

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

Everything has its time

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill. and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew: a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate: a time for war, and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-18; NRSV

It is our responsibilty to protect others and ourselves and stop the spread of COVID-19 in Australia.

Continue to practise good hygiene.

Please use the hand sanitisers
provided in both of our Churches.

Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

As long as the Queen of heaven and earth is not everywhere praised, you dare not allow yourself a moment's rest.



Pope Francis'
Prayer Intentions
For September



We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

If you have used this bulletin, please take it home with you.



A warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors who are celebrating the Eucharist with us at Pittwater Parish - Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale and Maria Regina Church, Avalon

trybooking:

To ensure that we fulfil the requirements of the 80 (Mona Vale) and 100 (Avalon) people limit, we would like you to use the Trybooking website to book for **our weekend Masses**.

There is no need to book for the weekday Masses.

The bookings are now open. Further weekend Masses will be added each week, taking into consideration any changes in government restrictions.

Here are some pointers that might help:

- Once you have selected the Mass you would like to book for, you will need to enter the quantity of tickets at the bottom of the page. Then click NEXT.
- 2. Once you have read and agreed to the "Additional Information" you will need to select "YES" from the dropdown box that says "I Agree to the Terms Above"
- You will then need to enter the First Name and the Last Name of each of the Attendees. Then click NFXT
- In the Checkout, you will need to complete all the fields, First Name, Last Name, Phone Number, Address, Suburb, Postcode and Email Address. Then click PURCHASE.
- 5. If you have completed the transaction successfully, you will see "Transaction Successful" on the following page and you will receive an email with the "ticket" to the Mass you have selected.
- 6. If you do not see "Transaction Successful" and you do not receive an email (please remember to check your junk email) then the items may still be in your cart and you may need to re-complete one of the steps.
- 7. You do not need to print the ticket. We will have your name on the "Ticket Holder List" for each Mass.

To book for our Masses at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale, please visit https://www.trybooking.com/BJPSE To book for our Masses at Maria Regina Church, Avalon, please visit https://www.trybooking.com/BJPSP

Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish office 9157 0999 if you need any assistance.

LIBRARY

Now that the restrictions have been lifted concerning the opening of churches, although at present only 100 people, we can access the Library. You are very welcome to browse the vast assortment of books and DVDs in the Parish Library at Maria Regina after the daily and weekend Masses. Books and DVDs will still be reviewed in the Bulletin.

If you have an inquiry you may phone me on 99183973 (Home) 0401613643 (mobile).

Trish Newman

We Pray for

Recently Deceased

Lauren Reid Joe Romeo

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them
O Lord, And Let Perpetual Light
Shine Upon Them.
May they Rest in Peace, Amen.
May Their Souls And The Souls
Of The Faithful Departed,
Through The Mercy Of God,
Rest In Peace, Amen.

Deceased Anniversary

Souls of the fait<mark>hful d</mark>eparted Jaime R C<mark>ustod</mark>io Greer Henkel

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.

Prayers for the Sick

Bill Eyre
Manny Zarb
Philip Maddrel
Gail Reiher
Imelda Vince
Eric Domagas
Vicky Villaluz
Ben Castillo
Moira Howie
Carol Brennan
Jomar
Christine Hills
Donald McRae
Sara Zofrea
Beryl Peo-Duncan
John Andrew Graham
John Charles Graham
Michael Carrodus
Pat Regan
Robyn Sheather
Lynette Buhat
Jan Nuelle
Candida Hernandez
Chin Quang Le
Bernie Neville
Gill Page

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

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf17i14 XB9TsVBrLvQ

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

THANK YOU

I wish to take this opportunity to say thank you for your contributions and support throughout the year. Your financial contributions in our Planned Giving Programme and your generous donations throughout the year to Charitable Works Fund are greatly appreciated.
I also wish to extend a warm welcome to any new parishioners to Pittwater

Fr Bronek SDS Parish Priest

Share the News

Our Churches-Sacred Heart and Maria Regina are open.

Come for Mass.

Come and pray.

Come and light a candle.

Come sit and find peace.

BOOK REVIEW

The Beatitudes
The Scriptures and Us
by Sister Theophane Egan



They are the epitome of Jesus' teaching firmly set in scriptural context and present some excellent insights for us.

Adoration & Benediction



MARIA REGINA CHURCH every Thursday
9am Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, Adoration and
Benediction at 9.45am.
Mass at 10am

SACRED HEART CHURCH every Thursday Mass at 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction at 9pm.

