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MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who
fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession,
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To you do I come, before you I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy, hear and answer me.
Amen.



Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan

If you want to accomplish great things, you should also have great trust, great hope in the Lord. Hope originates from faith, and if you want to accomplish great things – mighty deeds in God's honour and the salvation of souls – have powerful faith!

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



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR October For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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 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

*Alma Bottero
Aldo Bottero
Brenda Bottero
Jan Smith
Michal Bizub*

Recently Deceased Carol Anne Green

Prayer for the Sick

Anna Smigowska
Guy Zofrea
Avelino Samartin
Jeff Langley
Mark Linfiels
Nick Moullakis
Bill Eyre
Brian Gregan
Marcia Bailey
Bec Burroughs
Susan Hickey
Margaret De Landre
Maeve Robinson
Jenny Carroll
Matt Ukishima
Mina Lee
Maureen Larios
Denise Wagner
Tom Murphy
Leonie Ariemetto
Isaac Cimino
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Marco Sangiacamo

BOOK REVIEW

Left to Tell

By: Immaculee Ilibagiza
with Steve Irwin



Read how this amazing woman survived during the 1994 Rwandan genocide, with endurance, healing and forgiveness.

When doubts filled my mind,
your comfort gave me renewed
hope and cheer.

- Psalm 94:19



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Liturgy for the Week

09/10 Monday, Ordinary Time 27
Jonah 1:1 - 2:1, 11: Lk 10:25-37
10/10 Tuesday, Ordinary Time 27
Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
11/10 Wednesday, Ordinary Time 27
Jonah 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
12/10 Thursday, Ordinary Time 27
Mal 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13
13/10 Friday, Ordinary Time 27
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
14/10 Saturday, Ordinary Time 27
Joel 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

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prior to the Pilgrimage.

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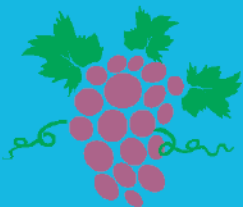
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Monday to Thursday
9.00 am to 4.00 pm
Friday
9.00 am to 12.00 pm

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God's kingdom will be given to those who do right

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Working for God

Jesus says that we shall be given God's kingdom if we work hard to do right. How can we be good workers for God?

I can be a good worker for God by...

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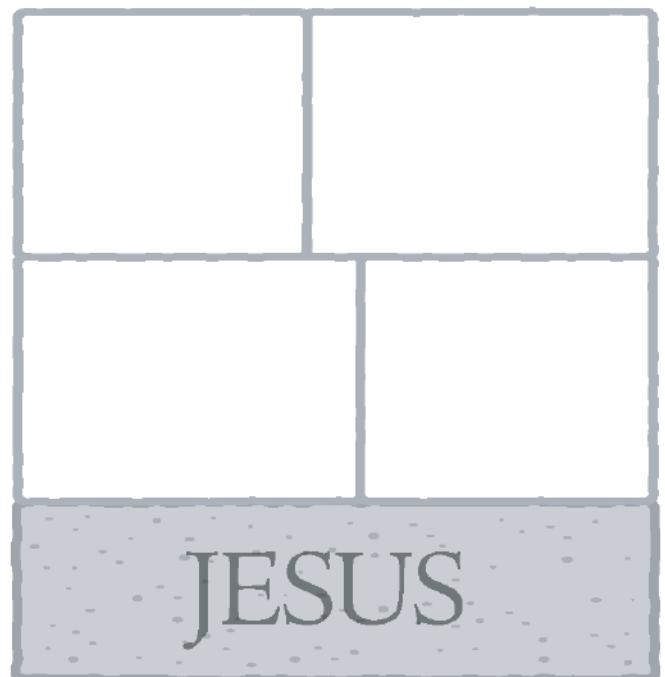
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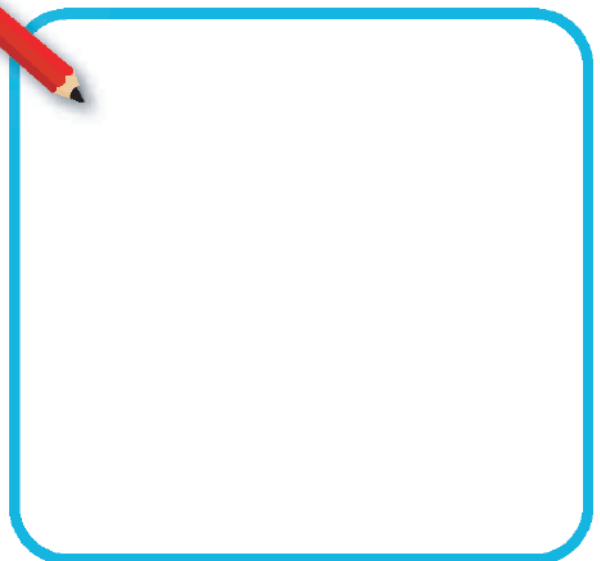


THE STONE REJECTED BY THE BUILDERS HAS NOW BECOME THE MOST IMPORTANT STONE OF ALL.

With Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith, fill in the other stones with pictures of the people in our world who are rejected and outcast.



Jesus used parables to help explain his teachings to his disciples. Draw a picture from any one of the following parables...





Salvatorian Seminary Appeal

There will be a special collection towards the Salvatorian Seminary on the 21st and 22nd of October. Your generous contribution will help in the training and the education of our young seminarians and the upkeep of our seminaries in Poland and the Philippines, and also support our East Timorese Seminarians who will be working in Australia.

Since its inception, the seminary has educated more than 500 priests.

Envelopes will be in the pews or Bank transfer to “Salvatorian Fathers Formation Account”
BSB: 086-006 Account No: 56208 8745 *please indicate “Pittwater Parish”*

Thank you in anticipation, Fr Richard SDS and Fr Zygmunt SDS

They Will Respect My Son



1. God Entrusts Us with What He Values:

It's one thing to purchase an already functional property. It's quite another thing to purchase a rundown property and fix it up yourself. Once tidied up, the latter is worth much more to you. It has become the fruit of your sweat and blood. It is not simply a possession; it is a part of you. In today's Gospel, the landowner purchased the land and did the work himself to set up the vineyard before he handed it over to the tenants. When he entrusted it to them, he was not simply looking for a profit, but for someone to manage his vineyard. He valued it greatly, greatly enough to risk the life of his son. Christ has established his vineyard—the Church—and put it into our hands. Christ pays us the compliment of entrusting us with his work, with what he values. He not only gives us a job to do, but

mysteriously puts the eternal salvation of other souls in our hands.

2. He Is Patient with Our Failures:

The landowner did not stay around to supervise the tenants tightly. He did not even lay down rules or specify methods of cultivation. The master left the tenants to do their job as they saw fit. God is not a tyrannical taskmaster. He knows that laboring in his vineyard is hard work. At harvest time the master sent messenger after messenger. He did not become irate or condemn the tenants after one messenger had been abused and another mistreated. Rather, he sends them his son: he does everything possible to bear with their egotism and inspire them with his understanding and generosity.

3. God Is Equally Repulsed by Our Inactivity as with Our Iniquity:

Because you are neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth (Revelation 3:15). The graver sin for the Pharisees was not what they decided, but rather their selfish and blind sterility in choosing not to decide. When Christ levies the sentence against the Pharisees, he does not say, Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that respects life (as serious as this is); rather, he chides them for not producing fruit. Note that the sentence is essentially equally severe: the one offense takes life, the other refuses to give it.

Conversation with Christ:

Lord Jesus, your hands knew human labor, and you sanctified your life and the lives of those around you through your toil. Help me to see the virtue you teach. Help me to return

all my talents to you by the work of my hands and mind. I want to be your working apostle.

Resolution:

I will accomplish today an apostolic task that I have been putting off.

*Author: Catholic.net |
Source: Catholic.net*

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,
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*It provides an opportunity to all
parishioners to connect and get
to know each other.*

The *Living* Word

Entrance Antiphon Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be
grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be
trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found
bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its
shoots. **(R.)**

Then why have you broken down its
walls? It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name. God of hosts, bring us back;

let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?
'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

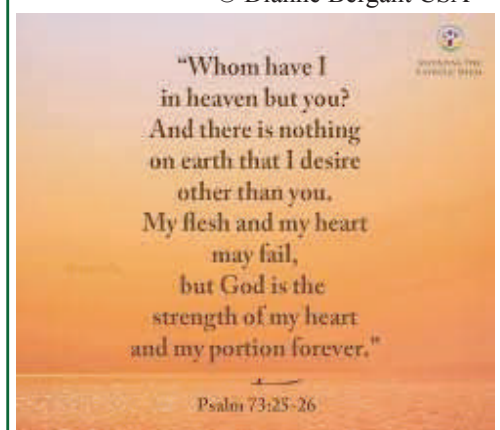
Communion Antiphon Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

REFLECTION
by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control. When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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cannot do this very little thing,
why do you worry about the rest?

- Luke 12:25-26



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