



# The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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

## *A Prayer to Our Lady of the Rosary*

O Virgin Mary,  
grant that the recitation of  
your Rosary may be for me each  
day, in the midst of my manifold  
duties, a bond of unity in my  
actions, a tribute of filial piety,  
a sweet refreshment,  
an encouragement to walk  
joyfully along the path of duty.

Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary,  
that the study of your mysteries  
may form in my soul, little by little,  
a luminous atmosphere, pure,  
strengthening, and fragrant,  
which may penetrate my  
understanding, my will, my heart,  
my memory, my imagination,  
my whole being.

So shall I acquire the habit of  
praying while I work, without the  
aid of formal prayers, by interior  
acts of admiration and of  
supplication, or by aspirations  
of love.

I ask this of thee, O Queen of the  
Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic,  
your son of predilection,  
the renowned preacher of your  
mysteries, and the faithful  
imitator of thy virtues.  
Amen.

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

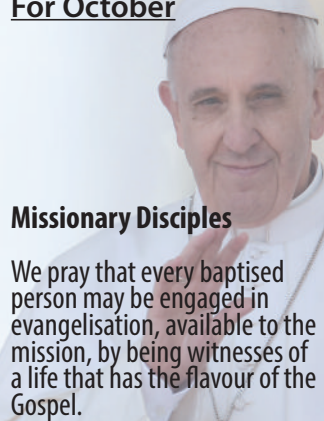


## Thoughts of Bl Francis Jordan

The way which our dear Saviour took you also must take;  
and that is the way of meekness and humility.



## 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/parrish-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\_parrish)

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Friday 9am to 12 noon

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**Mona Vale Sacred Heart School**  
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**Avalon Maria Regina School**  
Tel 9918 2608  
Principal: Miss Kirsty Thorpe

**Warriewood 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**  
Anka Juricev  
Brenda Bottero  
Sandra Pyper  
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**

Jakob Vukovic  
Tom Gallo  
Ben Castillo  
Peter Vorlicek

**Prayers for the Sick**

Philip Maddrel  
Gail Reiher  
Imelda Vince  
Moirra 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  
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  
Maevie Robinson  
Jenny Carroll

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

**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.



**Vinnies**

The link to the Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 4 2021 Newsletter: [bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021](http://bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021)

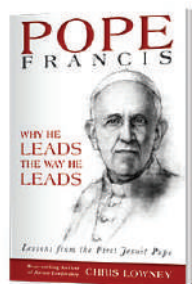
- The 2021 edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

For the needy, help is available by contacting the Brookvale Centre 9905 0424 during business hours.



**BOOK REVIEW**

**Pope Francis**  
Why he leads the way he leads  
by Chris Lowney



Pope Francis has captured the world's attention with his seemingly counter intuitive approach to leading the Church. His Jesuit training has directly impacted his approach to leadership and his acceptance of himself enables him to communicate in a down to earth way which is so effective.

**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**

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



**Special Intentions**

The sick  
Elizabeth Ott

Dear Parishioners,

The readings for this Sunday give us an opportunity to step back from the busyness of our everyday lives to consider more deeply the riches we have been given, and what it is that we truly value. In the Gospel of St Mark, the themes of wisdom, selfless values and service to the Lord are drawn together in the story of the rich young man, whose attachment to wealth prevents him from truly following Jesus. Through this encounter, Jesus teaches us that whatever we leave behind to follow him will be far surpassed by the treasures we will inherit in heaven. During this week, may we pray for the gift of ever greater wisdom to help us recognise and seize every opportunity to show our love of God through the good we do each day.

In last weekend's bulletin, we outlined Bishop Anthony Randazzo's road map for Broken Bay once the NSW Government restrictions begin easing. In his road map, Bishop Anthony announced that once we reached the 70% vaccination rate, our Churches could be opened and available for those who are vaccinated, for private prayer and devotion only. As Bishop Anthony stated, our parishioners need 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.

As we reached the 70% vaccination rate this week, we are pleased that our churches will be opened for private prayer **from Monday 11 October 2021** as follows:

Maria Regina Church, Avalon will be opened on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8am-10am and Sundays 4pm-6pm.

Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale will be opened from Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm and Sundays 11am-1pm.

Please remember to use the QR codes or attendance sheets to register and to use the hand sanitiser available.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available by appointment. To make an appointment, please contact the parish office.

The complete road map is available again in this weekend's bulletin, along with an invitation to join the live-streaming of the nation-wide Rosary chain on Saturday 16 October 2021 at 10am. The bulletin is now available outside our Maria Regina Church, Avalon or the front of the parish office, Mona Vale and is also available for download from our parish website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/news-events/bulletins>

We are still in the recruitment process for a new parish secretary and bookkeeper to replace Suzy, so if you know of anyone that may be interested in this position, please pass on the details that can be found in our bulletin or on our parish website or ask them to contact the parish office.