Vinnies

The Rosalie Rendu Forum

You are invited to take part in the Rosalie Rendu Forum (online) with a line-up of inspirational female leaders who will encourage us to reflect on the theme: Reimagining the future: Can we create more equitable communities post pandemic?

The registration is at https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rosalie-rendu-2020-tickets-117725605455

Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP)

The MVFP is an extracurricular program designed to deepen students' understanding of Vinnies and to nurture an active response to needs in their local and global communities. Students in Years 4 to 6 are invited to enrol in the Mini Vinnies Formation Program: http://bit.ly/MVFPregistration

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

If you are experiencing Domestic Violence

Ring 1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732

Do not be ashamed to pray the Rosary alone, while you walk along the streets to school, to the university, to work, or as you commute by public transport.



As we move towards living COVIDSafe, it is important that you stay at home if you feel unwell. If you have cold or flu like symptoms, such as a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose or shortness of breath, you should seek medical advice and get tested for COVID-19. You should get tested even if your symptoms are mild.

October-Month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 Ivreigh 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 Ivreigh, p.275



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.



Thank you for your continued contribution.

The Charitable Works Fund



The CWF is still working by providing the funds to ensure our trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are available by mobile phone for those in hospitals in our Diocese. With restrictions on visitors, Pastoral Care Practitioners are needed more than ever for the patients, their families and the staff in the hospitals in our Diocese.

The CWF is still working by providing the funds to create online resources for students in public schools in our Diocese to receive Catholic Special Religious Education Classes. This vital ministry will assist parents at home continue the valuable faith formation to Catholic students in the public schools in our Diocese.

The CWF is still working by assisting St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College care for students with special needs who are still attending providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

The CWF works every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre.

When you give to the CWF, you can be assured that your donation is working for the faith and the people of the Diocese of Broken Bay.

You can learn more about the works of CWF by watching the video and make a donation by credit card by clicking the Bpoint logo at https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving

Donations to the CWF can be made online at www.givenow.com.au/cwf and will support our Parish quota.



PEWS @ SACRED HEART CHURCH

The re-uphostering of the pews at Sacred Heart have been completed.

Donations are still needed to cover the cost, and can be made at the Tap and Go Devices or using the envelopes provided.

In new encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship" Pope Francis envisions 'renewed hope' from universal love, open to 'every man and woman'



Pope Francis signs his new encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship" after celebrating Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy, Oct. 3, 2020. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

"I invite everyone to renewed hope" Pope Francis writes in his new encyclical letter "Fratelli Tutti," addressed to his "brothers and sisters all" in this "wounded world" brought to its knees by the coronavirus pandemic and other crises, including poverty, racism and violence. The pope signed the encyclical letter at the tomb of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy, on Oct. 3, after celebrating Mass there.

In the encyclical letter, whose English-language version will be titled "Fratelli tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship," Francis suggests ways in which we can build a more just, peaceful world, one in which we recognise each other as brothers and sisters of one human family.

It is significant that the Pope travelled to Assisi to sign the social encyclical at the tomb of St. Francis. The Pope noted that the saint used the phrase "Fratelli Tutti" as he "addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel." He said the saint inspired him to write the encyclical "Laudato Si" in 2015, in addition to this new letter "devoted to fraternity and social friendship."

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Pope Francis also said that the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, with whom he signed "The Document on Human Fraternity" in Abu Dhabi on Feb. 4, 2019, encouraged him in this enterprise, "which takes up and develops some of the great themes raised in that document." He also drew inspiration from Blessed Charles de Foucauld, as well as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Desmond Tutu, Mahatma Gandhi, and "many other brothers and sisters who are not Catholics."

He wrote "Fratelli Tutti" from a "Christian perspective," he said, but intended it also "as an invitation to dialogue among all people." The Pope said it does not claim "to offer a complete teaching on fraternal love, but rather to consider its universal scope, its openness to every man and woman."

Pope Francis revealed that he was already working on the text when the Covid-19 pandemic "unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities," as well as the inability of various countries to work together.

The Pope said the 90-page encyclical letter "brings

together" many statements he has made during the past seven years on the theme of human fraternity and social friendship. Indeed, when one reads the encyclical, much of it seems familiar, but it has been enriched by profound new insights, especially in the second chapter, titled "A Stranger on the Road."

In this chapter, Pope Francis looks at our contemporary world through the lens of Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, which "eloquently presents the basic decision we need to make in order to rebuild our wounded world. In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan."

