



The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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

A Mother's Love

There's no love like a mother's
Her heart is filled with care
With Christ as her example
Her Saviour's love she'll share

A mother's love is endless
Not changing for all time
When needed by her children
A mother's love will shine

God bless these special mothers
God bless them everyone
For all their tears and heartaches
and special work they've done

When days on earth are over
A mother's love lives on
Through many generations
God's blessing on each one

Be thankful for our mother
Who love with higher love
From power God has given
and strength from up above



Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

As long as there is one person on earth who does not know God and does not love God above all things, you dare not allow yourself a moment's rest.



**If you have used this bulletin,
please take it home with you.**

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For May



The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



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.

On Saturday 15 May, we welcome the children in Yr 1 Sacred Heart School, Mona Vale to our 5pm Mass, at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale.

MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART CHURCH
1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9.30am

Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday 7pm

(Followed by Adoration and
Benediction at 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 •

4.00pm Croatian

(1st & 3rd Sunday)

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 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 for

Deceased Anniversary

Janice Mason
Slava Hunjak
Valerie Lennox
Joseph Calleia
Barbara Cincotta
Laura D'Souza

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.

Recently Deceased

Jan Scotts
Lorraine Hurd

Prayers for the Sick

Philip Maddrell
Gail Reiher
Imelda Vince
Ben Castillo
Moiria 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
Andrew Hood
Jeff Langley
Peter Vorlicek
Warwick Chipman
Erin Ocampo
Mark Lindfield
Chico Mesina
Vicky Kalingasan

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



Vinnies
changes
lives
everyday.

Show your support and
give to our annual appeal

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

THURSDAY MORNING
SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Our study this year continues 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.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND –
May Appeal – 8/9 May 2021

Many thousands of young people and families in our community receive help from the charities that CWF supports. They can arise with new strength and hope because of your support.

We give thanks to God for the blessing these pastoral works offer to those in hospital, at school, across neighbourhoods and local parishes of Broken Bay.

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21.

Donations are 100% tax deductible and support the five charities.

Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care – where Hospital Chaplains and Pastoral Care ministers reach 3,500 patients and 700 families each year in our local hospitals.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine – materials, training and support for almost 1,000 catechists who take the gospel to students in our State schools.

St Lucy's School – serving primary school students with disabilities.

St Edmund's College – serving secondary school students with disabilities.

Ephpheta Centre – serving the Catholic deaf community.

Please take a moment to watch our heart-warming "Thank you" video to hear from those you are helping –
<https://youtu.be/hvA4Etwvd4E>

Your support will help us meet our shortfall of \$24,810.52 of our parish quota of \$56,891.30.

Envelopes are in the pews

from Our Schools



Mater Maria
Catholic College

On Thursday, we hosted our biggest ever Mother's Day blessing and breakfast in our beautiful new Benedict Learning Centre and Byrne Theatre for Mater Maria mums and carers. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate and honour the amazing mothers in our College community and join in prayer for the wonderful gift that they are to our families.

Mater Maria has been working on a very exciting project this week. We are currently producing a virtual school tour which, once completed, will be promoted online to prospective families. It has been wonderful to listen to some of our students, parents and teachers' insights and views of our College community.

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/.



Congratulations to Bishop Bernard who celebrates his 26th Episcopal Ordination on 15 May 2021.

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.

From next weekend (15 and 16 May) we welcome the children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation who will be participating in rituals during all the weekend Masses. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 19 and 20 June 2021.

Why is May the Month of Mary? Marge Fenelon

It's here.

May, the month in which the earth springs into bloom (at least in the Northern Hemisphere) and we start thinking about planting gardens, family picnics, and making vacation plans.

It's also the Month of Mary.



Having gone to a Catholic grade school run by the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, my early childhood memories include honouring Mary during May – a practice I've continued all of my life and taught my children to do as well. It's as natural and essential to me as my morning coffee (only far, far more joy-filled if you can even imagine that).

I know a number of Catholics who see May as the Month of Mary, and we all get the same question from time to time:

Why is May Mary's month?

Here's a brief explanation.

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 May 1 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 August 15–September 14 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 honouring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary's Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organised 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 honoured in May is as varied as the people who honour her.

It's common for parishes to 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.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray.

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue.

Then, crown Mary. You can give her an actual or spiritual crown and you can make it a subtle gesture or ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it in the beginning, at the end of May or anywhere in between.

Just do it.

Why?

Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there is.

No, do it because Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters.

For that, she deserves an entire month in her honour.



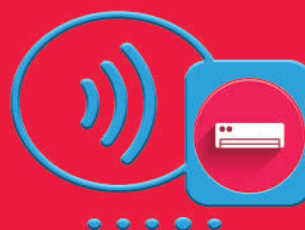
October is the month of the most Holy Rosary; November, the month to pray for the faithful departed; June we immerse ourselves in the ocean of mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; July we praise and worship the Precious Blood of Jesus, the price of our salvation. May is the month of Mary.

