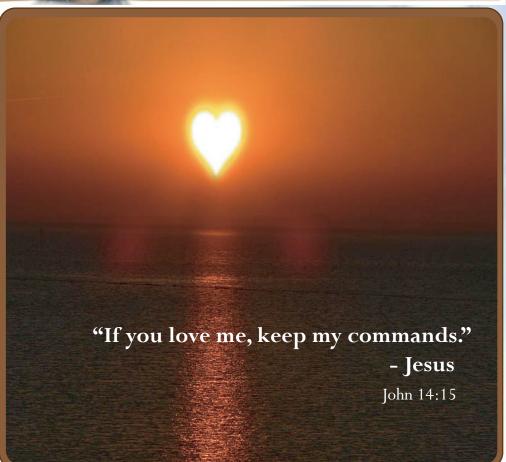


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Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

Above all, protect purity of heart. Then the Holy Spirit will find a dwelling in you. It's in prayer that you get the fire of charity and increase it upon the earth. There you draw your strength.





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

and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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MOTHER'S DAY

PRAYER

LOVING GOD. You wrap Your arms AROUND YOUR PEOPLE AND SHOW YOUR EVERLASTING LOVE IN THE SAME WAY A MOTHER LOVES HER CHILDREN. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE LOVE YOU HAVE TAUGHT US THROUGH THE MOTHERS IN OUR LIVES: **OUR OWN MOTHER WHO** BROUGHT US INTO THIS WORLD, THE MOTHER OF FRIENDS WHO HAVE WELCOMED US INTO THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES, **OUR GRANDMOTHERS WHO TOOK** TIME FOR US AND THE MOTHERS WHO HAVE HELPED US EVEN THOUGH WE WERE NOT THEIR CHILDREN. BLESS ALL THE MOTHERS OF THIS WORLD TODAY. MAY THEY KNOW THE FULLNESS OF LOVE THEY HAVE SHARED AND BE BLESSED EVERY DAY

OF THEIR LIVES. 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

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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

We Pray to

Deceased Anniversary

Joseph Calleia Barbara Cincotta

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Janice Mary <mark>Gr</mark>aham Dominic Alexander de Jonk

Prayer for the Sick

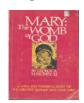
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Liturgy for the Week

- 15/05 Monday, 6th week of Easter Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26- 16:4
- 16/05 Tuesday, 6th week of Easter Acts 16:22-34; Jn16:5-11
- 17/05 Wednesday, 6th week of Easter Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15
- 18/05 Thursday, 6th week of Easter Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
- 19/05 Friday, 6th week of Easter Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
- 20/05 Saturday, 6th week of Easter Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

BOOK REVIEW

Mary: Womb of God by: George A. Maloney, S.J.



George is the author of Inward Stillness and in this book he gives a vivid and powerful study of the greatest woman who ever lived.

Sacrament of Confirmation Update

Saturday, 17 June 2023 at 6 pm at Maria Regina Church Sunday, 18 June 2023 at 10 am and 12 noon

at Sacred Heart Church

The three parent information sessions for the Sacrament of Confirmation took place over the last two weeks. Weekly group preparation sessions start next Tuesday 16 May.

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The Importance Of Mother's Day



It is easy to be cynical about Mother's Day. Many older people grew up seeing it as a foreign import, introduced by big businesses in the United States to fill their own pockets. That view might gain support from the way in which Mother's Day is marketed. But it is an important day because it offers an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the lives of people who are often forgotten.

Underlying this neglect is the human reality of self-centredness. We all stand at the centre of our relationships to people and our world. It takes effort and training to see other people as their own centres rather than by reference to ourselves. We see waiters and doctors as just waiters and doctors, not as persons with their own wives or husbands, their own children, their own enthusiasms. In the same way it is also easy to see our mothers only as mothers and not as persons with their personal lives and other connections.

Mother's Day reminds us of the many and varied shapes of relationships that make up women's lives. It honours their work in business, in music and other creative fields, their contribution to public life through committees and political allegiances, their sporting interests and all the trying, achieving, relaxing, enjoying and grieving that make each person's life distinctive.

By definition, of course, the Day focuses on women as persons who are mothers. In doing so it also honours all the relationships which through their motherhood shape their lives. These include the relationships to their children as babies, children, adolescents as adults, moving from relationships of dependence to mentoring and to equal friendship, and perhaps towards the end of their lives to accepting care and mentoring from their children.

