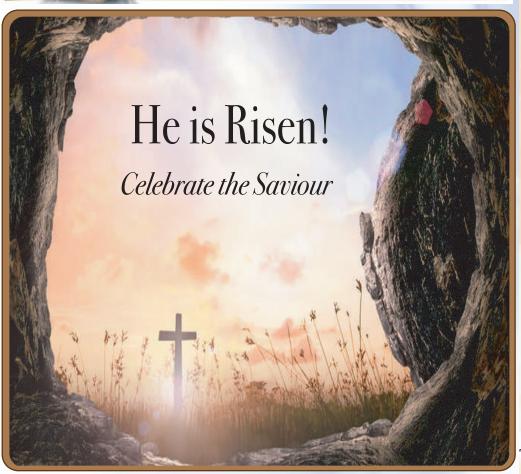


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## Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

At this holy Easter time I wish you every happiness and blessing. May the dear God sustain you in his holy grace. May the Risen Saviour...fill you more with his Spirit.



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



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# CA Prayer for Easter

Dear Father, My eyes lift to Heaven in total adoration of the one true God You are. Your incredible love for the world exceeds my imagination, and Your gracious gift of life excels beyond my understanding.

When I reflect on the Cross of Calvary, my mind fails to grasp the depth of darkness.

The day You turned your back on Your Son, as He bore the sins of the world, for everyone ever born. For me.

The price was so great yet His blood poured out to yield the highest return of investment ever known.

O Death - where is your sting? O Grave - where is your victory? Death? It is extinguished. The Grave? It has been conquered. And the Empty tomb? Celebrated.

He is Risen and we praise You, Father.

Hosanna and 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
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

# Prayers for the Sick

Anna Smigowska Sarah Zofrea Guy Zofrea Avelino Samartin Bill O'Connor **Tim Bosher** Jeff Langley Mark Lindfiels **Nick Moullakis** Bill Eyre Brian Gregan Jim Hammond 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**

10/04 Monday within the Octave of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

11/04 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

12/04 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

13/04 Thursday within the Octave of Easter Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

14/04 Friday within the Octave of Easter Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

15/04 Saturday within the Octave of Easter Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

## **BOOK REVIEW**

The Last Days of Jesus by: T V Moore



The author remind us of the importance of the forty days which followed the resurrection and provides a sure guide to the significance of our Lord's ministry to his disciples during this time.

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# NEW MONSTRANCE

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May God bless you abundantly.

# THURSDAY MORNING SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Every Thursday, the Spirituality Group will be held at 10:30 am after the 10 am Mass for Morning Tea followed by study and contemplation until 12 noon.

at Maria Regina Church Hall Avalon

# **Divine Mercy Sunday**

16 April 2023 **Sacred Heart Mona Vale** at 3.00 pm

**Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration

Reconciliation

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** 

**Benediction** 

It is a joyful and hope-filled occasion for all of us to celebrate life, that Christ is truly risen and alive. May you and all your loved ones be filled with happiness and the peace of the Risen Christ.

> Fr Richard Sadowski SDS and Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS



# **Divine Mercy Novena**

The Divine Mercy novena prayers were given to St Faustina through an apparition of our Lord Jesus. Each day has a new petition that seeks God's mercy for different purposes.

The message of Divine Mercy is a powerful and moving way to come closer to Christ. His Mercy is central to our lives and we must continually depend on it and ask for it daily.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, and goes until Divine Mercy Saturday, the 2nd Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday.

You can join thousands of people in praying the novena this year! Leaflets are available at the back of both Churches.

## **Project Compassion Easter Sunday** 9 April



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion - past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back to the Church or Parish Office





## **Thank You**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful and dedicated musicians, singers, junior and senior servers, readers, computer operators, and all involved in our

**Easter Celebrations.** Thank you to all our parishioners for

your contributions and support throughout the year.

Your financial contributions in our Planned Giving Programme and your generous donations throughout the year to Pastoral Works Broken Bay are greatly appreciated.

I also wish to extend a warm welcome to any new parishioners to Pittwater Parish.

Fr Richard SDS

# **NOTICE**

Over the past years, there have been a number of building issues in relation to the Mona Vale Parish office, Parish Centre and Priests residence. With these issues requiring to be addressed the Parish is looking to review the current building structures and facilities at Mona Vale with the objective to look at opportunities and options to both optimise and improve the current state of the buildings and facilities.

The Parish is seeking the support of an Architect, or Draftsperson that would support the Parish in the process of the review and next steps of the current actions.

If you are such a person or can recommend a person with such skills and knowledge to assist the Parish efforts on this project, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office, 9157 0999 or email us at office@pittwaterparish.org and leave your Name and Contact details and we will reach out to you or the recommended person.