Pope Paul VI wrote a beautiful encyclical on the Month of May in which he describes how the faithful reserve this month to honour Mary in a special way:

"For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

Pope Paul VI goes on to say that May is an opportune time to let our petitions fly to Our Lady—especially for the needs of the Church and the whole human race—that most urgently require our Blessed Mother's intercession.

TAP TO REPLACE



Our air-conditioning units in our Maria Regina Church, Avalon, which were generously donated by a parishioner, have been irreparably damaged by some uninvited lizards and now the Church is in need of new air conditioning units.

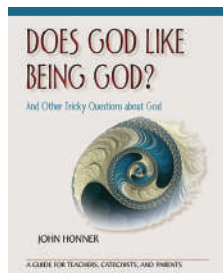
Our aim is to raise \$17,500.00 to cover the cost of the supply and installation of new units.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve this goal quickly so that we can make the Church cosy in the fast approaching winter months as well as when we need it to cool in our hot Summer.

To help reach this target, our Tap & GO Device in our Maria Regina Church, Avalon will be temporarily set to \$50 and all proceeds will go directly to cover the cost of the new air conditioning.

Envelopes are also available in the Church for your cash and cheque donations and can be placed in the collection baskets. Credit Card donations can be made via our website through BPoint <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving> and selecting "Other" from the drop down Biller Code list and using "Air Conditioning" as the Reference.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



As part of our preparation of children for the sacraments, during Masses on evening 15-16 May in Mona Vale, Masses at Avalon on 22-23 May, and both Masses on the morning of 6 June at Mona Vale, we will be promoting a book called **"Does God Like Being God?"** published by Paulist Press in New York. The author, John Honner, is from our parish and he has kindly agreed to speak at several weekend Masses during this period.

The book is a mix of scholarly wisdom and family stories. It is written to help parents and grandparents respond to young people's questions in an informed way. These are real questions asked by real children. For example,

- Why is God called God?
- If God made the world, who made God?
- If God is almighty, why is there so much suffering?
- Where is God?
- Does God have a plan for me?
- Does God like being God?

The book deals with seventeen questions in short chapters. It is suggested that you start with the questions that most interest you and then follow your nose through the rest of the book. John hopes the book will also help you grow in your own faith. He reminds us that our words about God are only

"pointing words". They should not capture God so much as enhance our wonder that there is a loving eternal holy mystery at the heart of the universe.

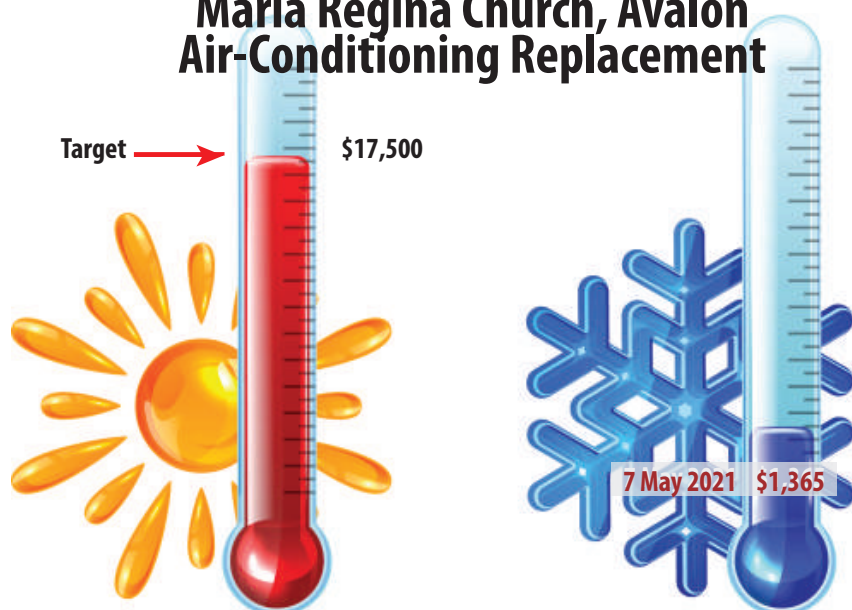
John and his wife Colleen have been active members of the Parish since they moved to Avalon at the beginning of 2014. He is a reader at Mass, has guided two recent parish retreats and, with Fabien Delerue, offered a wonderful series of talks on faith and science in Mona Vale and Narrabeen.



John completed a doctorate in physics and theology at Oxford University. He is a widely published author, was rector at Jesuit Theological College in Melbourne, and later a member of faculty at the BBI—The Australian Institute of Theological Education. He served on national leadership teams in Catholic education and was part of a discerning and writing group in preparation for the coming Plenary Council of the Catholic Church.

The Parish has a hundred copies of the book for sale. It can be purchased after the Masses which John has spoken at, or during office hours from the Parish Office, at a special price of \$25 (cash only at the Masses).

