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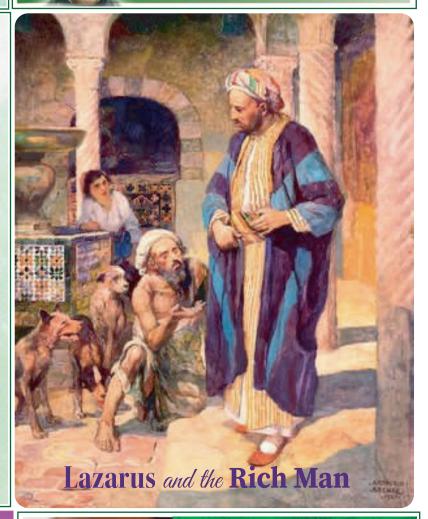
Whatever the hour, pour out prayer to the Lord. Always be content with whatever God may dispose for you and in whatever manner He does it.

Prayer for Migrants 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 injustice 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.

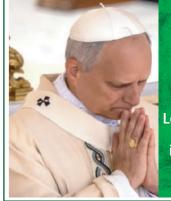






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POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION for SEPTEMBER

For Our Relationship with all Creations Let us pray, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church

1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9.30 am
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament,
Adoration, Reconciliation
and Benediction from
8.30 am followed by Mass

Wednesday 9.30 am

Thursday 7 pm
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament,
Adoration, Reconciliation
and Benediction from
7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Friday 9:30 am
First Friday of the month,
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament,
Adoration, Reconciliation
and Benediction
from 9:30 am,
followed by Healing Mass/
Anointing of the Sick
at 10.30 am

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am & 6.00 pm (SOUL)

RECONCILIATION Saturday Vigil 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm

BAPTISM 4th Sunday of the Month 11.30 am

Maria Regina Church

7 Central Road, Avalon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8.00 am

Wednesday 8.00 am

Thursday 10 am 9.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction at 9.45 am

Friday 8.00 am
First Friday of the month,
Healing Mass/
Anointing of the Sick
at 8.00 am

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am

RECONCILIATION Before Vigil Mass on Saturday

BAPTISM 3rd Sunday of the Month 11.00 am

WE PRAY

Recently Deceased
Dennis McKeown
Carlo Cimino
Beverley Carmichael

Deceased Anniversary
Teresa Mulligan
John Nassif
Mare Reśkov

Prayer for the Sick

Anna Śmigowska Lily Janosik Sue French **Maureen Larios Elaine Boyes** Pauline Chipman Ron Clarke Barbara Clarke Anna Katanec **Mother Pauline** Angela Miller Philip Khalifeh Joseph Khalifeh Therese Keane **Bruce Farr** Heidi Taylor **James** Jacinta Purnell - Major **Garry Gleeson** Nenita Roque Marie Celine Roque-Maca Neda Crvelin **Jesse Cathersides Noel Reilly** Mary Reilly

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Liturgy for the Week

29/09 Monday, Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51

30/09 Tuesday, St Jerome Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

01/10 Wednesday, St Therese of the Child Jesus Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62

02/10 Thursday, The Holy Guardian Angels Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

03/10 Friday, Ordinary Time 26 Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16

04/10 Saturday, St Francis of Assisi Baruch 4:5-12,27-29; Lk 10:17-24



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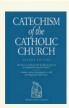
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May God bless you as you continue to grow in faith and knowledge.

WELCOME TO PITTWATER PARISH

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Kyson Tian

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Jagger James England

MARIA REGINA CHURCH, AVALON ON 17th August 2025

Lottie Hunter Daly

Sunny Mark Channon

Billy Bruce Channon

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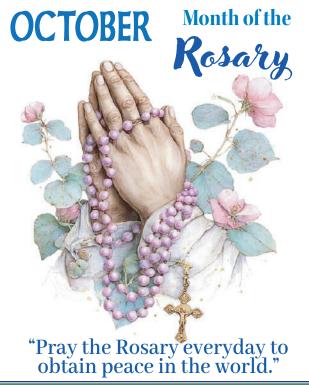
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<u>SCHOOLS</u>

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Mater Maria Catholic College Warriewood Tel 7256 2100 Principal: Mr Anthony Mahoney





Parish Bulletin - Term 3, Week 10

It's been a joyful and busy final week of Term 3 at Mater Maria Catholic College.

We celebrated the graduation of our Year 12 students, the Class of 2025, with a beautiful Mass at the College, followed by morning tea with their families. The Presentation of Awards Ceremony recognised students for their achievements across academics, co-curricular activities, sport and service. Our Student Representative Council shared heartfelt farewells, and the audience was treated to moving musical performances by our talented Year 12 students. Our Year 12 students also marked the end of their school years with the Year 12 Formal, a night filled with joy, laughter and elegance, as students marked the end of their school journey in style.

