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Vocation Prayer

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our country to hear your call to serve. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. **Open the hearts of many;** raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy sisters, brothers, deacons and priests, who will give themselves for your people and their needs. **Bless those who are serving** now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this thrrough Christ, our Lord, who is the same vesterday, today and tomorrow. Amen.

Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan Do everything as if you really saw God before you. This is a sure way to make great progress in virtue.

> 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

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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 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

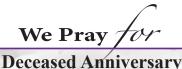
Weekday Masses Monday 8am Wednesday 8am Thursday 10am 9am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction at 9.45am Friday 8am

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



Nora Hagar

Recently Deceased Nicholas Moore Mary Farrell

Prayers for the Sick

Anna Smigowska Sarah Zofrea **Guy Zofrea Avelino Samartin Barbara** Clarke **Andrew Hood** Jeff Langley **Mark Lindfiels** Nick Moullakis **Bill Eyre** Brian Gregan **Mrian** Poe **Marcia Bailey Bec Burroughs** Susan Hickey **Sophia Burfitt** Margaret De Landre **Maeve Robinson Jenny Carroll** Matt Ukishima Pietrina Maiorana Mina Lee **Denise Wagner Tom Murphy** Leonie Ariemetto John Graham

Liturgy for the Week

06/02 Monday, St Paul Miki Gen 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

07/02 Tuesday Ordinary Time 5 Gen 1:20 - 2:4; Mk 7:1-13

08/02 Wednesday Ordinary Time 5 Gen 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

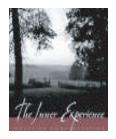
09/02 Thursday Ordinary Time 5 Gen 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

10/02 Friday, St Scholastica Gen 3:1-8;Mk 7:31-37

11/02 Saturday Ordinary Time 5 Gen 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

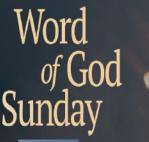
BOOK REVIEW

The Inner Experience Notes on Contemplation by Thomas Merton



A very insightful book about Christian spirituality. Interesting and challenging.

In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the apostolic letter Aperuit Illis. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. In Australia, Word of God Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday in February each year.



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LIVESTREAMS READINGS NEWS



We need the Holy Spirit to appreciate the gifts that God has given us, especially God's greatest gift, his beloved Son, who is with us until the end of time.

Message of the Holy Father John Paul II for the 1st World Day for the Consecrated Life



Venerable Brothers in the Episcopate, Dear consecrated persons!

1. The celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life, which will be observed for the first time on 2 February, is intended to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels and, at the same time, is intended to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.

The mission of the consecrated life in the present and in the future of the Church, now at the threshold of the third millenium, concerns not merely those who have received this special charism, but the entire Christian community. In the post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation Vita Consecrata issued last year, I wrote: "In effect, the consecrated life is at the very heart of the Church as a decisive element for her mission, since it manifests the inner nature of the Christian calling' and the striving of the whole Church as Bride towards union with her one Spouse" (VC 3). Thus, I would like to renew the invitation to consecrated persons to look to the future with confidence, relying on the fidelity of God and the power of his grace, who is always able to accomplish new wonders: "You have not only a glorious history to remember and to recount, but also a great history still to be accomplished! Look to the future, where the Spirit is sending you in order to do even greater things The reasons for the World Day for Consecrated Life

2. The purpose of such a day is threefold: in the first place, it answers the intimate need to praise the Lord more solemnly and to thank him for the great gift of consecrated life, which enriches and gladdens the Christian community by the multiplicity of its charisms and by the edifying fruits of so many lives totally given to the cause of the Kingdom. We should never forget that consecrated life, before being a commitment of men and women, is a gift which comes from on high, an initiative of the Father "who draws his creatures to himself with a special love and for a special mission" (VC 17). This look of special love profoundly touches the heart of the one called, who is urged by the Holy Spirit to place himself or herself in the footsteps of Christ, in a particular way of following him, by means of assuming the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty, and obedience. A stupendous gift! "What would become of the world if there were no religious?" St. Teresa rightly asked herself (Autobiography, ch. 32, n. 11). This is a question which brings us to give unceasing thanks to the

Lord, who by this singular gift of the Spirit continues to enliven and sustain the Church in its demanding journey through this world.

3. In the second place, this day is intended to promote a knowledge of and esteem for the consecrated life by the entire People of God.

This form of life, embraced by Christ and made present particularly by consecrated persons, is of great importance for the Church, called in every member to live the same upward striving toward God who is All, following Christ in the light and power of the Holy Spirit. The life of special consecration, in its many forms, is thus at the service of the baptismal consecration of all the faithful.

In contemplating the gift of consecrated life, the Church contemplates her own intimate vocation of belonging only to her Lord, desirous of being in his eyes "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and without blemish" (Eph 5:27).

