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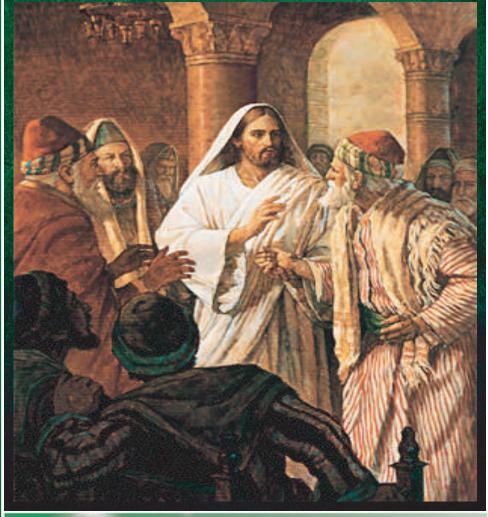
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#### Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, you called Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan to be your apostle, to make God known and loved by all people everywhere, using all the means your love inspires.You filled him with universal apostolic zeal, with a deep trust in God's loving providence, with a profound spirit of prayer, with a sincere devotion to Mary, Mother of the Saviour, and with the courage to follow you, even into the mystery of the Cross. Grant also to me the grace to proclaim the Gospel in this spirit, and make me an effective apostle in today's world. I make this prayer through you, my Saviour, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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

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





### **Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan**

If you could not preach at all with words, example alone is already a mighty sermon that would capture the spectator.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER For the Synod We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

#### **MASS TIMES**

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH 1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale

WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday 8.30am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 8:30 am, followed by Mass at 9.30am Wednesday 9.30am Thursday 7pm Exposition of the **Blessed Sacrament**, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 7.30pm to 9pm Friday 9.30am First Friday of the Month, **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 9.30am, followed by Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 10.30am

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil 5.00pm Sunday 8.00am • 10.00am • 6.00pm (SOUL)

RECONCILIATION 4.00pm to 4.30pm Saturday

Baptism 4th Sunday - 11.30am

MARIA REGINA CHURCH 7 Central Road, Avalon

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday 8am Wednesday 8am Thursday 10am 9am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction at 9.45am Friday 8am

Mass with Anointing of the Sick - First Friday of the Month at 8am

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am

RECONCILIATION Before Vigil Mass on Saturday BAPTISM 3rd Sunday - 11.00am We Pray for Deceased Anniversary Sandra Piper

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.

#### **Prayer for the** Sick

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

# **BOOK REVIEW**

Divine Mercy in My Soul Diary By: Sister M. Faustina Kowalska



This book birthed the Divine Mercy movement. It is an amazing narrative by a simple Polish nun and will stir your heart and soul.



#### Liturgy for the Week

- 23/10 Monday, Ordinary Time 29 Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21 24/10 Tuesday. Ordinary Time 29
- 24/10 Tuesday, Ordinary Time 29 Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21; Lk 12:35-38
- 25/10 Wednesday, Ordinary Time 29 Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
- 26/10 Thursday, Ordinary Time 29 Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53 27/10 Friday, Ordinary Time 29 Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59
- 28/10 Saturday, Sts Simon and Jude Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-19

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2023 Our Year of Stewardship

# **Book of Remebrance**

Church tradition has always urged prayer for the deceased, in particular by offering the Eucharist Celebration for them: it is the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly to those who are 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 the Christian religion has cultivated with great piety the "memory of the dead" Lumen Gentium, n.50) Remembering the dead, caring for their grave 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** Saint Peter's Square Sunday, 2 November 2014



#### November is a special time to pray for the dead.

A pleanary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a Church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining indulgence: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones, relatives or friends published in our **"Book of Remembrance"**, please fill in the "November Offerings" envelopes and drop it in to the Parish Office or put in the any collection baskets.

Each day in November, a Mass will be offered for all those mentioned in our **"Book of Remembrance".** 

# Signed, Sealed and To Be Delivered

#### Signed:

How often do we reflect on what we are doing when we make the Sign of the Cross? In "The Spirit of the Liturgy", Pope Benedict said: "to seal oneself with the Sign of the Cross is a public and visible 'yes' to him who suffered for us, to him who in the body has made God's love visible, to a God who reigns not by destruction but by humility of suffering and love which is stronger than all the power of the world and wiser than all the calculating intelligence of men." We are saying that we believe in the power of the cross and particularly in what it means for our own life – our bodies will rise again. We sign ourselves as belonging to the one who has won our redemption by his blood on the cross, as belonging to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are signed, and we belong to God. The Sign of the Cross is a daily reminder that we are to give to God what is God's, that is, our very selves and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

#### **Delivered:**

Christ prayed at the Last Supper, "They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.... Father, I desire that those also whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world" (John 17: 16-24). And so it is that we are to be delivered to where we will see his glory and be with him. We bear an inscription as those baptized into his life, and we outwardly recall this when we make the Sign of the Cross with water from the fonts in the entrances to our churches. It is up to us then – with the thoughts, words, and actions of our lives – to live this truth coherently, giving to God what is God's.