We will livestream our 10am Mass this Sunday (or you watch it from the same link anytime throughout the day). For the livestreaming of our Masses, visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/news-events/parish-news/livestream-our-weekend-masses>

Our apologies for the missing passcode to our virtual morning tea in our bulletin for last week. It is always the same link each week, so you might want to save the details if ever you can't find the link. Fr Paul and I look forward to seeing you again after our 10am Mass this Sunday. If you would like to join, the link is <https://zoom.us/j/95764225406?pwd=aHQ4UW1DQUJzMnhMbWc4VTQrOWplUT09>

Meeting ID: 957 6422 5406

Passcode: 189590

Thank you for your wonderful financial support of our parish. As mentioned last week, donations can now be made through the Parish Giving Broken Bay App. This App is a newly developed digital App to assist our community that offers weekly giving for Clergy, Parish and Pastoral collections and is straightforward, modern and easy to use. Along with giving a donation, through this App, you can also see the readings of the day, find Mass times and Live stream information and discover Catholic news highlights. More information on this app can be found in our parish bulletin or if you have any queries in regards to the App, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office. Donations can also still be made by Visa or MasterCard via our website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving>

We are optimistic that very soon we will all be able to celebrate public Masses, see our loved ones in person, enjoy outings, go shopping and participate in all the normal things we used to do.

Yours in Christ,



**Fr Richard Sadowski SDS**  
Parish Administrator

# Scan to Give to our Parish of Pittwater

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](mailto:recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au).

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



## 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.

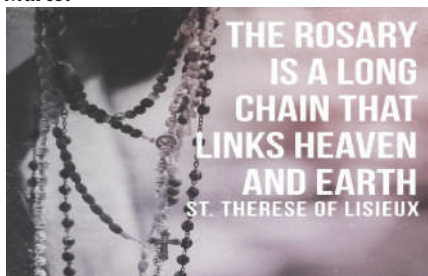
**Everybody is welcome!**

To read the messages from Bishop Anthony and from the people Vox Populi please go to [www.pittwaterparish.org](http://www.pittwaterparish.org). News and events tile and Messages from Bishop Anthony on the drop down menu.

## October—Month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**The Miracle of the Sun (Portuguese: Milagre do Sol), also known as the Miracle of Fátima, is reported to have occurred on 13 October 1917, attended by a large crowd who had gathered in Fátima, Portugal, in response to a prophecy made by three shepherd children, Lúcia Santos and Francisco and Jacinta Marto.**



On autumn mornings as we conclude Lauds, the giant window of Our Lady is often blazing bright in the glow of the rising sun. Mary is illumined by the Radiant Dawn, the Sun of Justice, who is Jesus Christ her Son. Baptised into Christ Jesus our lives are meant to glow with his presence as well. One way we may grow closer to him is by praying the Rosary. October is the Month traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

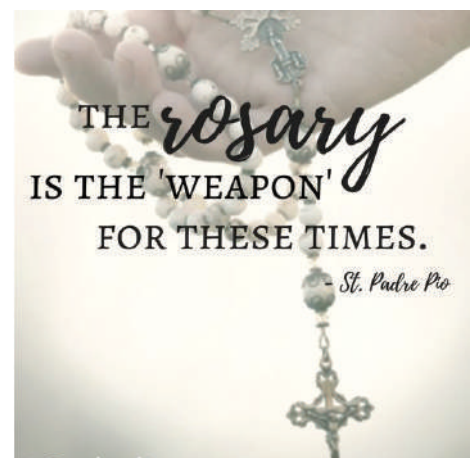
What consolation the Rosary brings. Remembering the mysteries of Christ's life and Our Lady's life, we repeat Hail Mary after Hail Mary. Indeed, the mysteries of the Holy Rosary—joyful, sorrowful, glorious and luminous—are the mysteries of our own lives as well. As we pray the Rosary, we beg Our Lady to draw us closer to him who is our Light. We remember seeing parents and grandparents so often praying their rosaries, "telling their beads" as some referred to this devotion. We remember as well that for many saints the Rosary was an indispensable part of their daily prayer.

In his biography of Pope Francis, Austen Ivereigh recounts then Cardinal Bergoglio's experience of praying with Saint John Paul: **One afternoon I went to pray the Holy Rosary that the Holy Father was leading. He was in front of us on his knees. With the Holy Father's back to me, I entered into prayer. In the middle of the prayer, I became distracted looking at the Pope, and time began to fade away. I began to imagine the young priest, the seminarian, the poet, the worker, the**

**child from Wadowice in exactly the same posture as he was now, praying Hail Mary after Hail Mary.**



**His witness struck me. I felt this man, chosen to guide the Church, was the summation of a path trod together with his Mother in heaven, a path that began in his childhood. And I suddenly realised the weight of the words spoken by the Mother of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego, "Do not be afraid. Am I not your mother?" I grasped the presence of Mary in the pope's life. His witness did not get lost in memory. From that time onward I have prayed the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary every day.** — Excerpts from *The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope*, Austen Ivereigh, p.275



For we **CANNOT** KEEP FROM **SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**

ACTS 4:29

In two weeks, Catholic Mission will share with us the powerful story of Churai, a mother who found her way to the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, during a desperate time in her life.

