32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th November & 8th November 2026

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A warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors who are celebrating the Eucharist with us at Pittwater Parish -
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Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan

May you be ready to endure everything to do everything for the honour of God and the salvations of souls!

Prayer for *Our Dearly Departed*

In Your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our
brothers and sisters.
In this life, You embraced them
with Your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.

Welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with Your Son and the
Holy Spirit,
forever and ever.
Amen.



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POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR *November*

For the Proper Use of Wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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MASS TIMES

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WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAY - 9.30 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 8.30 am followed by Mass

WEDNESDAY - 9.30 am

THURSDAY - 7.00 pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

FRIDAY - 9.30 AM
FIRST FRIDAY of the Month,
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 9.30 am, followed by Healing Mass/ Anointing of the Sick at 10.30 am

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL - 5.00 pm
SUNDAY
8.00 am, 10.00 am &
6.00 pm (Soul Mass)

RECONCILIATION
SATURDAY VIGIL
4.00 pm to 4.30 pm

BAPTISM
4TH SUNDAY of the Month
at 11.30 am

MARIA REGINA CHURCH
7 Central Road, Avalon

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY - 8.00 am

WEDNESDAY - 8.00 am

THURSDAY - 10.00 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction at 9.00 am

FRIDAY - 8.00 am
FIRST FRIDAY of the Month,
Healing Mass/ Anointing of the Sick at 8.00 am

RECONCILIATION
Before Vigil Mass on Saturday

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL - 6.00 pm
SUNDAY - 9.00 am

BAPTISM
3RD SUNDAY of the Month
at 11.00 am

WE PRAY for

RECENTLY DECEASED

MARGARET THERESA DUNBAR

DECEASED ANNIVERSARY

ESTELLA MITCHELL

Prayer for the SICK

Lord, look with mercy on your servants who are sick. Bring them comfort, healing and strength.

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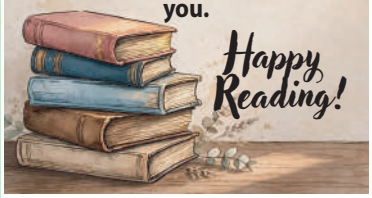
My Life with the Saints
by: Fr James Martin, SJ



From lukewarm Catholic childhood, James tells us how, from being a business executive to a Jesuit, he was accompanied by surprising friends, the Saints of the Church.

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LITURGY FOR THE WEEK

09/11	Monday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Jn 2:13-22
10/11	Tuesday, St Leo the Great Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
11/11	Wednesday, St Martin Tours Titus 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
12/11	Thursday, St Josaphat Philemon 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
13/11	Friday, Ordinary Time 32 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
14/11	Saturday, Ordinary Time 32 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

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MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

WALK IN NEW LIFE

Term 4, Week 4

It has been another vibrant week at Mater Maria Catholic College, with students demonstrating excellence in learning, leadership, faith, service and co-curricular pursuits. This week also marked the completion of the HSC and Year 10 examinations. We keep all students in our thoughts and prayers as they navigate this challenging and significant time in their educational journey. We also celebrated the Year 11 Presentation of Awards Ceremony, recognising outstanding achievements and formally introducing our new Year 12 College Prefects and Ministry Leaders. These young leaders will play an important role in inspiring and guiding the College community throughout 2027.

Year 12 Food Technology students toured Leppington Pastoral Company this week, completing a case study on agriculture within the Australian food industry and gaining valuable insight into the many facets of the dairy sector. Also this week, Year 12 students attended the Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE), where they gained exclusive insights from industry professionals into the diverse range of careers available in sport. Interactive panel discussions and hands-on workshops provided valuable real-world experiences and guidance for students considering future pathways in the industry.

Drama continues to flourish at Mater Maria, building on the success of our outstanding biannual productions. More than forty students now attend weekly after-school rehearsals, generously dedicating their time to developing their talents and further strengthening the College's thriving performing arts culture.

Service to others remains an integral part of College life. Over 30 students assembled 200 birthing kits on behalf of Zonta and the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia. These kits, together with educational resources, will be distributed to remote communities in developing countries to support safe and hygienic birthing practices, helping mothers and newborns receive the care they deserve.

Faith Fridays continue to be a valued part of College life. Hosted by our student prefects, these weekly gatherings bring students together each week for prayer, reflection, music and fellowship, helping to nurture faith and strengthen a sense of belonging within our community.

