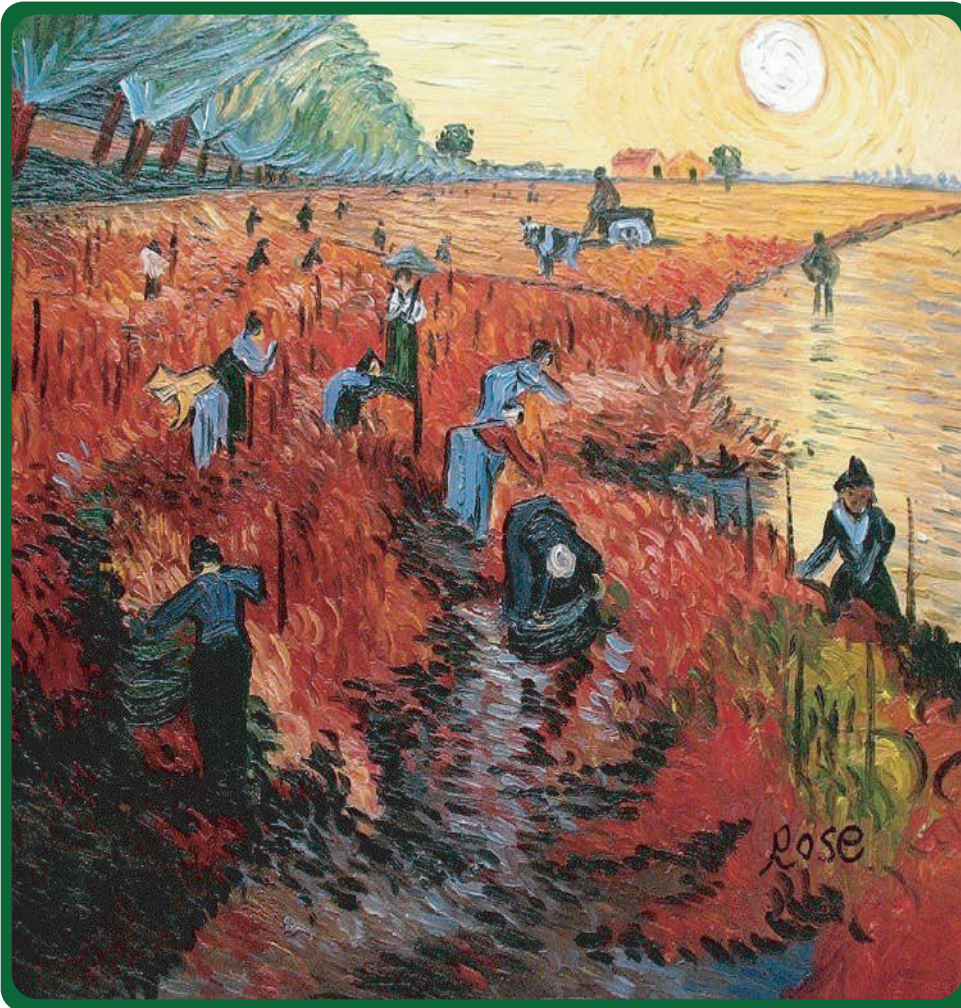




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Prayer for Migrant and Refugees

O God, Father Almighty, grant us the grace to work tirelessly for justice, solidarity and peace, so that all your children may enjoy the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce all the horrors of our world, and to combat every justice that mars the beauty of your children and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit, so that we can reflect your tender love to every migrant whom you place in our path, and to spread in hearts, and in every situation, the culture of encounter and of care.
Amen.



Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan

But everything through God, with God, and for God. All peoples, races, nations and tongues, glorify the Lord our God.

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



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For People Living on the Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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

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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
Denise Carmody
Mare Reskov

Recently Deceased
David Traves

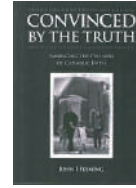
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DVD REVIEW

Convinced by the Truth

By: Fr John Fleming



This DVD tells of Dr John Fleming who was an agnostic in his teens and later, was ordained into the Anglican Church but the doctrines made him decide to become a Catholic priest instead.

KEEP YOUR LIVES FREE FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY AND BE CONTENT WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, FOR GOD HAS SAID: "NEVER WILL I LEAVE YOU, NEVER WILL I FORSAKE YOU."
- HEBREWS 13:5

Liturgy for the Week

- 25/09 Monday, Ordinary Time 25
Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
- 26/09 Tuesday, Ordinary Time 25
Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20;
Lk 8: 19-21
- 27/09 Wednesday, St Vincent de Paul
Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
- 28/09 Thursday, Ordinary Time 25
Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
- 29/09 Friday, Sts Michael, Gabriel and Rafael
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
- 30/09 Saturday, St Jerome
Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45

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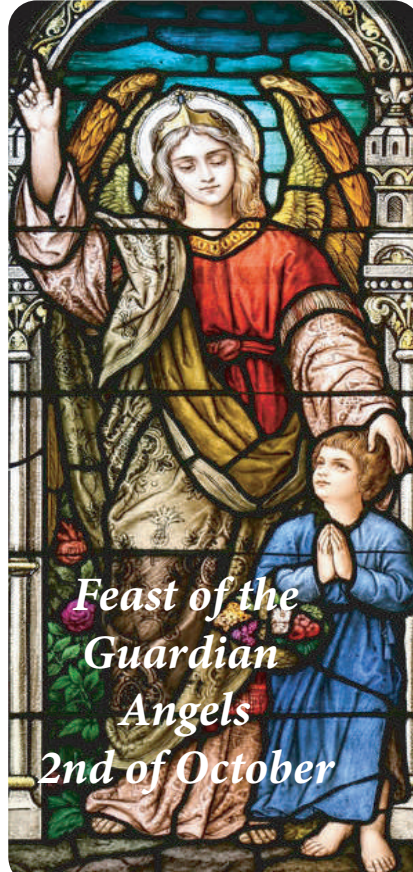
Mater Maria Catholic College celebrated the Graduation of our Year 12 students this week, the Class of 2023. They were presented with their Graduation Certificates as well as Academic, Co-curricular, Sport and Perpetual Awards. Our Student Representative Council from each Year Group presented their tear-jerking farewells and the audience watched some incredible music performances by our Year 12 students. The ceremony for students and their family members was followed up with lunch in our Benedict Learning Centre. Later, we held a Graduation Mass, a high point for the students and their families. Beautifully thought out 'Survival pack' gifts were presented to our Year 12 students to help them overcome their upcoming HSC examinations.

