



The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

Sacred Heart & Maria Regina. Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.

All Things Bright and Beautiful...

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate,
He made them, high or lowly,
And ordered their estate.

The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Author: Cecil F. Alexander, Hymns for Little Children, 1848

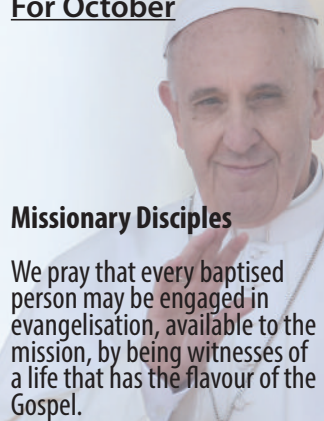


Thoughts of Bl Francis Jordan

Oh Lord God Almighty, show me the way to lead all to You,
and with the help of Your grace to save them.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For October



Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

LIVE STREAM

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/pittwater-news/livestream-our-weekend-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](https://www.instagram.com/pittwater_parish))

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Friday 9am to 12 noon

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Mater Maria Catholic College
Tel 9997 7044
Principal: Mr Marc Reicher

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.

We Pray for
the Souls of

Joe Romeo
Frances Vines
Katrina Quinn
Souls of the faithful departed

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
Tom Gallo
Jakov Vukovic
Shirley Smith

Prayers for the Sick

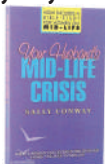
Philip Maddrel
Gail Reiher
Imelda Vince
Ben Castillo
Moira Howie
Christine Hills
Sara Zofrea
Beryl Peo-Duncan
John Andrew Graham
John Charles Graham
Michael Carrodus
Pat Regan
Robyn Sheather
Candida Hernandez
Chin Quang Le
Tony Quatroville
Garry Gleeson
Elizabeth Kral
Nazarena Custodio
Annette Davis
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
Maeve Robinson
All who are sick

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

Special Intentions
Those who care for the sick
The poor

BOOK REVIEW

You And Your Husband's Mid Life Crisis
by Sally Conway



During this time in lockdown many of us will become more aware of a mid life crisis which we may not have recognised in normal times so this book gives us some ideas to explore to do the best to remedy the situation.

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.



LIVE STREAM

We will livestream **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/pittwater/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.

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, 9157 0999 for other ways that you can contribute.



Bay Connect

Regular opportunities to 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>



Watch the daily Mass on Demand from Broken Bay's Cathedral at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLvQ>

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



Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel according to St Mark, we hear two stories about the Kingdom of God. Jesus tells us that we must love as children love. He tells us that if we cannot accept the gift of God like a child does, we will never know what it means to have the presence of God within us. Like children who open their hearts and accept the love of God, no questions asked, we need to take God into our hearts, because we understand that God loves us and that God cares for us.

God's love has been evident for us in this difficult time of uncertainty during the lockdown, that even though we were unable to come together and worship as a community, He is still with us and provides us with the opportunity to feel His presence in our daily tasks.

I learnt this week that Bishop Bernard O'Grady accepted the invitation of Archbishop Anthony Fisher and has decided to relocate to the Sydney Diocese. Although we all will be very sad that Bishop Bernard is leaving and we will miss him dearly, I know that you will join with me in wishing him well for this new chapter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bishop Bernard for his friendship and support not only to me but also to all our clergy and our parishioners over the last fourteen years that he has resided in Avalon. Bishop Bernard is planning to leave Avalon around the end of October. I am hoping that prior to his departure, we will be able to come together as a parish family to farewell him.

We have begun recruiting for a new parish secretary and bookkeeper to replace Suzy. If you know of anyone that may be interested in this position, you will find more details in our bulletin and on our parish website.

Once again we will livestream our 10am Mass this Sunday. 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.

We will also livestream our Vocations Mass on the first Thursday of October (this Thursday 7 October) at 10am which is also the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Following the Mass, we will pray the Rosary together, praying not only for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but also for all priests, especially those who are sick or struggling during this uncertain time.

For the livestreaming of all our Masses, visit

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/news-events/parish-news/livestream-our-weekend-masses>

Thank you for all your generous donations which continue to support our parish. Donations can now be made through the good giving app. More information on this app can be found in our parish bulletin. Donations can also 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, be kind to one another and to yourselves.

Yours in Christ,



Fr Richard Sadowski SDS
Parish Administrator

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Use this App to support our Clergy through the first collection and our Parish through the second collection. Donations can be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or one-off.

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Scan the QR code above with your camera app and follow the prompts



GIVING

Thank you for your continued contributions and support. Your financial contributions and your generous donations throughout the year are greatly appreciated.