The Good Shepherd Sisters' mission is to promote the dignity and human rights of all, especially women and children; but they can only do that with support from people like you.

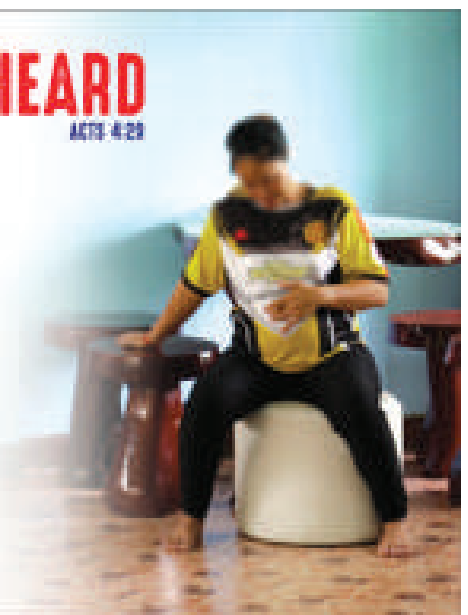
Please come with an open and generous heart.

\*Names and images altered to protect identity



**catholic mission**

Free call: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au/thailand



## 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 10th 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  
 Passcode: 189590

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**instagram.com/soul-Pittwater**

**Watch the Plenary Council Assembly Online**

The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opened 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](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



**Plenary Council**  
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



# Call your Mother!

## She has not heard from you in decades!

## 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.

**SOUL**

WIN A **\$25 Uber Eats** VOUCHER

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**Trivia**

**SUNDAY 10 OCT 7PM**

EMAIL JOSH FOR THE ZOOM LINK:  
**MUSIC@PITWATERPARISH.ORG**

**~GAME ON~**

Church Tradition has always urged prayer for the deceased, in particular by offering the Eucharistic Celebration for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to those who are the most forsaken. The foundation of prayer in suffrage lies in the communion of the Mystical Body.

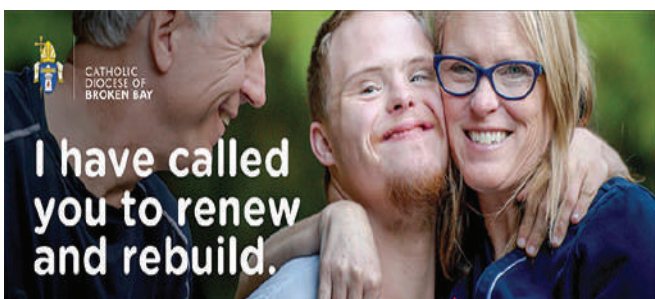
As the Second Vatican Council repeats, "fully conscious of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the pilgrim Church from the very first ages of the Christian religion has cultivated with great piety the memory of the dead" (Lumen Gentium, n. 50).

Remembering the dead, caring for their graves and prayers of suffrage, are the testimony of confident hope, rooted in the certainty that death does not have the last word on human existence, for man is destined to a life without limits, which has its roots and its fulfillment in God.

**POPE FRANCIS**



If you would like the names of your deceased friends, relatives or loved ones published in our **"Book of Remembrance"** please fill the "November Mass Offering" envelopes (available in the front of the Church) and drop it in to the Parish Office or on the plate before Wednesday 12 noon, each week.



## I have called you to renew and rebuild.

**PASTORAL WORKS**  
Broken Bay

Donate to help families and parish communities in Broken Bay.



# Follow the Lord



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

A man met Jesus on the road and asked him how we can have eternal life. Some of the things Jesus says we can do are written on the sign posts below. Fill in the missing words and pictures.

God tells us there are more important things in life than being rich or owning lots of possessions. Write or draw some things that are important in your life.

Complete the crossword - it uses picture as clues instead of words!

# The *Living* Word

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 129:3-4  
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

**First Reading** Wis 7:7-11  
**A reading from the book of Wisdom**  
*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

**The word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

**(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune.  
**(R)**

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.  
**(R)**

**Second Reading** Heb 4:12-13  
**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**  
*The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

**The word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mk 10:17-30  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Ps 33:11  
The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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*This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.*

*We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword. One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.*

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11/10	<b>Monday Ordinary Time 28</b> Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
12/10	<b>Tuesday Ordinary Time 28</b> Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
13/10	<b>Wednesday Ordinary Time 28</b> Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
14/10	<b>Thursday Ordinary 28</b> Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
15/10	<b>Friday St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor</b> Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7 (Alt. Rom 8:22-27; Jn 15:1-8)
16/10	<b>Saturday Ordinary Time 28</b> JRom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

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