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## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

O Lord, giver of life and source  
of freedom,  
I know that all I have received is  
from your hand.  
Gracious and loving God,  
You call us to be stewards of  
Your abundance,  
the caretakers of all you have  
entrusted to us.  
Help us to always use Your gifts  
wisely and teach us to share  
them generously.  
Send the Holy Spirit to work  
through us,  
bringing Your message to  
those we serve.  
May our faithful stewardship bear  
witness to the love  
of Jesus Christ in our lives.  
We pray with grateful hearts,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.



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## Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

Storm heaven with prayer! Do not let yourself be hindered by anything!



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

### Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



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home with you.

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 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

## We Pray for Deceased Anniversary

*Mare Reskov  
Nikodem Sinkic  
Jure Vukman*

### Recently Deceased

*Barbara Mary Vickers  
Thomas Britt*

If you would like the names of your relatives or friends and offerings included, please drop the envelope in to the Parish Office by

### Prayers for the Sick

Franciszek Smigowski

Anna Smigowska

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M. Miller

Avelino Samartin

Andrew Hood

Jeff Langley

Erin Ocampo

Mark Lindfiels

Nick Moullakis

Bill Eyre

Brian Gregan

Mrian Poe

Marcia Bailey

Bec Burroughs

Susan Hickey

Sophia Burfitt

Margaret De Landre

Maeve Robinso

Jenny Carroll

Matt Ukishima

Pietrina Maiorana

Mina Lee

Denise Wagner

Ron

Leonie Ariemetto

John Graham

### Liturgy for the Week

19/09 Monday in Ordinary Time 25  
Prov 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

20/09 Tuesday, Sts Andrew Kim  
Tae-gon & Paul Chong  
Ha-sang  
Prov 21:1-6, 10-13;  
Lk 8:19-21

21/09 Wednesday, St Matthew  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

22/09 Thursday in Ordinary Time 25  
Ecd 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

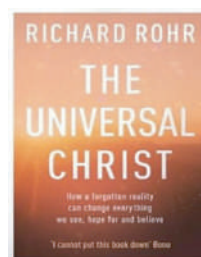
23/09 Friday, St Pius of Pietrelcina  
Ecd 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

24/09 Saturday in Ordinary Time 25  
Ecd 11:9-12-12:8; Lk 9:43-45

## BOOK REVIEW

### "The Universal Christ"

by: Richard Rohr



He tells us how a forgotten reality can change everything we see, hope for and believe and promotes opportunities for change transforming one's deeper self into a beacon of light.

Significant passages have been highlighted.

## PARISHIONERS

We are now taking orders for the 2023 Daily Mass Book which contains all the texts for Sunday and weekday Mass, including the chants for parts of the Mass. Published in a compact format; the Daily Mass Book is convenient and economical. Printed in two colours throughout, its layout is easy to follow. Runs from Advent to Advent. Cost is \$25 each.

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## *Pray the church stays faithful to God, not money and power: Pope Francis*



Pope Francis condemned a church that worships power, money and “St Payola”, a fictional patron of lucrative kickbacks.

The temptation is always there to yearn for worldly security and forget that only God can bring peace, true happiness and redemption, he said in his morning homily on 20 November.

Celebrating an early morning Mass in the chapel of his residence, Pope Francis spoke about the day’s Gospel reading in which Jesus cleanses the temple that, instead of being a house of prayer, had become “a den of thieves” (Lk 19:45-48). By driving out the traders and moneychangers, Jesus angered the temple’s chief priests and scribes, who were benefiting from all the commercial activity. The leaders of the temple had created a “St Payola”, the pope said. “They were devoted to money and they venerated this saint.”

“They sullied the temple,” he said. “The temple is an icon of the church. The church will always – always – suffer the temptation of worldliness and the temptation of a power that is not the power that Jesus Christ wants for her.”

When the church does succumb to this temptation and enters into “this process of decay”, he said the end result “is very ugly. Very ugly”.

“In the church, there is always the temptation of corruption,” in which “instead of being devoted to loyalty to the Lord Jesus, the Lord of peace, joy and salvation”, the church becomes loyal to “money and power”.

These chief priests and scribes forgot about God and his spirit, and became “rigid” in order to seem righteous and good, the pope said.

