



The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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

The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at its close;

We feel their warm clasp of friendship, we seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne;

Are not equal to them in their greatness; their dignity stands all alone.

And when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and sin, it's the hand of a priest that will absolve us - not once, but again and again;

And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast, but the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy for the Host which their fingers caress;

When can a poor sinner do better than to ask Him to guide thee and bless?

When the hour of death comes upon us may our courage and strength be increased.

By seeing raised over us in anointing the beautiful hands of a priest!

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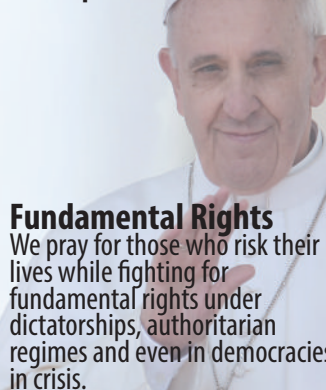
Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan



May the risen Saviour fill each of you with abundant graces and blessings. Work courageously at making progress in doing good and put your whole trust in God who is our helper.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For April



Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



The Service NSW QR codes are now available at the entrance of both of our churches, for you to use to check in. If you do not have a smartphone or you're not carrying it with you, please provide your contact details via the sign-in sheets provided. If you have checked-in with the QR code, you do not have to use the sign-in sheets. Thank you

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

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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 forRecently Deceased

David Collis
Brad McCoppin
Terry Dooley
Elsa Utor de Vela
Hugo Schewe
Maurice Daly
Gabriel Sinh Phan Nguyen
Dermot O'Hanlon
Mr Clabburn

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Giovanni & Ally

My Khanh Nguyen & Sons

Deceased Anniversary

Ross Perkins
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Jack Bateman
Eileen Bateman
Amelia Sta ana
Teng Poe
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Jelo Vozzo
Iris Evans
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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

Philip Maddrell
Gail Reiher
Imelda Vince
Ben Castillo
Moira Howie
Christine Hills
Donald McRae
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
Tim & Christina O'Connell
Andrew Hood
Jeff Langley
Peter Vorlicek
Warwick Chipman
Erin Ocampo
Mark Lindfield
Chico Mesina

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

THURSDAY MORNING SPIRITUALITY GROUP

We will recommence our study this year on 22 April continuing with Pope Francis' new Encyclical Letter on Fraternity and Social Friendship. Pope Francis gives us insight into a way of life which allows to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity and regardless of where they were born or live. "God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters." We meet after 10am mass (around 10:30) for morning tea, followed by study and contemplation until 12 noon. We read through the book in a very relaxed manner gaining new insights from each other. All are invited. Contact Margaret Abrahams via the Parish office on 9157 0999.

Vinnies**"Tinnies for Vinnies"**

We have been very thankful to very generous parishioners who have 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

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

little hearts playgroup

Our parish playgroup will re-commence on Monday 26 April between 9.30am and 11.30am in the Parish Centre. All children between 0-6 years are most welcome. No need to Register. Break the daily routine and treat the children and yourself to some social interaction, make new friends and have some fun. For more information: Maureen Wooldridge 0421 907 469 or Marie Bockman mbockman@hotmail.com



We welcome the children from Sacred Heart School, Mona Vale for our Family Masses. This week, Saturday 24th April 2021, one of the Year 2 classes from Sacred Heart School will host the 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale, and the other Year 2 class next week.

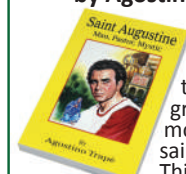
from Our Schools**Mater Maria Catholic College**

WALK IN NEW LIFE

On Monday, our staff had a very successful Reflection Day in developing their knowledge and relationship with God, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, whilst our students enjoyed their last day of their school break. On Wednesday, our students gathered for their first whole school assembly of 2021. It was the first one for our Year 7 and Year 8 students. For others, it was their first whole school assembly in over a year. It was wonderful to gather as a community and celebrate the contributions and achievements of the students. The Senior Jazz Band was exceptional, and we all enjoyed their performances. On Friday, we held an ANZAC Day Service in the College Amphitheatre. Our Year 10 and Year 11 History students led a moving Year assembly to acknowledge the service of those who have fallen in conflict and wars. The assembly had a special focus as we acknowledged the spirit of the Anzacs and concluded with The Last Post as paid tribute to all those who have served this country. During the Easter break, four of Mater Maria's students were selected to record their performance live in front of a panel of judges at the Glen Street Theatre, Belrose for the annual Northern Beaches Council music competition 'Northern Composure'. The performances of Ava and Mia of Year 9 and Aiden and Milo of Year 11 can be found on <http://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/services/youth/northern-composure-unplugged> then scroll down to your favourite artists! Voting closes on Sunday 25 April. Our small group tours are now available. Please note that places are limited and therefore registration for all tours is essential. To book a tour please visit www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/s/book-a-tour/.

