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Prayer

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness. your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn. Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow. Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries. Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran

Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

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



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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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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



Liturgy for the Week

26/09 Monday in Ordinary Time 26 Job 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

27/09 Tuesday, St Vincent de Paul Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

28/09 Wednesday in Ordinary Time 26 Job 9:1-13, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

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

30/09 Friday, St Jerome Job 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

01/10 Saturday, St Therese of the Child Jesus Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

BOOK REVIEW

"The Universal Christ" by: Richard Rohr

> RICHARD ROHR THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST Market and lease

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



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MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 108th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2022



Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees

"Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come." (Heb 13:14)

Dear brothers and sisters!

The ultimate meaning of our "journey" in this world is the search for our true homeland, the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus Christ, which will find its full realization when he comes in glory. His Kingdom has not yet been brought to fulfilment, though it is already present in those who have accepted the salvation he offers us. "God's Kingdom is in us. Even though it is still eschatological, in the future of the world and of humanity, at the same time it is found in us." [1]

The city yet to come is a "city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God" (Heb 11:10). His plan calls for an intense work of construction, in which all of us must be personally involved. It involves a meticulous effort aimed at personal conversion and the transformation of reality, so that it can correspond ever more fully to the divine plan. The tragedies of history remind us how far we are from arriving at our goal, the new Jerusalem, "the dwelling place of God with men" (Rev 21:3). Yet this does not mean that we should lose heart. In the light of what we have learned in the tribulations of recent times, we are called to renew our commitment to building a future that conforms ever more fully to God's plan of a world in which everyone can live in peace and dignity. "We wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home" (2 Pet 3:13). Righteousness is one of the building blocks of God's Kingdom. In our daily efforts to do the Lord's will, justice needs to be built up with patience, sacrifice, and determination, so that all those who hunger and thirst for it may be satisfied (cf. Mt 5:6). The righteousness of the Kingdom must be understood as the fulfilment of God's harmonious plan, whereby in Christ, who died and rose from the dead, all creation returns to its original goodness, and humanity becomes once more "very good" (cf. Gen 1:1-31). But for this wondrous harmony to reign, we must accept Christ's salvation, his Gospel of love, so that the many forms of inequality and discrimination in the present world may be eliminated.

No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants. The inclusion of those most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom. Indeed, the Lord says, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me" (Mt 25:34-36).

Building the future with migrants and refugees also means recognizing and valuing how much each of them can contribute to the process of construction. I like to see this approach to migration reflected in a prophetic vision of Isaiah, which considers foreigners not invaders or destroyers, but willing labourers who rebuild the walls of the new Jerusalem, that Jerusalem whose gates are open to all peoples (cf. Is 60:10-11).

In Isaiah's prophecy, the arrival of foreigners is presented as a source of enrichment: "The abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, and the wealth of the nations shall come to you" (Is 60:5). Indeed, history teaches us that the contribution of migrants and refugees has been fundamental to the social and economic growth of our societies. This continues to be true in our own day. Their work, their youth, their enthusiasm and their willingness to sacrifice enrich the communities that receive them. Yet this contribution could be all the greater were it optimized and supported by carefully developed programs and initiatives. Enormous potential exists, ready to be harnessed, if only it is given a chance.

In Isaiah's prophecy, the inhabitants of the new Jerusalem always keep the gates of the city wide open, so that foreigners may come in, bringing their gifts: "Your gates shall always be open; day and night they shall not be shut, so that nations shall bring you their wealth" (Is 60:11). The presence of migrants and refugees represents a great challenge, but at the same time an immense opportunity for the cultural and spiritual growth of everyone. Thanks to them, we have the chance to know better our world and its beautiful diversity. We can grow in our common humanity and build together an ever greater sense of togetherness. Openness to one another creates spaces of fruitful exchange between different visions and traditions, and opens minds to new horizons. It also leads to a discovery of the richness present in other religions and forms of spirituality unfamiliar to us, and this helps us to deepen our own convictions.