The fittingness of dedicating a special World Day is evident, then, for it assures that the doctrine about consecrated life will be more widely and deeply meditated and assimilated by all members of the People of God. 4. The third reason regards consecrated persons directly. They are invited to celebrate together solemnly the marvels which the Lord has accomplished in them, to discover by a more illumined faith the rays of divine beauty spread by the Spirit in their way of life, and to acquire a more vivid consciousness of their irreplaceable mission in the Church and in the world.

Immersed in a world which is often agitated and distracted, taken up sometimes by the press of responsibilities, consecrated persons also will be helped by the celebration of this annual World Day to return to the sources of their vocation, to take stock of their own lives, to confirm the commitment of their own consecration. In this way, they will be able to give witness with joy to the men and women of our time, in diverse situations, that the Lord is the Love who is able to fill the heart of the human person.

On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple.

5. The World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on the feast which commemorates the presentation which Mary and Joseph made of Jesus in the temple "to present him to the Lord" (Lk 2:22).

This Gospel scene reveals the mystery of Jesus, the One consecrated by the Father, come into the world to carry out his will faithfully (cf. Heb 10:5-7). Simeon points to Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Lk 2:32) and by a prophetic word foretells the supreme offering of Jesus to the Father and his final victory (Lk 2:32-35).

In this way the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple is an eloquent icon of the total offering of one's life for all those who are called to show forth in the Church and in the world, by means of the evangelical counsels "the characteristic features of Jesus -- the chaste, poor and obedient one" (VC 1).

Mary is associated with the presentation of Christ.

The Virgin Mother who carries Jesus to the temple so that he can be offered to the Father expresses very well the figure of the Church who continues to offer her sons and daughters to the heavenly Father, associating them with the one oblation of Christ, cause and model of all consecration in the Church. For some years now, in the Church of Rome and in other dioceses, the feast of 2 February has almost spontaneously brought numerous members of Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life around the Pope and diocesan pastors in order to demonstrate together, in communion with the entire People of God, the gift and commitment of their call, the variety of charisms of consecrated life, and their special place within the community of believers. It is my wish that this experience be extended to the whole Church, so that the celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life may gather consecrated persons together with other faithful in order to sing with the Virgin Mary the marvels which the Lord accomplishes in so many of his sons and daughters, and to manifest to all that being a "people consecrated to himself" (cf. Deut 28:9) is the condition of all those who are redeemed by Christ.

Fruits hoped for the mission of the whole Church

6. Dear brothers and sisters, as I entrust to the maternal protection of Mary the institution of this World Day, I deeply hope that it bear abundant fruits for the holiness and the mission of the Church. May it help, in a special way, to heighten in the Christian community an esteem for vocations of special consecration, to stimulate ever more intense prayer for obtaining them from the Lord, in this way helping to mature in young people and families a generous willingness to receive them as gift. The life of the Church as a whole will draw benefit from this and so will the new evangelization. I trust that this World Day of prayer and reflection will help the particular Churches to treasure ever more the gift of consecrated life and to be measured by its message, to find the proper and fruitful balance between action and contemplation, between prayer and charity, and between commitment in the present time and eschatological hope. May the Virgin Mary, who had the sublime privilege of presenting to the Father his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as a pure and holy oblation, obtain for us that we may constantly be open and welcoming in face of the great works which He does not cease to accomplish for the good of the Church and of all of humanity. With these sentiments, and with the prayer that consecrated persons may persevere with joy in their vocation, I impart to all the Apostolic Blessing. Vatican City, 6 January 1997

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Parish Bulletin- Term 1 Week 1

This week, we warmly welcomed our Years 8 to 12 returning students as well as our new Year 7 students.

On Monday, our Year 7 students sampled high school for the first time and were supported by our Year 11 Peer Leaders. The support and encouragement of our community is extended to these new students as they make this important transition in their lives.

Join us for our Open Day on Wednesday, 8 March between 4.00pm-7.00pm. We are now enrolling students in Year 5 for Year 7, 2025. There is a waitlist for those students that are currently in Year 6.

Please visit the College website www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments for a prospectus, Enrolment Application form or for more information. Applications for Year 7, 2024 close on Thursday 6 April 2023.

Sacramental Program Update: First Reconciliation 2023

Sacred Heart Church Mona Vale Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 5.00pm or

Maria Regina Church Avalon Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 5.00pm

Children in Year 4 and above are eligible to receive this sacrament if they have been confirmed. If you want your child to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, you must attend one of the following **Parent Information Sessions:**

Tuesday, 7 February Maria Regina Church at 7.30pm

or Wednesday, 8 February Sacred Heart Church at 7.30pm





5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



unseramble and decipher these tiles to reveal one of Jesus' sayings from this week's Gospel. In the file of the fi

Write down a way you can let your light shine for each person in this house?

Matthew 5:13-16

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The Living Word Ps 94:6-7

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us. for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4 **Responsorial Psalm**

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. (**R**)

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (**R**)

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. (R)

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on



the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

Jn 8:12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the

salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 106:8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world. This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt. Ås children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

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