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Prayer for Forgiveness and Peace

Lord, I give you glory and praise for all the good things in my life.

Jesus, I need to ask your forgiveness for the terrible past of unfaithfulness and lies.

Father, if I would have only believed in you and trusted that you had a plan.

Forgive me for being insecure in who you created me to be.

Father, I pray for peace that surpasses all understanding in these matters.

Lord, I caused the battles of the mind. Take the pain away from the innocent victim of my sin. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY **Parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Continue to practise good hygiene. Please use the hand sanitisers provided in both of our Churches.



Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

Whoever trusts in the Lord will never sink or fall. Whoever has the Lord for his strength will never fall..



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

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

Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 7pm
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament,
Adoration, Reconciliation
and Benediction from
7.30pm to 9pm
Friday 9.30am

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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 for

Deceased Anniversary

Joe Rego Noreen & F<mark>rank</mark> O'Hanlon

Recently Deceased

Murray McElroy

Rosa Passaro

Prayers for the Sick

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Liturgy for the Week

20/02 Monday, Ordinary Time 7 Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

21/02 Tuesday, Ordinary Time 7 Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

22/02 Wednesday, Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18; Mt 6:1-6, 6-18

23/02 Thursday, After Ash Wednesday Deut 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

24/02 Friday, After Ash Wednesday Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

25/02 Saturday, After Ash Wednesday Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

BOOK REVIEW

True Devotion to Mary with Preparation for Total Consecration by Saint Louis de Montfort



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GIVING

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LIVESTRÉAMS READINGS NEWS





"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

Ephesians 1:7





LENTEN PENANCE

The Season of Lent is a most important time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is an annual pilgrimage of grace whereby we are drawn more deeply into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught that the Lenten liturgy has a twofold means of preparation. By remembering their own Baptism and undertaking penance, the liturgy assists in the renewal and ongoing formation of the faithful (cf. Sacrosanetum Concilium 109). The formation of catechumens via the various stages of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is equally an important part of Lent (cf. GIRM 27).

For both the local community of the faithful and the elect, Lent is a time of grace and mercy whereby the Holy Spirit greets and renews those who seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus, who is our light and our salvation (cf. Psalm 27).

The Season of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday. Given the continued challenges of the past few years, Lent 2023 will once again be a particularly useful time to reconnect with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ; to reflect upon our spiritual pilgrimage both as individuals and as one community of disciples.

In our Catholic tradition, Lent is commemorated as a time for conversion, repentance, and renewal. Marking our foreheads with ashes in the sign of the cross on Ash Wednesday is an outward sign of internal conversion. It is also an invitation to "Turn away from sin and believe the good news". In this annual invitation, we acknowledge our human vulnerability, and we pray to be strengthened by God's grace, mercy, and love. In imitation of Jesus our teacher and master, we also fast (cf. Matthew 4: 1-11). Like Our Lord, we will journey into the desert places of our life. Where the Lord has gone, we hope to follow, and so we must expect some challenges and temptations because the Gospel reminds us that this too was the plight of Jesus. Christians are people of hope, so during these moments of vulnerability, let us take shelter in God's mercy and compassion.

DAYS OF PENANCE

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat is to be observed by those who have completed their fourteenth year of age. Those who are aged between 18 and 60 are to fast on these days. Priests should encourage

those under their pastoral care to embrace the spirit of abstinence and fasting. This Lenten practice is not to be a burden upon those who have health issues or special needs. Clergy as pastors of souls, are asked to be particularly vigilant in encouraging the faithful to undertake the disciplines of Lent with moderation and care.

On all other Fridays of the year the of the common practice of penance's fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

1. Prayer - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways;
2. Self-denial - for example, not eating

2. Self-denial - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or deserts; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to

give to the poor in one's own country and elsewhere; limiting screen time on social media; or in other ways;

3. Helping others - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened or feeling isolated from our Church community in other ways.

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Lent is from Ash Wednesday (22 February 2023) until the Mass of the Lord's Supper (6 April 2023) inclusive. Fasting is also observed on Good Friday and if possible, on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (4 June 2023), unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful who have reached the of discretion (seven years old) are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Priests in the Diocese of Broken Bay are encouraged to make available to the faithful not only the figure form of the Rite of Penance, but also the second form.

I encourage you to read the Scriptures [1] your homes, individually and as a family. Likewise, you may take the opportunity to be part of a Lenten prayer or discussion group, face to face or online. For this purpose, I offer to you the 2023 Diocesan Lenten resource; Jesus, Our Light and Our Life. Becoming One in Christ, as prepared by Evangelisation Broken Bay.