“They had replaced the Lord’s spirit of freedom with rigidity,” which is best explained, he said, in chapter 23 of St Matthew’s Gospel where Jesus lists all the ways hypocritical religious leaders meticulously try to make things look good on the outside, “but inside they are full of plunder and self-indulgence”. Such people, the pope said, “had lost the sense of God, also their capacity for joy, the capacity to praise, too: They didn’t know

how to praise God”.

In fact, when people become worldly, at most they are capable of “a bit of fun, a bit of noise, but joy comes only from fidelity to the covenant”, he said.

The pope said that the chief priests and scribes of the temple were so angry with Jesus, they wanted to have him killed, but the people were so in awe of his words and teachings, they couldn’t find anyone to carry out their plan.

“The power of Jesus was in his word, his witness, his love. And where Jesus is, there is no room for worldliness, there is no room for corruption.”

“This is the battle inside each one of us, this is the daily battle of the church: always Jesus, always with Jesus, always hanging on his words, to hear his word,” the pope said.

Never seek security in the things of the world, Pope Francis said. “Jesus said that you cannot serve two masters. (It’s) either God or wealth; either God or power.”

The pope also asked that people pray for the church and all the “many martyrs today who, in order to not be part of this worldly spirit, of a single way of thinking and of apostasy, they suffer and die. Today! There are more martyrs in the church today than at its beginning”.

He also asked that people pray for the grace that they themselves never fall into this spiral of “decay toward worldliness that leads us to attachment to money and power”.

*By: Catholic News Service*



### **SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING**

Father Ed Travers Resident Chaplain to the Benedictine Abbey at Jamberoo and previously External Spiritual Director of the Good Shepherd Seminary Homebush will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 22nd September 2022.

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

Following the meeting Father Ed will be speaking to us; his topic is “The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist”. 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, novices, and diaconate aspirants 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.

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## Maria Regina School

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**Principal: Miss Kirsty Thorpe**

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## Mater Maria Catholic College

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**Principal: Mr Marc Reicher**



## Parish Bulletin – Term 3, Week 9

We have recently seen some amazing sporting achievements at Mater Maria. Last week at the Broken Bay Athletics, we had four students achieve success as Age Champions. These students were selected for the NSWCCC Athletics Championships on Monday and Alberto in Year 8 was the Age Champion. On Tuesday, students in Years 7 – 10 represented the College in the AFL Boys Gala Day and the BBSSA Rugby 7's where our Year 7 & 8 boys were crowned the Champions. With the Peninsula Cup Girls Soccer Competition ending, our Year 8 Division 1 team and Year 7 Division 2 team won their Semi-Finals and will be playing their Grand Final games next week. We also had 30 Year 9 students assisting Catholic Schools Primary Gala Day with umpiring and refereeing netball and AFL. Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students completed two days of hiking and one night camping in Kuringal National Park, whilst our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students completed two days hiking, two nights camping and one day kayaking in Myall Lakes. Both adventures will complete their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Our Year 8 students attended our annual Reflection Day at Warriewood Uniting Church. This event is part of the general evangelisation and catechesis program for Year 8 students. The day was spent in reflection on the teaching found in Pope Francis' letter Laudato Si and on what that means for us as we endeavour to live our lives as faithful Catholics. We are busy planning our Year 12 Graduation and Awards Assembly, Year 12 Mass and Year 12 Valedictory Dinner and our students are looking forward to these memorable events next week. Please join us in praying and extending our best wishes to our students who are currently sitting their Year 11 examinations this week and continue to pray for our Year 12's as they enjoy their final days of school and prepare for their HSC exams. 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/>.



## Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale**  
Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 4:30 pm  
Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 6:00 pm  
**Maria Regina Church, Avalon**  
Thursday 3 November at 4:30 pm

## Celebrating the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion)

**Maria Regina Church, Avalon**  
Saturday 12 November 2022  
at 6:00 pm  
Saturday 12 November 2022  
at 6:00 pm  
**Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale**  
Saturday 19 November 2022  
at 5:00 pm  
Sunday 20 November 2022  
at 10 am  
Sunday 20 November 2022  
at 12 noon

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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

Am 8:4-7

### A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?'

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

## The word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. see vv.1, 7

### (R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore!(R)

High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth?(R)

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dungheap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. (R)

## Second Reading

1 Tm 2:1-8

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this,

sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

## The word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Lk 16:1-13

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

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." "The master praised the dishonest

steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with

respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

## Communion Antiphon

Ps 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

*We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.*

*There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?*

*We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.*

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