To read the messages from Bishop Anthony and from the people Vox Populi please go to www.pittwaterparish.org. News and events tile and Messages from Bishop Anthony on the drop down menu.

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BOOK REVIEW**St. Augustine Man, Pastor, Mystic**
by Agostino Trappe

He is one of the Church's greatest and most quoted saints. This book tells of his youthful wanderings away from the church to his mother's prayers for his conversion and his eventual embrace of Catholicism.

Anzac Day: more than one story



Every year, Australia attends dawn services to commemorate Anzac Day. But as the years pass by new stories emerge, giving a different perspective on Australia's 'Baptism of Fire.'

We often look at wars through a national prism, forgetting that soldiers suffered and families lost their children on all sides. We forget the people they left behind. Sometimes, we forget soldiers who remind us of difficult parts of our history. Let's take a look at some forgotten Anzac stories.

Defending their homes

For the centenary commemoration, Erdem Koç reminded us that there are many stories surrounding the 'Anzac legend', and some are much less known than others. In his article for The Conversation, he explained how the battle of Gallipoli was a small part of a bigger combat that lasted 18 months for the Turks, who were defending their home.

'If anything, the notion of 'sacrificing for freedoms' is truer for the Turks,' he says. 'Had the hundreds of thousands of young men not joined the army and headed to Gallipoli, had the bravery displayed on the frontlines not happened, it's without doubt modern Turkey would not have been formed.' He adds:

'For the Australians, the battle was one fought for the imperialistic purposes of a self-serving empire, which had control over young Australia's foreign policy. For the Turks, it was about defending the nation from enemy invasion.'

In 1934, Turkey's first President encouraged reconciliation between Australia, New Zealand and Turkey. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk wrote:

*Here in this country of ours,
You, the mothers,
Who sent their sons from far away countries,
Wipe away your tears.
Your sons are now lying in our bosom
And are in peace
After having lost their lives on this land they
have become our sons as well.*

So although we were part of the invading force, there is now a measure of unity in how we deal with Anzac Day. But what about the stories of Australian soldiers that don't quite fit into our ideas of what an Anzac looks like?

Indigenous soldiers at Gallipoli

Indigenous Australians were not legally Australian citizens until 1967. So in 1914, there were significant cultural barriers for Indigenous Australians and this extended to joining the army. By 1917, these barriers were slightly relaxed and some soldiers were allowed to enlist. Gary Oakley, a war memorial Indigenous liaison officer at the Australian War Memorial, explains that Indigenous Australians were treated equally in

the army:

'Once in the service, as an indigenous soldier, you were treated as an equal; you have the same options for pay. When you are in the trenches, you don't have the option of disliking the person behind you'

Historians think 50 Aboriginal soldiers fought in Gallipoli. Thirteen of them died there. It's thought 800-1000 Aboriginal soldiers served in the Australian Imperial Force during World War I, with around 250-300 killed.

There are now efforts to highlight this history. In 2014, the Dawn Service started with Able Seaman Darren Davies, from the Yidinji people, playing the didgeridoo. He declared:

'There's definitely some nerves there – but on the day it's not the nerves, it's more the pride in coming out and being part of the Anzac tradition ... and what it means for indigenous men and women. That's important to me. And I hope it leaves a mark for future generations.'

Women: at war and left behind.

There are other stories about Anzacs we might not know, like those of the women who went to war, and those who were left behind.

During WWI, women made a major contribution to the war effort, at the front as nurses, and at home, working and taking care of the families that soldiers had to leave behind. According to the Australian Department of Defence, 2,562 AANS nurses joined active service during WWI, with 423 of these women serving in Australia.

One story that has been highlighted recently is the story of the 'Lighthouse Girl', Fay Howe, told in a book by Dianne Wolfer.

The Lighthouse Girl signalled to the departing fleet in morse code, becoming the last human contact some of the young soldiers would ever have with Australia.

Weeks later, Fay started to receive postcards from the Middle East. They were addressed to 'the little girl on Breaksea Island'. Her story inspired this amazing art work.



The Giants, pictured during a performance in Berlin, features the story of the Albany Breaksea Island lighthouse girl.