The Peninsula Cup sporting competition saw multiple finals of Under 16s Boys Rugby, Under 14s and Under 18 Girls Soccer teams as the term concluded and the success of Mater Maria teams continued.

Our Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students completed two days of hiking and one night camping in Kuringai National Park. This adventure will complete The Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards, with record numbers of students participating at Mater Maria this year.

Please join us in praying and extending our best wishes to our Year 11 students who are completing their Preliminary Examinations this week. They are looking forward to starting their HSC studies in Term 4. Please continue to pray for our Year 12s as they enjoy their final days of school and prepare for their HSC exams.

For those seeking to join our enriching educational journey, applications for Year 7, 2026 are now open. While Year 7, 2024 and Year 7, 2025 have waiting lists in place, we encourage prospective students and parents to learn more about our offerings by visiting <https://matermaria.nsw.edu.au>.



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SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Kelvin Lovegrove Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday, 28th September 2023. Our recently ordained deacon, Deacon Richard Houwing will be assisting.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.00 PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Kelvin and Deacon Richard will be speaking to us about their vocation journey's.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

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.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

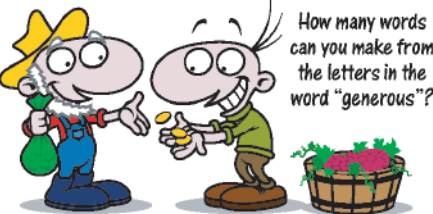
God is generous

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of God, those who are treated as least in this world will be come first. What kind of people are the 'last' in our world today?

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.

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GENEROUS
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JEALOUS



How many words can you make from the letters in the word "generous"?

GENEROUS

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FINISH

COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Everyone who is now first will be last!"

Parish

Morning Tea Gathering

Everyone is welcome to join us every month after

8 am Mass on the 1st Sunday and after the 10 am Mass on the 3rd Sunday at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre

2nd & 4th Sunday after the 9am Mass in front of the Maria Regina Church, Avalon

It provides the opportunity to all parishioners to connect and get to know each other.

THEN JESUS SAID, "BEWARE! GUARD AGAINST EVERY KIND OF GREED. LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY HOW MUCH YOU OWN."

LUKE 12:15

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Hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay, in the Cathedral Precinct.
 Registration closing soon - 15 September, late fees may apply.

Don't miss out on tickets!

Young people, teachers, ministry leaders, families, and adults of all ages are preparing to attend the upcoming IGNITE conference. Between 28 September and 1 October, the Broken Bay Diocese will be hosting this year's conference. This conference is for everyone! There will be many amazing presenters, including Bishop Anthony Randazzo and our Director of Vocations, Fr Sam French. Click here to take a look at the many different and wide variety of workshops available at the year's conference.

With Ignite 2023 only a few weeks away, it's now time to register your attendance at the 2023 Ignite Conference. **BE QUICK LATE FEES START SOON!**

For more information about Ignite visit: <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>



“It’s NOT just about Migrants”
(International Night)
Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating the Diversity of our Parish Family on Saturday, 30 September 2023, 5 pm Mass
Come and be nourished spiritually then proceed to the Sacred Heart Parish Centre to come together by sharing our CULTURES through FOOD and great company.

Please write on the List provided at the back of the Churches.
 Specify your Dish if it’s Savoury or Dessert.
 Please BRING and SHARE your Culture’s Cuisine for everyone to try.


Our deepest condolences to the **Treves Family** for the passing of **David Treves** a devout parishioner who has been a major part of our Parish as a Senior Server for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time of great loss.



Archangels
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 29 September

Public Rosary

“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary. For her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”



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The *Living* Word

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured **(R.)**

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.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results, I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation
Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

REFLECTION
by Dianne Bergant CSA
Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of

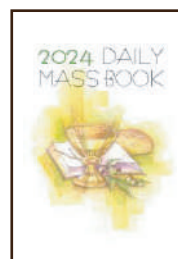
time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.
Psalms 37:7

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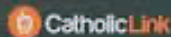
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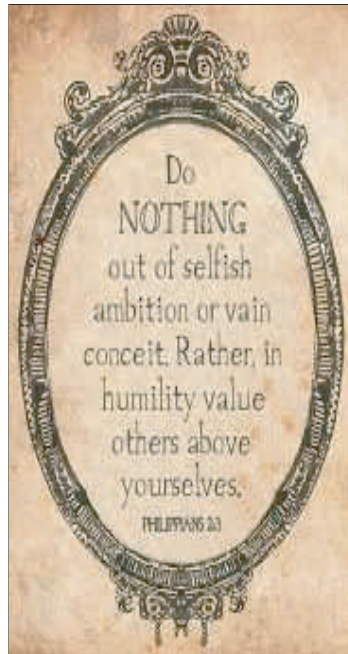
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