# SALVATORIANS Apostles for our time Australia

**Meet and Greet** with **Lay Salvatorian Australian Chairperson** Sammantha Da Luz

> Please join us for Mass and coffee afterwards

Friday, 14th April 2023 Sacred Heart Church Mona Vale

For more enquiries: layaustraliaicds@gmail.com

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# Easter Message from Bishop Anthony Randazzo

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

If you search "Jesus" on Wikipedia you will find the following: Jesus of Nazareth (ca.4 BC – AD 30–33), commonly referred to as Jesus Christ or simply as Jesus or Christ, was a first-century Jewish preacher and religious leader; he is the central figure of Christianity, the world's largest religion. Most Christians believe he is the incarnation of God the Son and the awaited Messiah (the Christ) prophesied in the Hebrew Bible.

What is interesting about this entry is that since I last looked, someone has removed the line, "that he rose from the dead after being crucified".

It is a simple portrayal not accurately described which is not surprising in today's world, where often only the appealing or comfortable bits of a story are recounted. This description is more or less accurate but powerless and impersonal.

Saint Paul recalls "we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him" (Romans 6:8). This is why the Son of God took flesh and broke into human history as the Godman Jesus Christ. This is why he was crucified. This is why he rose from the dead with all authority and promised to be with us to the end of time - to create a people whose sins are forgiven, and whose hearts are full of the love of God, and who are so animated by the victorious Christ, that they spend their lives with challenges and sacrifice and charity to assist others know and enjoy the magnitude of Jesus Christ for all eternity.

As we journey together through this most holy of weeks, I would invite you to spend some time, both individually and with our community of the Church, to recognise Jesus as the Christ. Remember that he is the lover of our souls, and his passion and death are for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we probe the mystery of faith, I pray that our words and actions, our love and compassion, might reveal to the world that Christ, the true Christ, the ever-living Christ in the Church which seeks to preach him, in whose body we are formed, is the saviour of the world.

Is this not what we were made for? Is there not something in your own soul that witnesses to you that this is true and worthy of full acceptance?

May the blessings of Christ, crucified and risen, be yours this Easter.

+ Anthony

## Sacramental Program Update

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 of your child's preparation group please contact Sonia at sacraments@pittwaterparish.org

We need the help of parents to facilitate the preparation groups.

#### Pontifical Good Friday Collection 2023

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, 7 April. Faith, Memory & Culture** – **The Holy Places** 

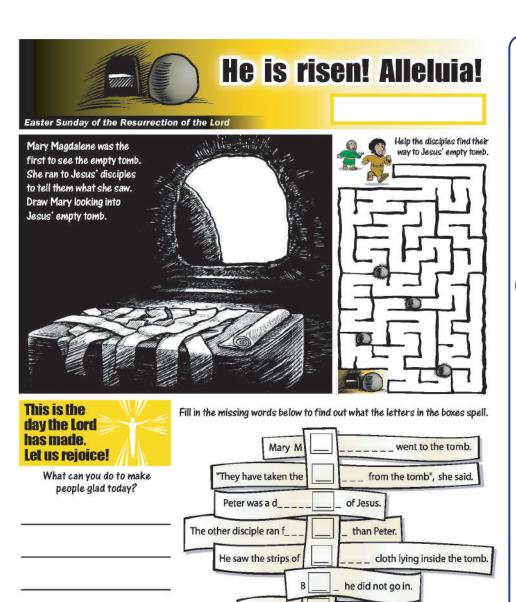
Holy Land Franciscans and staff maintain the holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to salvation history.

**Social & Charitable Activities**In order to assist Christians to remain

in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy.

Educational & Scientific Activities

The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for students to prepare them to get jobs and remain in the Holy Land as part of living Catholic communities. Funds are distributed to young men studying to become Franciscan priests or brothers. Finally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places discovering historical artefacts. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank You.



Welcome to Pittwater Parish

Chloe Rose Campbell
Charlie Glasford
Campbell
Camilla June Campbell
Blaire Nora Campbell
Ned Wallace Campbell

on the
2nd of April 2023
at
Maria Regina Church
Avalon

for the Sacrament of Baptism

ohn 20:1-9 © Creative Ministry Resources

When he saw

The Scriptures s



#### We welcome to Pittwater Parish

he believed.

Jesus would rise to life.

#### Bianca Ipscwitz

FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

#### **Hazel Soriano**

FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION

#### **Arielle Soriano**

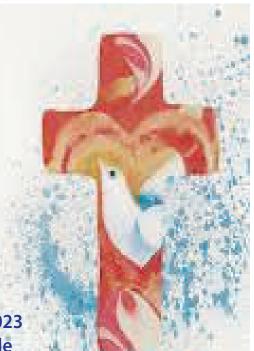
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#### Louise Kirychenko

TO THE FULL COMMUNION WITH THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE SACRAMENTS OF
CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST



on Easter Vigil, Saturday, 8 April 2023 at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale



# The Living Word

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

**First Reading** Acts 10:34. 37-43 **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles** We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

#### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

# (R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.(**R**)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R)** 

# **Second Reading** Col 3:1-4 **A reading from the letter of St Paul to** the Corinthians

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has

been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

#### Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead

we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

#### The word of the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel Jn 20:1-9 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

#### The Gospel of the Lord

#### **Communion Antiphon**

1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

#### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians. The readings testify that if we die with *Christ, we will appear with him in glory;* if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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