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A Pope's Prayer for Immigrants

Merciful God,
we pray to you for all the men,
women and children who have died
after leaving their homelands in
search of a better life. Though many
of their graves bear no name, to you
each one is known, loved and
cherished.

May we never forget them, but honour their sacrifice with deeds more than words. We entrust to you all those who have made this journey, enduring fear, uncertainty and humiliation, in order to reach a place of safety and hope.

Just as you never abandoned your Son as he was brought to a safe place by Mary and Joseph, so now be close to these, your sons and daughters, through our tenderness and protection.

In caring for them may we seek a world where none are forced to leave their home and where all can live in freedom, dignity and peace.

Merciful God and Father of all, wake us from the slumber of indifference, open our eyes to their suffering, and free us from the insensitivity born of worldly comfort and self-centredness.

Inspire us, as nations, communities and individuals, to see that those who come to our shores are our brothers and sisters.

May we share with them the blessings we have received from your hand, and recognise that together, as one human family, we are all migrants, journeying in hope to you, our true home, where every tear will be wiped away, where we will be at peace and safe in your embrace.

Pope Francis



Thoughts of Bl Francis Jordan

Jesus Christ, accept me as your instrument and use me as You please.

See, with your grace, I am ready to die for you.



Pope Francis'
Prayer Intentions
For September

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



We will livestream our 10am Mass this Sunday so that all are able to join in Spiritual Communion with us as a parish family of Pittwater. To join the livestreaming please visit our parish website

https://www.bbcatholic.org. au/pittwater/news-events/p arish-news/livestream-our-w eekend-masses

This Mass remains available for viewing at the conclusion of the Mass for the whole Sunday, so if you don't get the opportunity to join us live at 10am, you are still able to watch it anytime throughout the day.

Due to NSW Government restrictions, our Churches are closed until further notice.

A warm welcome
to all our parishioners
and visitors who are
celebrating the Eucharist
with us at Pittwater
Parish Online



You can find us on Instagram (pittwater_parish)

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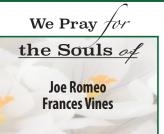
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We acknowledge the lifelong trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families, the failures of the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the consequent breach of community trust.



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.

Recently Deceased
James Reilly
Fr James Duck
Jakov Vukovic
Shirley Smith

Prayers for the Sick

Philip Maddrel
Gail Reiher
Imelda Vince
Ben Castillo
Moira Howie
Christine Hills
Sara Zofrea
Beryl Peo-Duncan
John Andrew Graham
John Charles Graham
Michael Carrodus
Pat Regan
Robyn Sheather
Candida Hernandez
Chin Quang Le
Tony Quatroville
Garry Gleeson
Elizabeth Kral
Nazarena Custodio
Annette Davis
Andrew Hood
Jeff Langley
Peter Vorlicek
Warwick Chipman
Erin Ocampo
Mark Lindfield
Vicky Kalingasan
Cos Coniglio
Bill Eyre
Brian Gregan
Marian Poe
Marcia Bailey
Bec Burroughs
Mansour Sukkar
Susan Hickey
Sophia Burfitt
Anne Gerathy
Margaret De Landre
Sick members of Family

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

BOOK REVIEW

The Rosary
A selections from the Works
of Maria Valtorta



As we pray the rosary to Mary, we wonder about the words of the Hail Mary. These short selections discuss different parts allowing us to think more deeply about the words we recite so readily.

Vinnies

Mick O'Farrell of St VdP
Freshwater, has requested
donations of toiletries, such as
tooth brushes and paste,
deodorants, shampoo and
conditioner, safety razors for
men and women, gladwrap and
alfoil, bandaids etc...for those in
the hardship community of
Wilcannia.

Kindly leave your donations on the first Saturday in October, between 11:00 and 12:00 noon, at the front porch of Maria Regina Church Avalon.





We will livestream First Friday (Healing) Mass on 1 October at 10am and pray for all who are struggling, especially in these uncertain times, spiritually, mentally and physically and VOCATIONS MASS at 10am on Thursday 7 October, and pray for our priests and for vocations. Join us in Spiritual Communion and prayers as a parish family of Pittwater.

To join the livestreaming please visit our parish website

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pi ttwater/news-events/parish-news /livestream-our-weekend-masses

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.

Bay Connect

Evangelisation Broken Bay has launched a new program of online events called Bay Connect. The program provides an online program of regular activities commenced on 30 August, to converse, reflect and connect spiritually online during this challenging time.

The program commenced on Monday, 30 August, and includes:

• THE CHOSEN MONDAY

Mondays @ 7:30-8:45pm via Zoom - Join us as we go through the first season of The Chosen, viewing one episode every Monday, breaking open some themes and coming to know Jesus in a fresh new way.

TUESDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Tuesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Instagram
Live (@cybbaus) - A place for the
community to come together for prayer
and to praise God from the setting of your
home. All youth, young adults, singles and
families, parishioners and clergy are
invited.

