33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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

Prayer for our Faithful Departed

O Lord, we commend the souls of our family members, relations, friends and benefactors.

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted either by death or life.

Hear our prayers and thanksgiving for all whom we remember.

Fulfil in them the purpose of Your love and bring them to Your eternal joy.

Through Christ, our Lord. 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



Talents

Are you ready for His return?



Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan True humility is the key to heaven's treasury of grace. Oh pilgrim, get up bravely, if you stumble along the rugged path to life!



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR November For the Pope We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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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



Stella Maris

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Parish Office Hours Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Friday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm



BOOK REVIEW

St Therese of Lisieux Her Last Conversation



It offers a glimpse into the life of St Therese of Lisieux. The reader can better understand her as well as get a glimpse of her humanity. I highly recommend it...

Liturgy for the Week

- 20/11 Monday, Ordinary Time 33 1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Lk 18:35-43
- 21/11 Tuesday, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Macc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
- 22/11 Wednesday, St Cecilia 2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
- 23/11 Wednesday, Ordinary Time 33 1 Macc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
- 24/11 Friday, Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priests and martyrs 1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48
- 25/11 Saturday, Ordinary Time 33 1 Macc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

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Salvatorian's Foundation Day 142nd Anniversary of the

Salvatorian Order

The Society of the Divine Saviour also known as the Salvatorians was founded in Rome, Italy on the 8th of December 1881 by Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. It is dedicated to Jesus Christ as the "Divine Saviour".

We invite everyone to join us for the celebration of the Salvatorian Order's 142nd Anniversary Mass at 6PM,

> Friday, 8 December 2023 St Patrick's Church East Gosford,

followed by a light supper in the Jordan Room. Your presence will make our celebration more significant as we commemorate this joyful festivity. To book your seat on the bus please write your name and contact details on the list provided at the back of both Churches.

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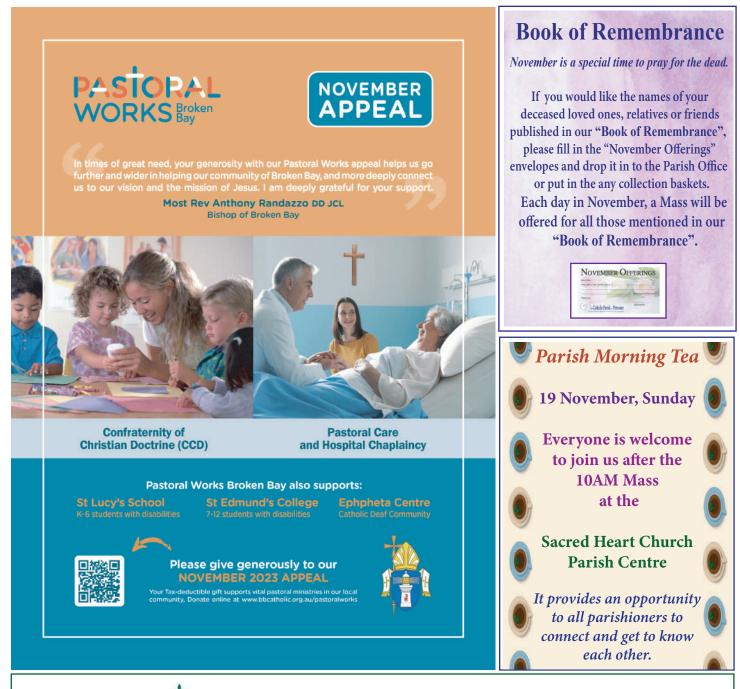
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Parish Bulletin – Term 4, Week 6

We're excited to announce a unique learning opportunityfor our students, especially those studying Japanese. From Monday 13th November to 21st November, our students are participating in the Japanese Cultural Immersion Program. Several Japanese students are staying with local families and attending the College to improve their English skills. This cultural exchange promises to be an enriching experience for all involved.

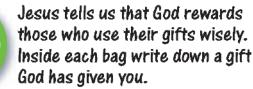
Year 10 students had their annual Reflection Day on Monday, presented by Youth Mission Team Sydney to prepare them for senior years and young adulthood. Year 8 students had their Reflection Day on Tuesday and Friday, focusing on their personal growth with Year 10 students participating as Small Group Leaders.

We celebrated the Year 11 Presentation of Awards Ceremony this week, highlighting student achievements and introducing the 2024 Year 12 College Prefects and Ministries. These students will be wonderful role models next year. The Year 10 PASS class had an exciting day at Cables Wake Park in Penrith on Friday, learning the new skill of wakeboarding. The Parents in Partnership Annual General Meeting brought parents together with the College Leadership Team. It was an excellent opportunity for them to network with fellow parents and gain insights into the initiatives that are enhancing our school community. Sports are an integral part of our College life, with various activities and competitions taking place. We're also involved in charity efforts, supporting Jesuit Social Services and the Christmas Appeal.

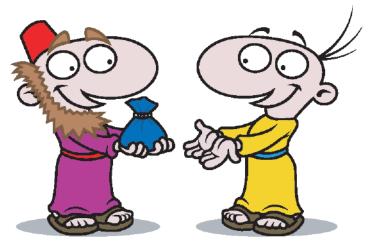
Applications for Year 7 in 2026 are open for prospective students and parents, while waiting lists are in place for Year 7 in 2024 and 2025. We invite you to explore the countless opportunities Mater Maria Catholic College has to offer by visiting our website at https://matermaria.nsw.edu.au

Come and share in my happiness

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A







In today's gospel, Jesus tells the story of a Master who gives each of his servants responsibility for a large amount of money. Draw a picture that shows you being responsible for an important job.





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The Living Word

Entrance Antiphon Jeremiah 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs *Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she

She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to

praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for and let her works tell her

worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

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

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

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

he day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Because you have been faithful over a

few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest.

So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.""

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.instructs us to be ready at all times.

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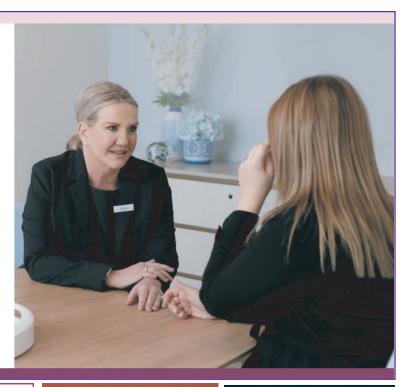


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1771 Pittwater Road Mona Vale 2103 Ph: 9999 3398 Fax: 9999 3910 I will love thee, O Lord , my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. Psalms 18:1-2

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