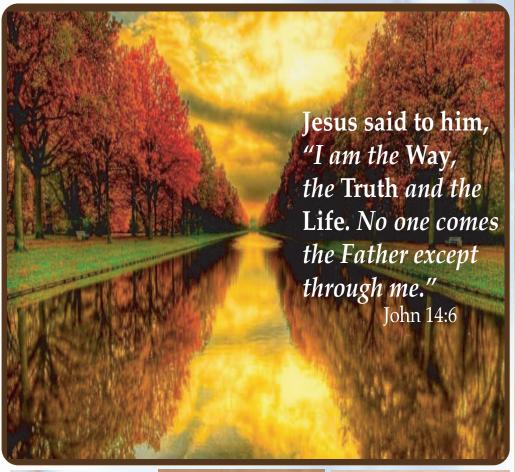


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Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

O Lord, help me, show me the way! Without you, I can do nothing.
I hope all things from You. In you, O Lord, I have hoped,
I will not be confounded for ever.





POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY For Church Movements and Groups We pray that Church movements

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MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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

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 8am, 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 Wednesďay 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

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Liturgy for the Week

08/05 Monday, 5th week of Easter Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:27-31

09/05 Tuesday, 5th week of Easter Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31

10/05 Wednesday, 5th week of Easter Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

11/05 Thursday, 5th week of Easter Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

12/05 Friday, 5th week of Easter Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:18-21

13/05 Saturday, 5th week of Easter Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

BOOK REVIEW

Medjugorje The Message by: Wayne Weible



You will discover the apparitions of the Blessed Mother along with him, as he chronicles the ways that the Virgin Mary continues to speak to the world today from Medjugorje.



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Mother's Day 14th of May 2023

We invite all Mothers for a blessing during Mass:

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Saturday, 13th May at 5 pm Sunday, 14th May at 8 am Sunday, 14th May at 10 am Soul Mass, 14th May at 6 pm MARIA REGINA CHURCH Saturday, 13th May at 6 pm Sunday, 14th May at 9 am





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Why is May the Month of Mary?



For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, mind you, but the entire month. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms.

They celebrated ludi florals, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the

practice of expelling winter, as 1st of May was considered the start of new growth. During this period, the tradition of Tricesimum, or "Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary," came into being. Also called, "Lady Month," the event was held from 15 August -14 September and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn't always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month.

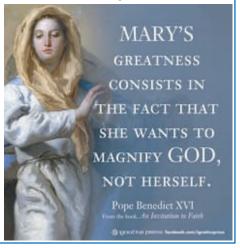
This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her. It's common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the

crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

by: Marge Fenelon National Catholic Register



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Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator

As part of the 35th anniversary of the Diocese of Broken Bay, in August 2021, Bishop Anthony Randazzo invited the Diocesan region of the Central Coast to participate in a project of pastoral discernment. The Central Coast region was identified as the first of the three geographic regions to undertake this project which was undertaken in 2022. As part of this discernment, now completed for the Central Coast and envisaged for the Northern Beaches and North Shore of the Diocese, of paramount importance is to recognise the each of the local region's particular pastoral circumstances, opportunities, and challenges. The process of pastoral discernment envisages a sustained and prayerful study of the various factors which give our three geographic regions (Central Coast, Northern Beaches and North Shore) its unique character. The aim of this initiative is to renew the life of the Church in each of these regions of the Diocese, ensuring a sustainable and thriving ecclesial community. You may be aware that in December 2022 the Central Coast pastoral discernment was completed with the Final Report and Executive Summary publicly available. Having considered the findings of the Central Coast project, Bishop Anthony has appointed a Task Group to consider the Central Coast Report and to make recommendations to him with respect to the implementation of the findings of the Report. The work of the Task Group will be undertaken throughout 2023. Concurrently to discerning the recommendations of the Central Coast Pastoral Discernment Project, the Diocese is now also turning its focus to implementing the discernment project and process for the Northern Beaches region. In respect of both the work of the Central Coast Implementation Task Group and launching the discernment project for the Northern Beaches region, we are recruiting for a Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator.

The appointment of the Diocesan Pastoral Discernment Project Facilitator will:

1. act as an Executive Officer, assisting the newly appointed Pastoral Discernment Central Coast Implementation Task Group in the formulation and implementation of the recommendations from the Central Coast Discernment Project; and

2. coordinate and facilitate strategic planning in preparation for the Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project.

This is a full-time position for a maximum term of two years.

The role requires a candidate with tertiary qualifications in theology, ministry, social science or a related discipline, supported by at least five years in pastoral planning and/or project management in a Church context and experience in planning of evangelisation practices in diocesan and parish contexts. You will have an understanding that this is integral to ministry in a Catholic setting and experience working in close collaboration with parishes and agencies of the Catholic Church, notably clergy and community consultation and the facilitation of large and small groups. Your proven record in project-based research and business case methodology will speak to your high-level organisational skills and the ability to collate and distil large volumes of complex information.

With consideration of the unique characteristics of the Northern Beaches region it is important that the successful candidate has a strong familiarity, identification or presence from within the northern beaches area.

For more information please contact recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au for an Information Pack including for details on how to apply. Applications close Thursday, 18 May 2023

Sacrament of Confirmation Update

Saturday, 17 June 2023 at 6 pm at Maria Regina Church

Sunday, 18 June 2023 at 10am and 12 noon at Sacred Heart Church

An extra parent information session on the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School on

Thursday 11 May at 3.30pm

If you want your child to be confirmed and you were not able to attend the information sessions this week, you need to attend this parent information session on Thursday. Requirements for receiving the sacrament and the enrollment process will be explained.

Online bookings for the sacrament and for the weekly preparation groups open after this session.

The preparation group meetings start Tuesday 16 May.

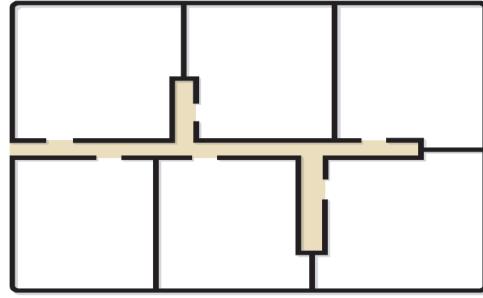


Jesus is the way to the Father [

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

Jesus tells us that there are many rooms in His Father's house and that he has prepared a place for each of us.

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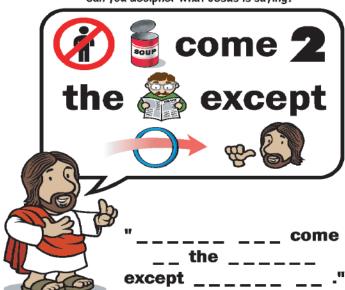


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HONESTY
HATRED

Can you decipher what Jesus is saying?



Jn 14:1-12

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Parish Morning Tea

Everyone is welcome to join us every month after our 8 am Mass on the Ist Sunday and after the 10 am Mass on the 3rd Sunday It provides an opportunity to all parishioners to connect and get to know



Happy Birthday

Sam

Everyone in the Parish are truly blessed by your amazing talents. Thank you so much for providing our Parish with your beautiful music through the years. May the Lord shower you with blessings, joy, peace and love on your Special Milestone this year.

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The Living Word

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Ps 97·1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 6:1-7 **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles** They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word. The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.(R)

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death to keep them alive in famine. (R)

Second Reading

1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said, Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way? Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him. Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon

Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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