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Pope Francis writes, "The parable is clear and straightforward, yet it also evokes the interior struggle that each of us experiences as we gradually come to know ourselves through our relationships with our brothers and sisters. Sooner or later, we will all encounter a person who is suffering. Today there are more and more of them. The decision to include or exclude those lying wounded along the roadside can serve as a criterion for judging every economic, political, social and religious project."

Moreover, he writes, "For Christians, the words of Jesus have an even deeper meaning. They compel us to recognise Christ himself in each of our abandoned or excluded brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40.45)."

Pope Francis concludes the chapter by noting that "still today, there are those who appear to feel encouraged or at least permitted by their faith to support varieties of narrow and violent nationalism, xenophobia and contempt, and even the mistreatment of those who are different." But, he said, "Faith, and the humanism it inspires, must maintain a critical sense in the face of these tendencies, and prompt an immediate response whenever they rear their head."

"Dark clouds" from aggression and isolation In the first of the encyclical's eight chapters, "Dark Clouds Over a Closed World," Pope Francis highlights "certain trends in our world that hinder the development of universal fraternity." He notes the re-emergence of ancient conflicts, the rise of "a myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism" and "new forms of cultural colonisation." He laments that "political life becomes increasingly fragile in the face of transnational economic powers that operate with the principle of 'divide and conquer."

Pope Francis also returns to his longtime theme of "a throwaway culture" that "finds expression in vicious attitudes that we thought long past, such as racism, which retreats underground only to keep re-emerging."

Turning to the persistence of poverty, Francis writes that "while one part of humanity lives in opulence, another part sees its own dignity denied, scorned or trampled upon." Moreover, our world "is still far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men."

He attributes much violence to the fact that "we no longer have common horizons that unite us." Indeed, he adds, "in today's world, the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading, and the dream of working together for justice and peace seems an outdated utopia. What reigns instead is a cool, comfortable and globalised indifference."

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Francis writes that "the culture of encounter," as opposed to isolation and the building of walls, can restore hope and bring about renewal. However, modern methods of communication have brought "digital campaigns of hatred and destruction" and a "social aggression" that "has found unparalleled room for expansion through computers and mobile devices." He notes that "even in Catholic media, limits can be overstepped, defamation and slander can become commonplace, and all ethical standards and respect for the good name of others can be abandoned."

Pope Francis recalls that the Covid-19 pandemic "momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person's problems are the problems of all. Once more we realised that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together." He expresses the hope that, "God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us."

"All saved together or no one is saved"

In Chapter 3, Francis emphasises the value of "solidarity" and suggests "re-envisaging the social role of property." Significantly, he declares that "the Christian tradition has never recognised the right to private property as absolute or inviolable and has stressed the social purpose of all forms of private property." He calls for "a new way of thinking" about "the foreign debt" of poor countries.

Chapter 4 addresses migration and the need for creative responses to people fleeing "grave humanitarian crises." Calling for greater international cooperation, he writes, "we need to develop the awareness that nowadays we are either all saved together or no one is saved. Poverty, decadence and suffering in one part of the earth are a silent breeding ground for problems that will end up affecting the entire planet."

Pope Francis emphasises the need for "a better kind of politics" in Chapter 5, writing that it should be centred

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on human dignity and the common good. Turning to economics, he writes that "the marketplace, by itself, cannot resolve every problem," as the current pandemic has shown. Moreover, the "trickle-down" theory of neo-liberal economics "does not resolve the inequality that gives rise to new forms of violence threatening the fabric of society." Pope Francis writes that the financial crisis of 2007-2008 "provided an opportunity to develop a new economy, more attentive to ethical principles," but "the response to the crisis did not include rethinking the outdated criteria which continue to rule the world."

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Because "the economic and financial sectors, being transnational, tend to prevail over the political," Pope Francis also concludes that "it is essential to device stronger and more efficiently organised international institutions," including those dealing with international finance.

In the sixth chapter on "Dialogue and Friendship in Society," Pope Francis writes, "a country flourishes when constructive dialogue occurs between its many cultural components." He warns that "when one part of society exploits all that the world has to offer, acting as if the poor did not exist, there will eventually be consequences. Sooner or later, ignoring the existence and rights of others will erupt in some form of violence, often when least expected."

Renewing a commitment to peace

In Chapter 7, Pope Francis highlights "the need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter"

He writes, "every peace process requires enduring commitment. It is a patient effort to seek truth and justice, to honour the memory of victims and to open the way, step by step, to a shared hope stronger than the desire for vengeance." He cites examples of this process in South Africa, Colombia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

On the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation, Pope Francis writes that "forgetting is never the answer" and cites the Holocaust, as well as the use of atomic weapons, the slave trade and "ethnic killings" as examples of "historical events that make us ashamed of our humanity."