• HUMPDAY HANGOUT W/ BR BERNARD

Wednesdays @ 7:00-7:30pm via Zoom -Our jolly friar Br. Bernard Mary will host the session with time for prayer, 'Banger' of the week, casual chat and an entertaining selection of activities.

• FORMATION FRIDAYS

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00pm via Zoom - An opportunity to get some simple Catholic formation on various aspects of the faith, from the basics to the hot topics, featuring a different guest speaker each week, followed by some time for questions/discussion.

"Through this, we hope that those in our community who are seeking opportunities to come closer to Christ can do so in a new and fresh way," said Tomasz.

To find out more and register online, visit the Bay Connect page on the Diocese of Broken Bay website

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/ news/covid-19-updates/prayer-resources/ bay-connect



www.bbcatholic.org.au

Watch the daily Mass on Demand from Broken Bay's Cathedral at

https://www.youtube.com/ channel/UCNenwlfI7i14X B9TsVBrLvQ

We hope that this will help the faithful to celebrate the Holy Mass online wherever you are



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, you are able to make your regular donation by way of automatic direct debit from your credit card, please contact the Parish office for more information. Or donations can be made on our website: www.pittwaterparish.org through the donations and giving tile. If you would prefer not to give by credit card, please contact the parish office.

Dear Parishioners,

Catholics across the world are being urged to consider how they can pray for and offer practical support to their neighbours, as the Church marks the World Day of Migrants and Refugees this Sunday 26 September. The Church in Australia is greatly enriched by migrant communities, many of whom came to our shores as refugees across recent decades. We understand the need for people fleeing to find a safe haven. Indeed, the Holy Family — Mary, Joseph and Jesus — had to find safety when fleeing to Egypt. In his message for the 107th commemoration of the day, Pope Francis writes on the theme "Towards an Ever Wider 'We'". He encourages everyone to reject the temptation to create literal or metaphorical barriers with other people, and to instead recognise the barriers that exist due to individualism or nationalism. 'The truth however is that we are all in the same boat and called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single "we", encompassing all of humanity,' Pope Francis writes. Addressing the faithful, Pope Francis says the Holy Spirit 'enables us to embrace everyone, to build communion in diversity, to unify differences without imposing a depersonalised uniformity'. In addressing the whole world, the Holy Father calls for "we" to take on a broader meaning 'for the sake of renewing the human family, building together a future of justice and peace, and ensuring that no one is left behind'. On this day, may we all pray for the generosity of heart that Pope Francis calls for as we seek the wider "we":

Sadly, Suzy has resigned from her positions of Parish Secretary and Sacramental Coordinator in the parish (you can read her note in the bulletin). We will begin recruiting for her replacements during the coming week. Please join me in extending our gratitude and appreciation to her.

As always, we will livestream our 10am Mass this Sunday (or you watch it from the same link anytime throughout the day). Next Friday, 1 October 2021, we will also livestream our Mass for the first Friday at 10am. Join us to pray together the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and remember in our prayers all members of our parish family, especially those who are sick or struggling during this time of pandemic and lockdown.

For the livestreaming of our Masses, visit

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Fr Paul and I are thoroughly enjoying our virtual morning teas after our 10am Mass. If you would like to join us for a chat over a cup of tea, the link to join is https://zoom.us/j/95764225406?pwd=aHQ4UW1DQUJzMnhMbWc4VTQr0WpIUT09

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Thank you for all your generous donations which continue to support our parish. If you would like to support us financially, donations can be made by Visa or MasterCard via our website

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving

Together with Fr Paul, we continue to celebrate our daily Masses, keeping all members of our parish family in our prayers. If you have any special intentions or people that you would particularly like us to pray for during these Masses, or for any other assistance, please don't hesitate to call the parish office (9157 0999) or email (office@pittwaterparish.org)

Stay safe, look after each another and yourselves.

For Wideal and

Fr Richard SadowskiParish Administrator



<u>Daylight Saving</u> will begin at **2** am on Sunday, 3rd October.

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, 3rd October 2021, 2:00am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, 3 October 2021, 3:00am local daylight time instead.

Come and See!

INVITATION TO NON-CATHOLICS AND CATHOLICS (2021)

We are happy to invite everybody who would like to know more about our Catholic faith tradition to join our next RCIA ('Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults') programme of our Parish in Pittwater.

In 24 informal evening sessions we discuss and try to answer some of **LIFE'S DEEPER QUESTIONS** based on our faith tradition and our personal experience.

Some questions Non-Catholics may have:

- Does God exist or is He a 'Mystery' to me?
- Why is there so much suffering in the world?
- Is faith a private affair or do I need a community?
- Why should I listen to the Catholic Church?
- How do Catholics interpret the Bible?
- Who do you say the Son of Man is?
- Do I have a personal relationship with Him?

Some questions Catholics may have:

- What is the 'Paschal Mystery' to me?
- How has the Church moved on since I left school?
- In what way has the Church changed since the Second Vatican Council?
- Can science and faith go together?
- What is the Church really teaching about sex?
- Can I further deepen my personal relationship with Jesus?