Associated with these relationships, too, are those made through their children with other mothers in kindergartens and schools and so with their families, and the relationships they form through their workplaces and care of the household budget, and in the local campaigns to demand a more just society. Mother's Day celebrates the ways in which women grow as persons through their relationships as mothers.

As with all relationships, those of motherhood make their own demands and these demands are primarily of love, moving from the protective and all-embracing love of very young children, to the mentoring love of older children and the freeing love of adolescents. Each stage of love involves sacrifice. The personal sacrifice of the gradual separation of the child into an independent

adult, and the sacrifice of other possibilities that they might relinquish when taking on commitments in the home. The maternal love celebrated on Mother's Day is not automatic or cost-free.

Ultimately, however, the significance of Mother's Day is not confined to women's lives as mothers but extends to the persons who are mothers and to the gift they are in themselves and with all their other gifts. It reminds us and pays tribute to the commitments that women make in their professional life, their interests and in their commitments to public life. It invites us to see our mothers' lives not just in their relationship to ourselves as their children, but in all the wider relationships in which they are the centre.

Mother's Day is worth celebrating. It may be best celebrated by spending time in exploring the larger world of our mothers from their own perspective.

> By Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ Catholic Outlook



Rapid Antigen Tests

are available to be picked up at the Parish Office. The Royal North Shore Hospital kindly donated the RATs to our Parish.

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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

New Parish Secretary



WE WARMLY WELCOME BELINDA CIMINO AS OUR NEW PARISH SECRETARY.

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TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR **WEEKEND MASSES**

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Parish Bulletin – Term 2, Week 3

Our 'Mother's Day Blessing and Breakfast' was held in the Marana Complex on Thursday for Mater Maria mums and carers and their children. Mother's Day at the College is always a very significant event and this year, we had more mums than ever make the time to be present at the blessing. Our Director of Pastoral Care reflected on the importance of being a mother, we used the Book of Blessings whereby students blessed their mothers and matriarchs in attendance and presented them with beautiful roses. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to show their appreciation towards their mum and a time for them to join in prayer for the wonderful gift that they are to our families. Thank God for our mums!

On Tuesday, many students in Year Groups 7 to 11 participated in the annual Broken Bay Secondary Schools Sports Association Cross Country Championships at St Ives Showground. As always, our students had some fantastic results.

This week, our Year 9 students participated in a two-day hike in Glenworth Valley to complete their Practice Adventurous Journey for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. The expedition is in preparation for their qualifying walk which takes place in September. Students practiced their navigational skills and carried all their food, clothing, tents, and sleeping bags in their backpacks. All the students worked together beautifully, culminating in a wonderful two days of hiking, and camping in beautiful surroundings.

Applications for Year 7, 2026, and beyond are now open. There are waiting lists for Year 7, 2024, and Year 7, 2025. For more information about enrolling at our Mater Maria Catholic College please visit

https://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/.





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Jesus only loves those

God sent the Holy Spirit

Jesus said "You should

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The disciples received the

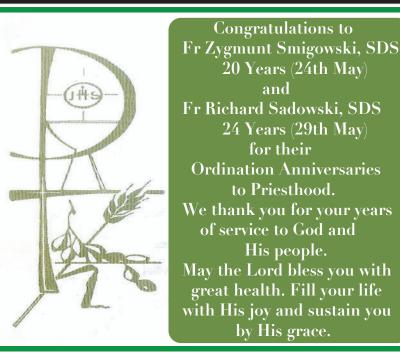
Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

to help the disciples.

who do good deeds.

The Holy Spirit is

always with us.



The Living Word

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:1-2

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles** They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shricking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!(**R**)

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R)

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R)

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the

accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

Jn 14:23

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the

promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

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Our Lady of the Rosary Roster Update

To everyone on the roster of Our Lady of the Rosary.
Kindly confirm if you still wish to remain on the roster.
All parishioners are most welcome to join the group.
The Statue of our Lady is usually dropped off to the Next Person on the list on a Sunday or left at one of the Churches for pick-up.

Please note: It will now be 2 weeks with our Lady's Statue. For those who are interested, please provide your details and text or email

Suzzanne De Landre 0438 135 030 sdelandre@hotmail.com Kindly put Our Lady's Statue as Reference.

Please confirm by 15 May 2023
Our Lady of the Rosary Statue
is truly a Blessing in your home.
Thank you & God Bless Always,
Suzanne

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