Lest we forget

Exploring our hidden stories is important when commemorating Anzac Day. If we don't know the full picture, we aren't respecting the whole amazing history of our involvement in global conflict.

We welcome
to Pittwater Parish
Daphne Crabb
on 18th April 2021
at Maria Regina Church,
Avalon for the
Sacrament of
Baptism

We welcome
to Pittwater Parish
Joshua Scognamiglio
Lachlan Scognamiglio
Asha Scognamiglio
Olivia Waterman
Hunter Murdoch
Peyton Murdoch
Sullivan Murdoch
on 25th April 2021
at Maria Regina Church,
Avalon for the
Sacrament of
Baptism

We welcome
to Pittwater Parish
Maximilian McDermott
Charles McDermott
Madeline Bradley
Isla Bradley
Max Felton
Joel Felton
on 25th April 2021
at Sacred Heart Church,
Mona Vale for the
Sacrament of
Baptism

*Never are we more aware
of how much friends and
family mean than at the
time of our bereavement.
Thank you for sharing
your memories, support
and love. Frank would be
so humbled.*

*It is deeply appreciated
and will always be
remembered.*

*Marion Russell
& Family*

Pope's message for World Vocations Day: 'St. Joseph an example of faithful service'

Pope Francis releases a message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and urges all religious and clergy to look to St. Joseph as a model of unreserved fidelity to God's invitation to service. *By Devin Watkins*



As the Church marks the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis released his Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which falls this year on 25 April.

The Pope held up the husband of the Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus as a model for all members of the clergy and religious men and women. He drew heavily on his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, released on 8 December 2020, which seeks to "increase our love for this great saint."

Heart of a father

St. Joseph, said the Pope, is an extraordinary figure, not because of any astonishing charism or special status, but because he accomplished extraordinary acts of service in his daily life.

"God looks on the heart," he said, "and in Saint Joseph He recognised the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines."

Vocations, he added, have the same goal of begetting and renewing the lives of others.

The priesthood and consecrated life, he said, require men and women with open hearts, who are "capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes."

Chasing a dream

Pope Francis went on to focus on three key words which St. Joseph suggests for each individual's vocation: dream, service, and fidelity.

The Gospel of Matthew recounts four dreams with which God inspired St. Joseph, each of which represented a difficult call from God.

"After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely."

Though it seems strange to us that he would put so much trust in dreams, the Saint let himself be guided

without hesitation.

"Why?" mused the Pope. "Because his heart was directed to God; it was already inclined towards Him. A small indication was enough for his watchful 'inner ear' to recognise God's voice."

God's call to each of us, said Pope Francis, happens in the same way, without putting pressure on our freedom. "He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings."

Yet, as St. Joseph demonstrates, our acceptance of God's call cannot be passive, but requires us to press forward and take risks by abandoning ourselves to grace.

Serving and protecting

Pope Francis then considered St. Joseph's vocation to service.

"The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself," he said. "By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service."

His limitless, selfless love led the Saint to sustain daily sacrifices, as a rule for daily life.

"He adapted to different circumstances with the attitude of those who do not grow discouraged when life does not turn out as they wished," said the Pope. "He showed the willingness typical of those who live to serve."

Pope Francis added that he likes to think of St. Joseph as the "protector of vocations," since his willingness to serve fills him with a "concern to protect."

"Such thoughtful concern is the sign of a true vocation," he said, "the testimony of a life touched by the love of God."

In simple, daily fidelity

Fidelity, said the Pope, is the third aspect of St. Joseph's example for all consecrated persons.

He always patiently pondered his actions, and knew that "success in life is built on constant fidelity to important decisions."

Pope Francis said God teaches each of us how to nurture fidelity "in the light of God's own faithfulness." "This fidelity is the secret of joy," he noted. "It the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbour."

Example of joy

The Pope concluded his message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations by urging the Church's ministers to fill their homes with this same "simple and radiant, sober and hopeful" joy.

"I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the dream of your lives, serving him in your brothers and sisters through a fidelity that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy."