Maria Regina Church, Avalon Air-Conditioning Replacement



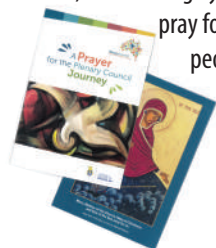
Children's Liturgy Starting next week

15 May 2021

- Saturday 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale
- Sunday 9am Mass at Maria Regina Church, Avalon.

Broken Bay Plenary Council Prayer Resources

As we move closer to the fifth Plenary Council Assembly in October 2021, Evangelisation Broken Bay released prayer resources (prayer guide and card) to encourage you, your parish, school or community to pray for the Plenary Council - the process, the



people and the outcome for the renewal of our Church. Through these prayers, may your relationship with Jesus also deepen as you seek to hear and respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in order that you may proclaim with confidence; "I no longer live, for it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal2:20).



We welcome
to Pittwater Parish
Coco Poppy Kingston Jones
Sahri Jean Young
Aylah Bay Young
Kaia Neve Young

on 8th May 2021
at Maria Regina Church,
Avalon for the
Sacrament of
Baptism

Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan - Founder of the Salvatorians Beatification on 15 May 2021 in Rome



The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has officially authorised the promulgation of the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Salvatorian Founder, Venerable Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. This completes the process on the miracle and definitively opens the way towards beatification of our Founder, who will soon be called "Blessed Francis Jordan."

Fr Jordan's beatification process began in 1943. After the death of a holy man or woman, their history is written and their works are collected and sent to a special Vatican congregation for review. If everything looks good, the person is given the title, "Servant of God."

The Vatican then confirms that people will remember and venerate the person to make sure the reputation of holiness does not fade, or is limited only to a small group of followers. This is an important consideration when it comes to officially declaring someone a saint of the universal church. Heroicity of virtue is acknowledged at this stage in the process, and the person receives the title "Venerable."

In 2011 Pope Benedict XVI officially announced that Fr Jordan "lived a holy life," by acknowledging the "heroicity of his virtues" and declaring him Venerable Francis Jordan.

In the next step, testimony of a miracle is needed and has to be confirmed so that the Servant of God can be declared "Blessed" through the beatification process.

Fr. Jordan valued universality, inclusiveness and collaboration as essential to the mission of proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world. His beatification will reaffirm for the universal Church that the pursuit of holiness and salvation is only possible when we overcome our differences and place our trust in the unconditional mercy and providence of God.

The Miracle

A young couple, who were expecting a baby in 2014 in Jundiá, Brazil, was informed by several medical doctors and specialists that their unborn child was suffering an incurable bone disease (skeletal dysplasia). Being members of a group of Lay Salvatorians, the parents began to pray through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Fr Francis Jordan, inviting other members of the Salvatorian Family to join them. The child was born completely healthy on September 8, 2014, the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mother and the anniversary of Fr Francis Jordan's death.

After the required canonical procedures had been successfully completed, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, declared that this miraculous healing was worked by God through the intercession of Fr Francis Jordan.

Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan *We'll celebrate the day we call him Blessed*

On **May 15, 2021**, the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, Italy will be the site of the beatification of our founder, Father Francis Jordan.

Finally, the day long awaited by all members of the Salvatorian Family has arrived: the Beatification of Father Francis Jordan. His charisma is to help the Church to know, love and proclaim the one God manifested in Jesus Christ, the Divine Saviour.

Today, this is the true inspiration for many Salvatorian women and men, religious and lay, who work following the example of the apostles in more than 50 countries, scattered in the different continents: Europe, America, Asia, Australia and Africa, working in the field of education, evangelisation, human and spiritual promotion, in missions and parish ministry.

The Solemn Celebration in Rome will take place in two stages:

Saturday 15 May 2021 at 10.30 a.m. (Italian time) / 4.30pm (Western Australia) 6.30pm (New South Wales)
Basilica of St. John Lateran:
Rite of Beatification



Sunday 16 May 2021 at 3pm (Italian time) / 9pm (Western Australia) 11pm (New South Wales)

St. Peter's Basilica: Mass of thanksgiving for the new Blessed Francis Jordan

Many wanted to be present in Rome to participate in the Beatification of the Founder, but due to restrictions caused by the Covid pandemic, unfortunately this is not possible. In the meantime, we have taken steps to broadcast the event of the Beatification through the media so that everyone will be able to accompany the celebrations in **LIVE Streaming:**
<https://telepacenews.it/diretta/>

The *Living* Word

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 48:20
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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'
Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'
While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 21:26-28, 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R)**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R)**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10
A reading from the first letter of St John
God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God

and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

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

Gospel Jn 15:9-17
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples.
'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

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 CSS

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old. Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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



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Liturgy for the Week

- 10/05 **Monday of the 6th Week of Easter**
Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4
- 11/05 **Tuesday of the 6th Week of Easter**
Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
- 12/05 **Wednesday of the 6th Week of Easter**
Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
- 13/05 **Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter**
Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
- 14/05 **Friday St Matthias, apostle**
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
- 15/05 **Saturday of the 6th Week of Easter**
Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28

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