LIVESTREAMS

READINGS

NEWS



<https://brokenbay.goodgiving.com.au>

Parish Secretary – Catholic Parish of Pittwater (Avalon and Mona Vale) Permanent, full-time role

Could you see yourself as the face of our Pittwater Parish communities, providing a sense of warmth and welcome to visitors?

Pittwater Parish is seeking to recruit a full-time Parish Secretary. This role plays an important part in the Parish team, providing support for Parish communications, administration, financial processes, Parish property, compliance and Diocesan support.

The ideal candidate will have excellent people skills, a comprehensive knowledge of office administration processes and procedures and a sound understanding of Microsoft Office Suite, MYOB, bookkeeping or accounting practices.

An ability to work autonomously while remaining a team player, with a commitment to be accountable for performance, and an ability to work collaboratively across a wide spectrum of stakeholders, supported by a good understanding of, and commitment to, Catholic values and teachings will be crucial to your success.

If you have high developed administration skills coupled with well-developed relational and rapport building skills and this role interests you, please email a brief cover letter and CV to recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

For further information, including to request a copy of the position description please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close Wednesday 13 October 2021.

The Diocese of Broken Bay is committed to and promotes a culture of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our Diocese has no tolerance to Child Abuse and is committed to ensuring our staff and volunteers understand the joint responsibility to safeguard all those within our community.

The successful applicant must have the right to work in Australia and will be required to undertake a National Police History Check and Working With Children Check.



Daylight Saving will begin at 2 am on Sunday, 3rd October.

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!

To read the messages from Bishop Anthony and from the people Vox Populi please go to www.pittwaterparish.org. News and events tile and Messages from Bishop Anthony on the drop down menu.

Why we dedicate the Month of October to The Holy Rosary



It all started in 1571, when the Catholic League entered into battle against the Ottoman Empire to protect Italy from invasion. The Turks were on a warpath to overthrow all of Europe, killing millions of people and forcing Islamic conversion on survivors. They had conquered the Middle East and Mediterranean islands of Cyprus and Crete. Italy was next.

As the impending battle loomed, Pope Pius V called on various religious communities throughout Europe to join him in praying the rosary, including public recitations, to defeat the Islamic threat. Heading into battle, every man in the Catholic League's forces carried a rosary. Their fleet was no match for the competition, vastly outnumbered.

Miraculously, the Catholic League returned victorious after a daylong battle known as the Battle of Lepanto that took place off the coast of Greece. In thanksgiving for Mary's intercession and protection, Pope Pius V declared the day - October 7 - as a feast day for Our Lady of the Rosary. To celebrate, a rosary procession was held in Saint Peter's Square.

The presence and protection of our Mother Mary has immense power - requested, channelled, and honoured through the rosary. Her immaculate intercession has won wars and conquered hearts. After the feast day was established, the entire month of October was dedicated to the rosary in 1884 by Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Superiore Anno*:

"Last year, as each of you is aware, We

decreed by an Encyclical Letter that, to win the help of Heaven for the Church in her trials, the great Mother of God should be honoured by the means of the most holy Rosary during the whole of the month of October. In this We followed both Our own impulse and the example of Our predecessors, who in times of difficulty were wont to have recourse with increased fervor to the Blessed Virgin, and to seek her aid with special prayers."



Although the commitment to the rosary was formalised in 1571, it was an established prayer long before then. The rosary was first given to Saint Dominic by the Virgin Mary during an apparition in 1214 in Prouilhe of southern France. She presented it as a source of strength and grace to persevere in his efforts to convert Albigensian heretics, saying:

"Wonder not that you have obtained so little fruit by your labours, you have spent them on barren soil, not yet watered with the dew of Divine grace. When God willed to renew the face of the earth, He began by sending down on it the fertilising rain

of the Angelic Salutation. Therefore preach my Psalter composed of 150 Angelic Salutations and 15 Our Fathers, and you will obtain an abundant harvest."

Saint Dominic went on to found the Order of Preachers, or the Dominicans. The image of Our Lady of the Rosary reflects this apparition, with Mary holding the child Jesus in one hand and the other hand extending to give the rosary beads to Saint Dominic. Pope Benedict explained the meaning behind the image in a 2007 Angelus:

"This important iconography shows that the Rosary is a means given by the Virgin to contemplate Jesus and, in meditating on his life, to love him and follow him ever more faithfully. It is this message that Our Lady has also bequeathed to us in her various apparitions."

We know it to be one of the most recited and celebrated Catholic prayers - used to implore our Mother Mary for her intercession and blessings. St John Paul II expanded on the rosary's power in his 2002 apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, when he announced the Year of the Rosary and the addition of the Luminous Mysteries:

"With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer."

As we enter into October, let us renew our devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary - reflecting on its origins saving nations and individuals in times of conflict and despair.



BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO'S "ROAD MAP" FOR BROKEN BAY

Bishop Anthony has considered the NSW Government's "Roadmap" from the current COVID restrictions and all its implications for the Faithful of Broken Bay, and has determined the following to apply to our own diocese:

1. From the Monday after 70% vaccination rate has been achieved (forecast to be Monday 11 October) when places of public worship can be opened and be available for those who are vaccinated, our churches will be reopened for private prayer and devotion only. It is for our people to be mindful of government requirements for this stage of the Roadmap and to engage this opportunity with a sense of responsibility and COVID safety.
2. From the Monday after 80% vaccination rate has been achieved, public Masses will resume in our churches according to the usual schedule. In accord with the government regulation, the vaccination status of our people who attend our churches, or who undertake a ministry in them, will not need to be verified.

During this stage:

- a. Other rituals such as Baptisms and other services of prayer and devotion may resume.
 - b. Confessions will be scheduled again.
 - c. The number of people who can attend Mass and other liturgies and services of prayer will be based on the 4 sqm principle (uncapped), including for funerals and weddings.
 - d. Congregational singing will not be possible, but a musician and cantor are possible and will be engaged for the beauty of the liturgy.
 - e. COVID safe practices related to the celebration of our liturgies will be re- introduced.
 - f. It is essential that anyone visiting our churches use the QR code to register their visit, sanitize, and always wear a mask.
 - g. The use of our facilities such as meeting rooms and halls will not be possible.
3. From 1 December 2021
 - a. Density for gatherings in our churches will shift to one person per 2 sqm for both indoor and outdoor gatherings.
 - b. Congregational singing will be possible at our liturgies.
 - c. There will be no restriction on the use of other parish facilities such as meeting rooms and halls.

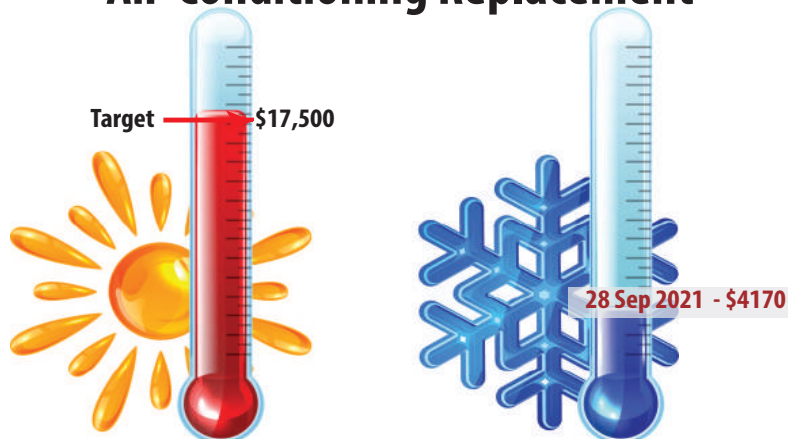
Bishop Anthony is confident that the staged return he has outlined, in accord with both the spiritual needs of our people and the Roadmap, will ensure our safety and our unity as we journey forward together into the new environment ahead of us.

Parish Virtual Morning Tea Sunday 3rd October after 10am Livestream Mass (about 11am)

The morning teas are 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
<https://zoom.us/j/95764225406?pwd=aHQ4UW1DQUJzMnhMbWc4VTQrOWplUT09>
Meeting ID: 957 6422 5406

Maria Regina Church, Avalon Air-Conditioning Replacement



Our air-conditioning units in our Maria Regina Church, Avalon, which were generously donated by a parishioner, have been irreparably damaged by some uninvited lizards and now the Church is in need of new air conditioning units.

Our aim is to raise \$17,500.00 to cover the cost of the supply and installation of new units.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve this goal quickly so that we can make the Church cosy in winter months as well as when we need it to cool in our hot Summer.

Credit Card donations can be made via our website through BPoint <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving> and selecting "Other" from the drop down Biller Code list and using "Air Conditioning" as the Reference.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



Peta-Wise Photography

Small People - Big Dreams

By Pittwater Friends of Soibada Inc

Preschoolers in Soibada need our help.

In Soibada, as in most of Timor Leste, there are high rates of illiteracy and extreme poverty. Most families have at least seven or eight children. Children under the age of 6 face huge challenges in their right to life, survival and development. High under-5 mortality rates, malnourishment, as well as diseases such as diarrhoea from inadequate safe water, sanitation and hygiene, all impact children's start in life. Very few pre-school-age children are growing up in an environment that adequately nurtures them mentally and physically.

The lack of a kindergarten has a far-reaching impact.