A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

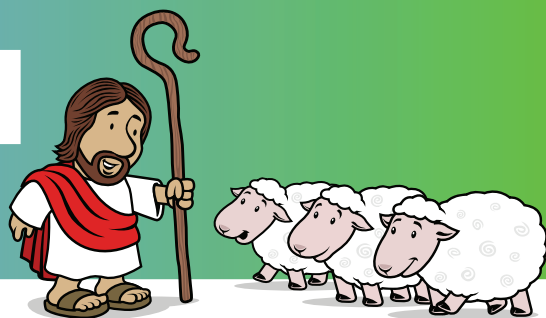
We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen

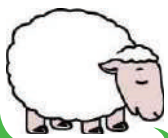
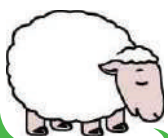
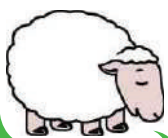
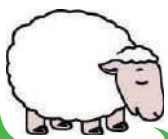





Jesus is the good shepherd

4th Sunday of Easter, Year B

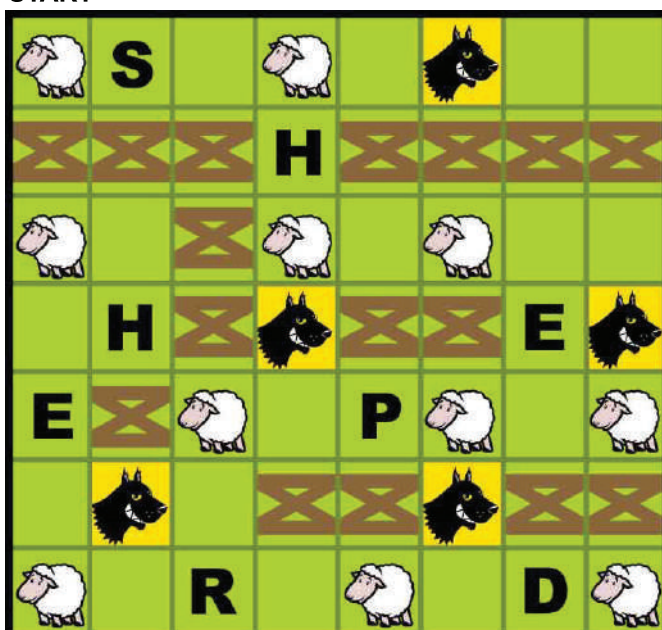


As followers of Jesus we are never alone; Jesus is always there to help us and take care of us. What are some of the ways that the Good Shepherd takes care of his sheep?



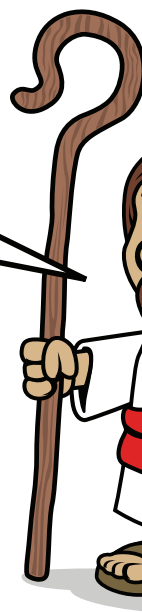
Help gather all the sheep  by connecting them together using only straight lines - including diagonal lines. But do not pass through fences  or wolves . Complete the word below by adding each letter as your connecting line passes through it.

START



FINISH

I am the _____.
I know my own _____ and they
_____ me, just as the _____
knows me and I know the Father.
I lay down my _____ for my sheep.



Use the following words to find out what Jesus said his disciples.

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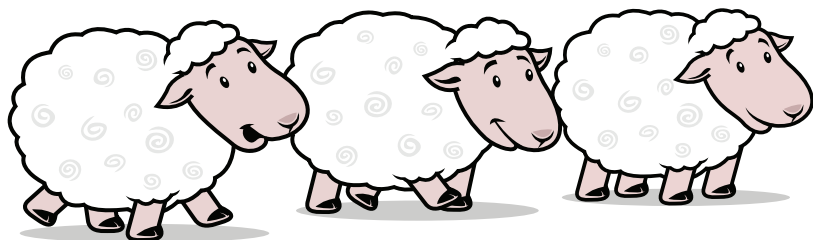
Father

life

good

sheep

know



The *Living* Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 32:5-6
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 4:8-12
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes." **(R)**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R)**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2
A reading from the first letter of St John
We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:11-18
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:
'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to take it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSS

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a

tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

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With the current restrictions in NSW, the capacity of our Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale is 200 and 250 for Maria Regina Church, Avalon.

Masks are now not compulsory in Church.

It is our responsibility 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.

Everyone must also stay 1.5 metres away from other people whenever possible.

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.





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Liturgy for the Week

- 26/04 **Monday St Mark, evangelist**
1 Pet 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20
- 27/04 **Tuesday of the 4th Week of Easter**
Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
- 28/04 **Wednesday St Peter Chanel, priest,
martyr**
Acts 12:24 - 13:5; Jn 12:44-50
- 29/04 **Thursday St Catherine of Siena, virgin,
doctor**
Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
(Alt. 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Mt 11:25-30)
- 30/04 **Friday of the 4th Week of Easter**
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