We ask our parish community to keep our Year 11 students in your prayers as they complete their Preliminary Examinations and prepare to begin their HSC studies next term. Please also continue to pray for our Year 12s as they enjoy their final days at school and prepare for their HSC exams.

This week, we also honoured the life of Sister Therese Marie Fleming, who served as Principal of Mater Maria from 1978 to 1984. Sister Therese Marie was a visionary leader who championed inclusive education, welcomed the first boys to the College, and oversaw the construction of key buildings and our Bush Chapel. Two Year 10 students, Sophie and Oscar, joined our Principal at her funeral Mass to represent the College. Her legacy continues to inspire us, and we give thanks for her life of service and faith.

Faith Fridays remain a special part of our week, offering students a quiet space for reflection and connection through youth group gatherings in the Chapel.

In sport, students wrapped up Term 3 with a range of competitions, including MWBA Basketball, Peninsula Cup Soccer and Rugby, along with the Broken Bay Rugby 7s.

Finally, a reminder that applications are now open for Year 7 in 2028 and 2029. Waitlists are currently in place for Year 7, 2026 and 2027. Applications for Year 7, 2028 will close at the end of Term 1, 2026. For more details, visit matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments.

Congratulations Year 12 Graduates!

We are incredibly proud of all the Year 12 students who have officially graduated last week. Your hard work, dedication and perseverance have brought all of you to this exciting milestone. A special mention to the students of MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE—your achievements are a testament to your commitment and spirit. Congratulations on this remarkable accomplishment!

May God's wisdom, guidance and presence as they transition to new life phases, asking for courage, confidence and discernment in their future paths, often invoking the Holy Spirit through Christ and acknowledging God's unchanging love and care. Amen.

Well done, Class 2025!

Day of Reflection in the Divine Will with Fr Eugene Szondi

9:30 AM Mass, Rosary 10:30 – 11:00 AM Morning tea 11:00 – 12:30 PM Talk and Q&A 12:30–1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 – 2:00 Prayer and Divine Mercy Chaplet/Reconciliation 2:00 – 2:40 PM How to put the Divine Will into practice

> 2:40 PM Afternoon tea End of Retreat

Monday 29th
September 2025

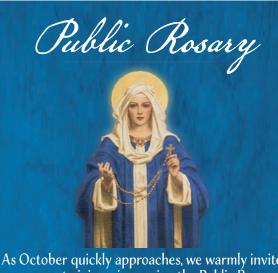
9am to 3 pm

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Feast Day of SAINTS
MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL
Glorious Archangels
Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, we entrust ourselves to your angelic mediation.
Protect us from the evil one, deliver to us God's holy Word and heal our sins.
Amen.



As October quickly approaches, we warmly invite everyone to join us in praying the Public Rosary. Let us come together in faith and unity during this special month dedicated to our Lady.

The NATIONWIDE ROSARY CHAIN on

SATURDAY, 11TH OF OCTOBER

9:30 am Mass followed by the ROSARY PRAYER at 10 am,

SACRED HEART CHURCH, MONA VALE

"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." St Padre Pio

Let's pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



ROSARY @ 9:00 am (Optional) MASS @ 9:30 am

After Mass there will be Adoration & meditation on the Luminous Mysteries followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

* Priest is available for Reconciliation before Mass

Fulfilling the Sunday Obligation

We want to take a moment to gently remind everyone of something at the heart of our faith: our Sunday Mass obligation. As Catholics, we're called to gather each Sunday to worship God, receive the Eucharist, and be part of our parish community. This isn't just a tradition, it's a central part of living our faith. This is a strong message, but it comes from the Church's love for us and desire that we stay connected to Christ. Mass isn't just an obligation — it's a gift. It's where we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, are strengthened by His Word, and find encouragement and peace in community.

Let's keep putting God first in our week, and in our hearts. Catechism of the Catholic Church, Sunday Obligation, 2180 and 2181

BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS Righteousness

Matthew 66:33

BLESSING of THE ANIMALS



SATURDAY, 4TH OCTOBER

at the Sacred Heart Church Courtyard AT 4 PM

Bring your pets to be blessed as we welcome the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saints of Animals.

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. - St Francis of Assisi

The Living Word

Entrance Antiphon Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading Amos 6:1. 4-7 A reading from the prophet Amos You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2 (R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.(R.)

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the

Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 8:9

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

Gospel Luke 16:19-31 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The word of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

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