The lack of educational facilities in Soibada disadvantages more than just the 2-5-year-olds. Older siblings, particularly girls, miss out on their schooling because they are required to stay at home to care for the younger ones. Some school-age children take their younger siblings to school where they wait outside the classrooms. Huge numbers of Timorese children are unable to access their right to education and this has a lifelong impact on their ability to raise their full potential.

We can help!

We are working towards solving this problem with a purpose-built Preschool facility in the long term in partnership with other organisations. This takes time. To solve the immediate problem, the community in Soibada has identified a building that can be suitably repaired for the 80 children that have already registered to start kindergarten in the new year.

The local workmen are on-site and need funds to buy the materials needed to make the building safe.

These children will be prepared for the more formal education available in the local primary school. They will be provided with a nutritious meal and clean water each day in a safe learning environment. Their older siblings will be free to attend their school classes. Their mothers will be given the time needed to work and gain a much-needed income.

You can help us change the future for this community.

We only need to raise \$6000 but we need to do it quickly. This small amount of money will not only help the 80 children registered to attend the kindergarten but will have a huge impact on their families and the community as a whole. Be part of this and over the coming years, you will witness the results as we follow these children's progress.

Watch the Plenary Council Assembly Online

The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens with Mass at 2:00pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth on Sunday, 3 October. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of Plenary Council.

Key moments will be live streamed between 3 and 10 October.

They will include daily Masses, morning prayer and sharing of the fruits of discernment.

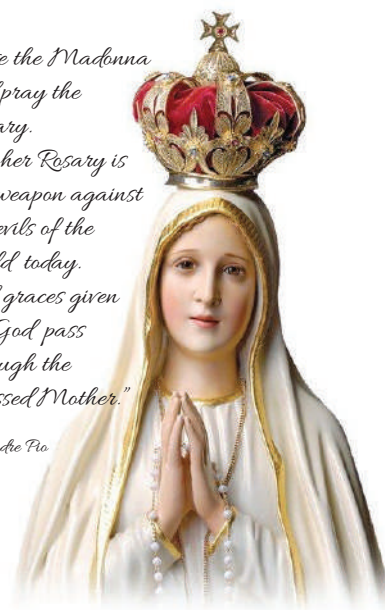
Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



Public Rosary

"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



Join our livestream for a Nationwide Rosary Chain Saturday 16 October 2021 at 10am, Sacred Heart Church,

Mona Vale

We ask prayers for Our Lady of Fatima to intercede for God's merciful blessing upon Australia.



WELCOME TO THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In our Gospel today, Jesus gives a comment on marriage, cutting through the unfair practices of the time and returning to God's original plan. Jesus quotes the book of Genesis (our first Reading) and emphasises the unity of married couples, as well as God's role as an integral part at the core of that unity.



A second story today speaks of Jesus welcoming little children. Do we welcome Jesus and the gift he offers us with the openness, simplicity, sincerity and neediness of a young child?

GOSPEL READING: MK 10:7-8

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

Read the full text at

<https://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>



REFLECTION:

"God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God."

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/27th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, we ask you to pour out your love and grace over all our families. We pray particularly for comfort in those families suffering from loss and separation, that they may experience your mercy in their lives. We pray through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother and St Joseph, Your earthly father. Amen



FEAST:

7 October - Our Lady of the Rosary:

This feast celebrates Mary's intercession through the praying of the Rosary during the Battle of Lepanto. In this month of the Rosary, successive popes have urged the faithful to pray this powerful prayer. It is a form of contemplative prayer inspired by biblical accounts of the life of Christ, and expressed through mysteries and prayed in union with Mary the Mother of God.

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/>



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY:

The Good Samaritan Find – A – Word

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Can Catholics Get Divorced? – Life Teen:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2A9Vb0mHoA>

Basic Theology of Marriage – Christopher West:

<https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/basic-theology-of-marriage-christopher-west/>

SONG:

Sails – Pat Barrett & Steffany Gretzinger:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gDUpZrCqtA>

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

Memorial of St Francis 4 October

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The *Living* Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Est 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 Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis
They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'
This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **(R)**

Second Reading Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation cf. 1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:2-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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.

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In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness. We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

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| 04/10 | Monday St Francis of Assisi Jonah 1:1 - 2:1, 11; Lk 10:25-37 (Alt. Gal 6:14-18; Mt 11:25-30) |
| 05/10 | Tuesday Ordinary Time 27 Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42 |
| 06/10 | Wednesday Ordinary Time 27 Jonah 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4 |
| 07/10 | Thursday Our Lady of the Rosary Malachi 3:13-20; Lk 11:5-13 (Alt. Acts 1:12-14; Lk 1:26-38) |
| 08/10 | Friday Ordinary Time 27 Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26 |
| 09/10 | Saturday Ordinary Time 27 Joel 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28 |

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