In the new Jerusalem of all peoples, the temple of the Lord is made more beautiful by the offerings that come from foreign lands: "All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you, they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house" (Is 60:7). As we have seen, the arrival of Catholic migrants and refugees can energize the ecclesial life of the communities that welcome them. Often they bring an enthusiasm that can revitalize our communities and enliven our celebrations. Sharing different expressions of faith and devotions offers us a privileged opportunity for experiencing more fully the catholicity of the People of God. Dear brothers and sisters, and, in a special way, young people! If we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us do so together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees. Let us build the future today! For the future begins today and it begins with each of us. We cannot leave to future generations the burden of responsibility for decisions that need to be made now, so that God's plan for the world may be realized and his Kingdom of justice, fraternity, and peace may come.

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Parish Bulletin - Term 3, Week 9

The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner took place last weekend at Miramare Gardens in Terrey Hills. Students had a wonderful evening with their friends, peers, parents, and teachers. They were immaculately dressed and full of smiles as they celebrated the end of their 12 years of schooling.

The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony 2021 took place on Wednesday. For the first time in three years, we have been able to hold a full school assembly with parents and extended families. Year 12 students were presented with their graduation certificates as well as academic, Gold Duke of Edinburgh, sports and perpetual awards. Our Student Representative Council from each Year Group presented their tear-jerking farewells, and the audience watched some incredible music and drama performances by our Year 12 students. The ceremony was followed up with lunch in our Benedict Learning Centre. Later that day, we held a Graduation Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Mona Vale for the students and their families. Beautifully thought out 'Survival pack' gifts were also presented to our Year 12 students this week to help overcome their upcoming HSC examinations.

The Education Perfect English Championships were held last week. Participating students from Mater Maria achieved some amazing results. We placed first in NSW in the 501-1000 student category out of 118 schools; third overall in NSW; 14th overall in Australia and 17th overall nationally. Our top 15 students were presented with Education Perfect certificates in this week's Year assemblies. Congratulations to our students. Our budding authors have revelled in their finished hard copies of their 'Write a Book in a Day' that they collaborated on for the 12-hour marathon last week. Their finished masterpieces are on display in the Benedict Learning Centre this week. Young engineers and entrepreneurs from Year 9 represented Mater Maria in the F1 in Schools Regional Final at TAFE in Mount Druitt. They designed and built their model car for racing, prepared a pit display, and sought and secured sponsorship. Our students also presented their Engineering and Design process to a panel of judges. Please join us in praying and extending our best wishes to our Year 12's as they finish their final weeks of study in preparation for their HSC examinations. 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/.

Parishioners

It's been several months since Bishop Bernard O'Grady moved from the presbytery in Avalon, leaving it vacant. During this time, the Parish Finance Committee have been discerning as to what to do with the unoccupied residence.

Through their consultation with various groups, they have realised the importance of maintaining the residence as a place for the clergy/religious whilstalso understanding the need for an income stream for the Parish to ensure its viability.

The members of the parish finance committee have created and designed some proposed changes to the internal layout of the residence (without needing to make any changes or amendments to the outside of the building) which they are confident will achieve both of these needs.

These changes to the internal layout will allow for two uses of the building. Firstly, the change will accommodate for up to 2 clergy/religious to use the space for retreats, sabbaticals or holidays. Secondly, the change will create a living space that can be leased to a couple or a small family.

If you have any concerns in regard to these proposed changes to the layout please do not hesitate to contact Fr Richard or attend a brief consultation meeting following the 9:00am Mass on Sunday 2 October in the Avalon hall.

It's not too late to Register and join the Salvatorians for the Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023

For more information, please scan the QR code





26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

What happened to the rich man when he died?

What should the rich man have done while he was still living on earth?

Jesus wants us to listen to him. In what ways can we listen to God? Draw yourself listening to God.

Help the angels take Lazarus up to beaven.





The *Living* Word

Entrance Antiphon

Dn3:31,29,30,43,42

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

Am 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 notcare 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. (\mathbf{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**)

1 Tm 6:11-16 Second Reading

A reading from the 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 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

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 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

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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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Lk 16:19-31

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