#### **Detached:**

Pope Saint John Paul II, reflecting on Psalm 145, writes: "Man therefore finds himself facing a radical choice between two contrasting possibilities: on the one side is the temptation to 'trust in princes,' adopting their criteria inspired by wickedness, selfishness, and pride. In fact, this is a slippery slope, a ruinous road, a 'crooked path and a devious way,' (Proverbs 2:15) whose goal is despair. Indeed, the Psalmist reminds us that man is a frail, mortal being, as the very word 'adam' implies; in Hebrew, this word is used to signify earth, matter, dust. Man the bible constantly states - is 'like (...) a strip of grass that is green at dawn but has withered by evening (Psalms 89:5-6).' With this in mind, we "give to the emperor" what is of this world by relinquishing or simply detaching ourselves from it. We give what is eternal, namely our souls, over to God because we belong to him.

by: ePriest

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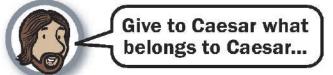
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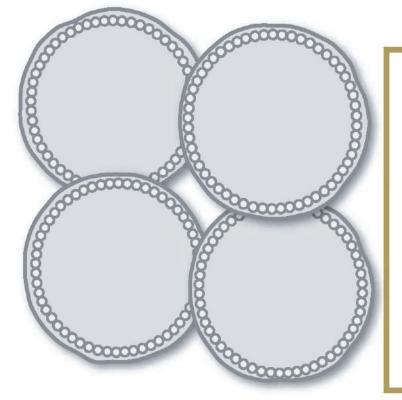


# Give to God what belongs to God

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Jesus believed that people should obey the law and pay their taxes to the Romans. What are some laws or rules that we must obey?

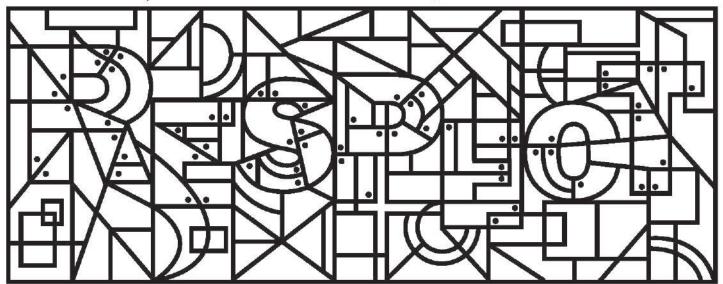




Give to God what belongs to God.

Jesus tells us that we belong to God. We can give ourselves to God by following Jesus' teachings and loving others as he did. Draw a picture of yourself doing something as Jesus would have done.

Colour in the shapes that contain dots to reveal something that Jesus wants us to show others.





#### Parish Bulletin – Term 4, Week 2

This week has been a huge week for sport at the College with many students in all year groups participating in many different sporting competitions. This included the Peninsula Cup U14 Boys Touch Football Competition and MWBA Basketball. Catholic Schools Broken Bay Boys held several competitions this week with the Rugby 7s Gala Day at North Narrabeen Reserve, Surf Lifesaving Championships at Terrigal Beach and SBB Volleyball at Niagara Park Sports Stadium. The cricket season has also returned with students competing participating in the Manly Shield U15 Cricket Competition and the Berg Shield Cricket Competition.

On Wednesday, students in Year 9 and Year 10 attended a workshop at St Peter's Catholic College for a Cross Campus Centre Ignite Mathematics course to broaden their mathematical skills as they work towards their HSC subjects.

Year 11 students attended the Catholic Mission Mass with senior students from other Diocesan schools at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral in Waitara.

For those students considering a career in nursing or midwifery, a registered nurse visited the College this week to talk to Year 10 and Year 11 students about the educational pathways for entering the industry.

Our best wishes continue for our Year 12 2023 students who are currently sitting their HSC examinations. This is an important time for students, representing significant challenges and requiring strength and commitment. The examinations will provide them with opportunities to demonstrate the knowledge they have gained and skills they have acquired during their school years at Mater Maria Catholic College. Please keep these students in your prayers and thoughts as they continue to complete these final examinations over the next three weeks.

For those seeking to join our enriching educational journey, applications for Year 7, 2026 are now open. Whilst Year 7, 2024 and Year 7, 2025 do have waiting lists in place, we



### Salvatorian Seminary Appeal

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

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

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



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



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# The Living Word

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

#### Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

#### First Reading

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah** *I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.* 

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

#### The word of the Lord

#### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

#### (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)** 

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)** 

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)** 

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)** 

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

# A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 22:15-21 **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew** *Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.* 

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius. and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord

#### Communion Antiphon Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

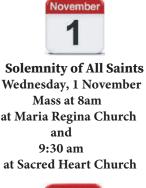
**REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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# **Dates for your Diary**





Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) Thursday, 2 November Mass at 9:30 am and 7 pm at Sacred Heart Church and 10 am Mass at Maria Regina Church

10:45 am Gather at Mona Vale Cemetery, near the graves of the priests, to pray the rosary. Followed by blessing of the graves.



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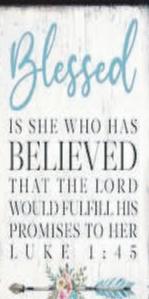
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