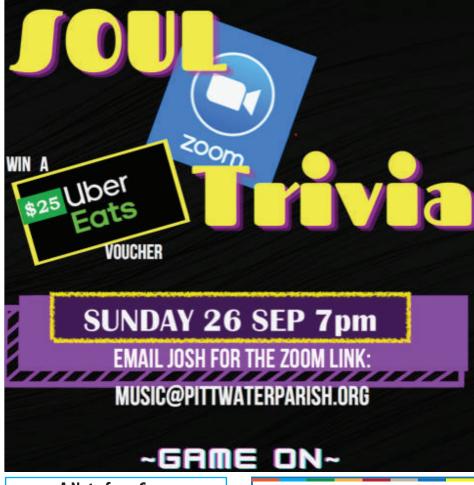
In the past few years over 60 people have joined us and given us enthusiastic responses. Many participants testify to this every year by becoming new or renewed members of our Church at Easter. Why not you?

If you think that life deserves more than superficial answers offered by the world, if this has made you curious in any way, please register at our Parish Office (02) 9157 0999. Due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to set a start date, but we will contact you to keep you up to date.

Everybody is welcome!



Wishing all of you a holiday filled with blessings and God's grace. Be safe and enjoy the days ahead of rest and relaxation! God is good: All the time!



A Note from Suzy.

A few weeks ago, my sister and her husband lost their whole business and livelihood in an electrical fire. In this year of family, I feel I need t o work with them to rebuild what they have lost.

Therefore, after much discernment, it is with a heavy heart that I have made the decision to leave my work at Pittwater Parish. I will always treasure the wonderful friendships and hold onto the fond memories that have been made within our parish family and I thank you for all the support that you have given me over

the last eleven and a half years.
My last day in the office will be Friday 22 October,
but of course my family and I will continue to be
part of our community and so I look forward to
seeing you at Mass when the lockdown is over and
we can return to the Church.

Although it is an unfortunate circumstance, I am looking forward to a new challenge and the opportunities this may bring. Please keep my family and I in your prayers.

Suzy Caruso

Plenary Council Online Prayer Vigil Saturday, 2 October

The First General Council Assembly starts Sunday 3 October and we are inviting the community of the Church of Broken Bay to an online prayer vigil with Bishop Anthony on Saturday 2 October from 7.00-7:30pm.

"Listen to what the spirit is saying" has been the theme of this Plenary Council acknowledging the importance of prayer and God's relationship with His Church. This prayer vigil will call the community to come together as one Church to offer our prayers of support to the Bishop, Members, Delegates, and the whole Assembly gathering.

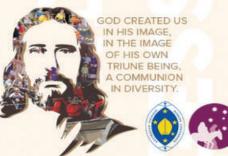
We encourage you to attend and take part in this special prayer night. To register please visit: www.bbcatholic.org.au/bayconnect





SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2021

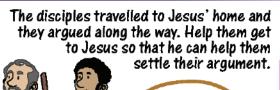
TOWARDS AN EVER WIDER "WE"



Those who serve others are greatest

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

CAPERNUM









The disciples argued about which of them was the greatest.

Jesus told them they should concentrate on serving others and that would make them great. Tick the things that help to make someone a good person.



- SHARING
- □ TELLING LIES
- BEING NASTY
- □ BEING KIND
- TRYING YOUR BEST
- **□** LAUGHING AT OTHERS
- ☐ HELPING OTHERS
- BEING HONEST
- **BEING SELFISH**



How can you be of service to others? Complete the following statements with words or pictures.

I can serve members of my family by... I can serve my friends by...

I can serve people in my community by...

The Living Word

Entrance Antiphon Dn 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 Nm 11:25-29 A reading from the book of Numbers Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp. Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R)

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. (R)

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R)

Second Reading Jas 5:1-6 **A reading from the letter of St James** *Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying,

weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 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 CSA

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office. However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them. Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

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Parish Virtual Morning Tea Sunday 26th September after 10am Livestream Mass (about 11am)

Last week's morning tea was a great opportunity for us to "virtually" come together, see each other's faces, hear each other's voices and connect as a parish family over a cup of tea or coffee.

Connect virtually with us, this week.
The link to join is Join Zoom Meeting
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Q4UW1DQUJzMnhMbWc4VTQ rOWplUT09

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Liturgy for the Week

27/09 **Monday StVincent de Paul,** priest,

Zech 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50 (Alt. 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 9:35-37)

28/09 **Tuesday Ordinary Time 26** Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56

29/09 Wednesday Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Apoc 12:7-12; Jn 1:47-51

30/09 **Thursday St Jerome,** *priest, doctor* Neh 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12 (Alt. 2 Tim 3:14-17; Mt 13:47-52)

OCTOBER

01/10 Friday St Thérèse of the Child

Jesus, *virgin*, *doctor* Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16 (Alt. ls 66:10-14; Mt 18:1-5)

02/10 **Saturday The Holy Guardian Angels**(Ex 23:20-23); Mt 18:1-5, 10

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