Calling for the resolution of conflicts through negotiation and the United Nations Charter, he warns that military aggression is rationalised with "all sorts of allegedly humanitarian, defensive or precautionary excuses." But because of the development of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, "We can no longer think of war as a solution, because its risks will probably always be greater than its supposed benefits. In view of this, it is very difficult nowadays to invoke the rational criteria elaborated in earlier centuries to speak of the possibility of a 'just war'. "Following this theme, Francis also repeats his call for the elimination of nuclear weapons, calling this a "moral imperative."

In the last chapter on "Religions at the Service of Fraternity in the World," Francis writes that "the different religions, based on their respect for each human person as a creature called to be a child of God, contribute significantly to building fraternity and defending justice in society." Quoting the bishops of India, he writes, "the goal of dialogue [between the different religions] is to establish friendship, peace and harmony, and to share spiritual and moral values and experiences in a spirit of truth and love".

Pope Francis writes that "while others drink from other sources, for us the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ." He concludes by saying, "We Christians ask that, in those countries where we are a minority, we be guaranteed freedom, even as we ourselves promote that freedom for non-Christians in places where they are a minority." Indeed, he writes, "One fundamental human right must not be forgotten in the journey towards fraternity and peace. It is religious freedom for believers of all religions."



"Tinnies for Vinnies"



We have been very thankful to a very kind parishioner who has donated to "Tinnies for Vinnies". This has helped our clients during this difficult time especially through the Covid 19 pandemic. Unfortunately, our stock is depleting, and we are asking for your generous donations. You make a difference in the lives of our clients.

Sue Bowra

SALE: On 26 October at the Piety Store at Avalon



10th Anniversary of Mary MacKillop's Canonisation

The date of 17 October 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Sisters of St Joseph invite us to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of our first Saint.

The theme for this celebration is "Take Fresh Courage", a quote written by Mary MacKillop on 21 May 1877. Details of the celebrations and resources can be found at https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary/

A "Courage Hour" will be held on the vigil Friday 16 October at 8pm (your local time), where all can participate online via the Sisters of St Joseph website.

If you have a coughing episode in Church, we advise you to step out to the courtyard, or the parish centre, away from others for the moment.

We will continue to record names and contact details of those present at services along with the date and time they attend, as required by NSW health.

If you have been overseas or interstate in the last 14 days, or have been in contact with a confirmed case of Covid 19 in the last 14 days, or awaiting a Covid 19 test results, as much as we would like you to be with us here in Church, we appreciate your prayers more than your presence in this situation.

Everyone must also stay
1.5 metres away from other
people whenever possible.
Please sit only in the marked
seats.

MASK for MASS

The use of face masks is encouraged to keep our communities safe during this time.

MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART CHURCH

1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale

Weekday Masses Tuesday 9.30am Wednesday 9.30am Thursday 7pm (Followed by Adoration and Benediction at 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 •
4.00pm Croatian
(1st & 3rd Sunday)
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 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.

The Living Word

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

First Reading Is 25:6-10 **A reading from the prophet Isaiah** The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines. of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord

rests on this mountain. The word of the Lord

On this mountain,

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14. 19-20 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will

fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia

Gospel Mt 22:1-14 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

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.

or

1 Jn 3:2 When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

To read the messages from Bishop Anthony, please go to www.pittwaterparish.org.

News and events tile and Messages from Bishop Anthony on the drop down menu.

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, if you are able to make your regular donation by way of automatic direct debit from your credit card, please complete the form included in this bulletin.

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.







October roster is available on our website



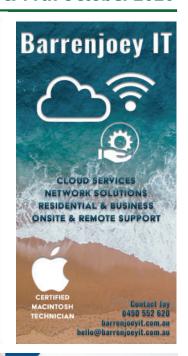
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12/10 **Monday Ordinary Time 28**Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 - 5:1;
Lk 11:29-32

13/10 **Tuesday Ordinary Time 28** Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

14/10 **Wednesday Our Lady of the Rosary**Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

15/10 **Thursday St Teresa of Jesus,** virgin, doctor Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54 (Alt. Rom 8:22-27; Jn 15:1-8)

16/10 **Friday Ordinary Time 28** Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7

17/10 **Saturday St Ignatius of Antioch**, *bishop*, *martyr*Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12
(Alt. Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Jn 12:24-26)



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