The Paschal mystery is the heart of the Eucharist. Personal private prayer bethe Blessed Sacrament is a wonderful way to probe the mystery of faith. Our churches are regularly open outside of Mass times to assist the faithful in making a visit for prayer, contemplation, and adoration. Stations of the Cross are also a splendid spiritual devotion in our

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Project Compassion Sunday



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today," not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the back of the churches, by visiting

caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.





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Parish Bulletin- Term 1 Week 3

This week we welcomed back some of our high achieving students from the HSC Class of 2022 and congratulated them on their academic achievements. These individuals were recognised as High Achievers for 2022 at Mater Maria and have all enrolled to do various degrees at universities all over Sydney and New South Wales. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all the Year 12s, their families and all of the Mater Maria staff for achieving extraordinary results for their bright futures. The learning growth and improvement from all students was remarkable.

We also welcomed parents to our Parent Engagement Evening for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. We focused on growth for all students and staff, how to engage with student learning, methods of communication, the importance of attendance and the ways that we are supporting student wellbeing through pastoral care. Helping each student flourish and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ is our core business here at Mater Maria Catholic College. Our Year 11 & 12 Visual Arts students attended a workshop and the Art Express exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW and Museum of Contemporary Art as part of their HSC Assessment Task. On Friday, we held our Year 7 Pastoral Day where we continued to help our newest students grow in their sense of belonging at the College. Students focused on Mater Maria's procedures, dress code and behavioural expectations as well as technology and what it means to belong in the Mater community. Sport is in full swing at the College with MWBA Basketball on most afternoons. Many students attended the CSBB Open Touch Football Gala Day and on Wednesday, BBSSSA Tennis Championship Finals took place with the winner progressing through to the NSWCCC Tennis Championships.

Please join us for our Open Day on Wednesday 8 March between 4.00pm - 7.00pm – all are welcome. 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 for Year 7 2024.

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, 2025 close on Thursday 6 April 2023.

Sacramental Program Update

Sacrament of Reconciliation Children enrolled in the Sacrament of Reconciliation program, start next Monday the four-week preparation sessions for this sacrament, which will take place on 22nd and 29th of March Sacrament of Confirmation Saturday, 17 June 2023 at 6pm at Maria Regina Church Sunday, 18 June 2023 at 10am and 12noon at Sacred Heart Church Children in Year 3 and above are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation if they have been baptised. For more information about the preparation program, enrolments, etc. you MUST attend **ONE** parent information session which will take place at 7:30pm: Wednesday 3 May Sacred Heart Church and **Thursday 4 May** Maria Regina Church If you have any questions, or would like to become a facilitator

Welcome to Pittwater Parish

sacraments@pittwaterparish.org

of your child's preparation group

please contact Sonia at

Hugo Peter McAleer Harrison Phillip Pegram

on the 19th of February 2023

Maria Regina Church

Avalon for the

Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

How can we love our enemies? Tick the best answers in the boxes below.



If someone slaps you on the cheek, do you...

- A: Slap them back
- B: Forgive them
- C: Call the police



If someone teases you and calls you names, do you...

- A: Throw a tantrum
- B: Find nice things to say about them
- C: Ask God to punish them



If someone wants to share your favourite toy, do you...

- A: Tell them to go away
- B: Let them play with it, but only for 5 minutes
- C: Let them have it for as long as they like



If someone is cruel and mistreats you, do you...

- A: Ask God to bless them
- B: Tell everyone how bad that person
- C: Get even with them



Jesus taught us to asked God to forgive three other occasions when Jesus showed

forgive others. He even those who crucified and taunted him. Write down love for those who were against him.

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"Forgive others and God will forgive you." START

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*CAN YOU FIND THE SIX HIDDEN WORDS FROM THIS WEEKS GOSPEL READING?

Matthew 5:38-48

JESUS Our Light and Our Life

Becoming One in Christ

The Broken Bay Lenten Booklet invites prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospel during Lent. It can be used individually or within a group.

For each of the six weeks of Lent, the booklet includes a reading of the Gospel text; a reflection on the text; and a personal experience related to the text.

The materials and reflections have been prepared by the Broken Bay community, including Plenary Council members who have drawn on their experiences of the Council in their writing. Each Sunday is presented with the following elements:

Opening Prayer

Gospel Reading

Reflection and Questions

A Personal Story

Closing Prayer

Printed copies of the booklet are available at the back of our churches.



LENT 2023

The Living Word says: The Lord knows wise men's

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.""

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.(R)

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R)

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

(R)

Second Reading

1 Cor 3:16-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture

says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

1 Jn 2:5

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:38-48 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon

Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the

other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

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Conversion,

Following the Call of Christ by: Bishop Robert Barron

During Lent, our Tuesday Group will watch and reflect on 6 video presentations.

Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like you and me, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through Him The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In his characteristically energetic style, Bishop Barron explains how conversion is not so much a one-time event, but a life-long process. He explains, "Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of differe ways to follow Him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence."

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