Our sporting representatives also enjoyed a successful week, competing in the MWBA Basketball Competition, the NSW All Schools Teams Triathlon at Penrith, and Broken Bay U13 Touch Football. We congratulate all participants on their commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Enrolment applications are now open for Year 7 2030. Families are advised that Year 7 2027 and 2028 are at capacity, with waitlists currently in place. Round 2 interviews for Year 7 2029 are underway. Further information can be found at www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments.





9th November

Feast of the Dedication of the

Basilica of Saint John Lateran

O God,
who from living and chosen stones
prepare an eternal dwelling for
Your Majesty,
increase in Your Church the spirit
of grace You have bestowed, so that
by new growth,
Your faithful people may build up
the heavenly Jerusalem.
We make our prayer through our
Lord Jesus Christ,
in union with the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

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We need your generosity and support for our Diocese of Broken Bay (PWBB) Appeal to be held on the weekend of 7 & 8 November. The Appeal supports various charities in our Diocesan community, particularly the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program. PWBB also supports St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College for students with disabilities, and the Ephpheta Centre supports the deaf community. These ministries need our community's generosity as they get little or no Government funding. Please consider donating to help us reach this year's goal. You can donate at any time, not only during November. All donations over $2 are tax deductible. Envelopes will be available on the pews or you can donate online at Pastoral Works Broken Bay. **Thank You!**









A Pilgrimage of Faith, Friendship and Hope

In October, Father Richard joined more than 8,000 pilgrims on a special journey to Our Lady in Timor-Leste, marking his second visit to our sister parish in Soibada. The pilgrimage was an opportunity to strengthen our bonds of faith, friendship and solidarity with this remarkable community.

Since 2009, Pittwater Parish and Friends of Soibada have supported local projects in education, health and community development. During the visit, Father Richard celebrated Mass with Timorese priests and met local clergy, community leaders, students and families, witnessing the strength of their faith and community spirit.

A highlight was attending the inauguration of a new chapel at Bubur Fahi, a remote village in Soibada. The joyful celebration, filled with traditional dancing, shared meals and prayer, reflected the deep faith and pride of the local community.

The visit reminded us that, despite the distance between our countries, our shared faith and friendship unite us. We returned home with renewed gratitude, inspiration and hope for the future of our enduring partnership.

In the coming weeks, we will share more stories about Soibada, the history of our connection and the projects our parish continues to support.

"The road to Soibada may wind through mountains and valleys, but its true destination is found in the hearts of those who come seeking connection, faith and friendship."













The *Living* Word

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 87:3
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help,
O Lord.

First Reading Wisdom 6:12-16
A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2
(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1Thessalonians 4:13-18
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42. 44
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

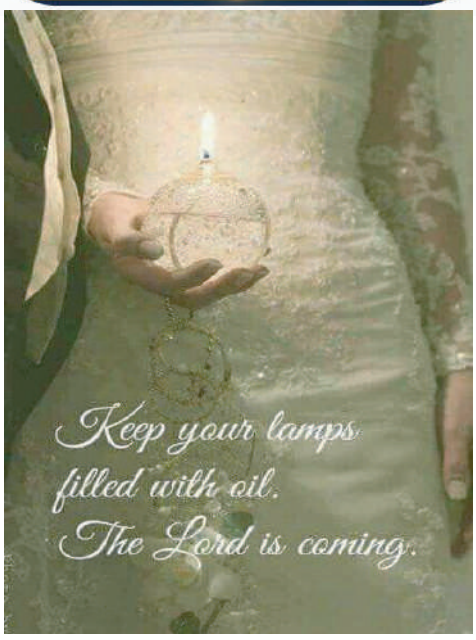
Communion Antiphon Psalm 22:1-2
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

REFLECTION
by Dianne Bergant

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. How it will happen, we do not know. When it will happen, we do not know. That it will happen, we are sure.
The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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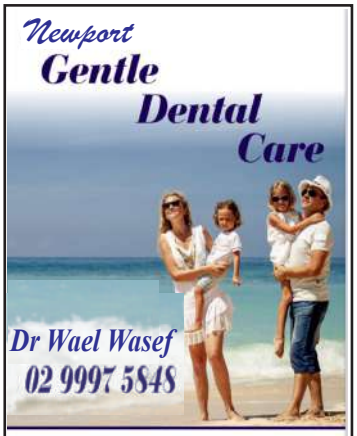


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