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A 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.

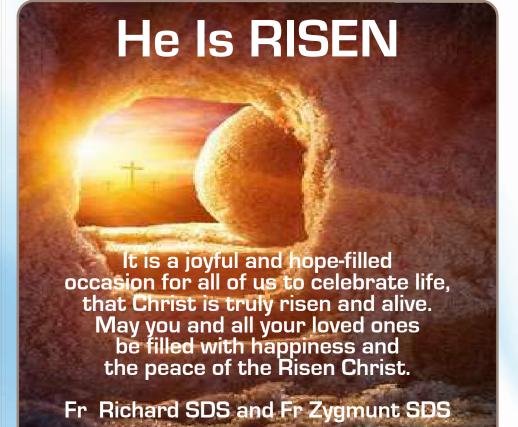
Hosanna and Amen.



Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

May the risen Saviour fill each of you with abundant graces and blessings.

Work courageously at making progress in doing good and put your whole trust in God who is our helper.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For April

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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

It is our responsibilty to protect others and ourselves and stop the spread of COVID-19 in Australia.

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
Thursday 7pm
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament,
Adoration, Reconciliation
and Benediction from

7.30pm to 9pm Friday 9.30am

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 for

the Souls of

Terry Jones Patricia Heyde Teresa Shepherd Theodore Shepherd

Recently Deceased

Alison Brent

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.

Prayers for the Sick

Beryl Peo-Duncan Michael Carrodus Pat Regan Garry Gleeson **Annette Davis Andrew Hood** Jeff Langley Warwick Chipman **Erin Ocampo** Mark Lindfield Vicky Kalingasan Bill Eyre Brian Gregan Marian Poe **Marcia Bailey Bec Burroughs** Susan Hickey Sophia Burfitt Margaret De Landre Maeve Robinson Jenny Carroll Matt Ukishima Pietrina Maiorana Susan Makabenta **Dominic Ursino George Carpenter** Diane Williams Denise Wagner Ron

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

BOOK REVIEW

The Last Days of Jesus

by T V Moore



The author reminds 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

ANZAC DAY MASS

Sunday, 24 April 2022 at 10am Mass Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale

We will commemorate
the men and women of the
Australian and New Zealand
Army, Air Force and Navy who
have served their country and
especially those who gave their
lives and health.

Ex Service men and
Next of Kins, wearing their
medals and ribbons are
requested to assemble outside
the Church and are invited to
march into Church together.

Please join us at the Parish Centre after Mass for morning tea.



Lest We Forget

"Throw all your anxiety onto him, because he cares about you."

1 PETER 5:7

Liturgy for the Week

18/04 **Monday Octave of Easter** Acts 2:14,22-33; Mt 28:8-15

19/04 **Tuesday Octave of Easter** Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

20/04 **Wednesday Octave of Easter** Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

21/04 **Thursday Octave of Easter** Acts 3:11-26: Lk 24:35-48

22/04 **Friday Octave of Easter** Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

23/04 **Saturday Octave of Easter** Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

MARIA REGINA OPEN DAY 2022

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LIVESTRÉAMS READINGS NEWS





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Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the conflict in Ukraine. Visit:caritas.org.au/donate/emergen cy-appeals/ukraine/ or call:1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.



The Lord has Risen! Alleluia!



And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Matthew 28:2–6b

What an experience that must have been! Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb early in the morning to pay tribute to our Lord's sacred body. They brought the oils and perfumes that they planned on placing on his beaten and bruised body. They came to offer Him their last act of love. But as the women arrived, the earth quaked and the angel of God appeared to them.

As they left, Scripture says they then left the tomb quickly, "fearful yet overjoyed." All they could think about was telling the other disciples of their encounter when another incredible joy befell them. Jesus Himself met them on the way. In their amazement, the women fell at His feet and did Him homage. Not the homage they planned on doing to a dead body, but the homage due to a risen Savior. They worshipped Him. Jesus then spoke: "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me" (Mt. 28:10).

It was true. All they had hoped for came true. They saw Jesus arrested. They saw Him beaten. They saw Him falsely accused. They saw Him sentenced to death. And they saw Him die. Now for the miracle of miracles, they saw their Savior alive. Every hope that they had came true. Everything came to fruition in that moment. All that was lost was restored a hundredfold.

The Resurrection of Christ is not simply an event that took place long ago. It's an event that continues to take place when we patiently walk with our Lord through the trials, crosses and sufferings of life, with hope and trust in His power to do all good things. Evil always loses in the end when we remain steadfast in our hope in Him.

As we celebrate the reality of the Resurrection of Christ, ponder the promise He has spoken to you. If you have surrendered all to Him and died to the world of sin, keep your eyes now on the Resurrection. Have hope in Him and in His power to breathe new life into your heaviest cross.

Sometimes we have hope in our own ideas of the Resurrection. We ask for some hope to come true because we think it is what we need. But the Resurrection of Christ should teach us that His plan for new life for each one of us is far superior than what we could ever imagine. Do you believe that? Do you maintain your hope in Christ even when all seems lost?

Reflect, today, upon the unfathomable plan that God has for your life. Know that if you remain faithful until the end, our Lord will bring forth greater joys in your life than you could ever think possible. It may not happen according to your schedule or your wishes, but it will happen in accord with His perfect divine will. Do not doubt. Do not be afraid. Have hope and trust, and anticipate the moments when the power of the Resurrection brings forth the greatest joys you could ever imagine.

My Resurrected Lord, I trust You with all my mind, heart, soul and strength. I believe that You are faithful to perfection and that Your fidelity will never fail. Give me hope when I need it the most and help me to keep my eyes on the glory that awaits. You have conquered all evil. May I always trust in You!

From Catholic Daily Reflection

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 also 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





Vinnies NSW calls for donations in support of emergency flood appeal

In response to the devastating floods impacting the Northern Rivers, the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW has launched an emergency flood appeal to assist residents with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery.

"Families have had their lives upended and homes have been destroyed as a result of this crisis," said Jack de Groot, Vinnies NSW CEO.

"These floods, on top of the bushfires and COVID, are the latest punch to the stomach for communities who have done it so tough in recent years.



"For 140 years, St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers have been there to support people in times of need when times get tough.

"We are asking those who can to donate so that we can supply those hardest hit with the assistance they need to rebuild their lives.

"Making a financial donation today to the Vinnies NSW Flood Appeal is the most effective way to support people right now.

"All donations will go towards assisting people and communities impacted by the floods," Mr de Groot said.

The Northern Rivers community of Lismore has been one of the hardest hit areas by the floods with homes and businesses, including the local Vinnies Shop, overflowing with water.

"Vinnies has volunteers located in communities across the state who are ready and willing to offer practical financial and material assistance, as well as emotional support, to people in need during this challenging period," said Paul Burton, Vinnies NSW State Council President.

"We need the help of the community to support people now and over the longer -term. "We know that the need for assistance does not disappear when the floodwaters subside. "As with other natural disasters, our members will be in the affected communities helping for the long haul and they are taking proactive steps now to ensure this," Mr Burton said. Donations to the Vinnies Flood Appeal can be made at www.vinnies.org.au/nswfloodappeal, by calling 13 18 12, or at any Vinnies Shop.

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



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 second 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 the Church.

To read or view the messages from Bishop Anthony and from the people Vox Populi please visit www.bbcatholic.org.au





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.

or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back to the Church or Parish Office.



Divine Mercy Sunday

24 April 2022 Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale

3.00pm

Expositionof the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration

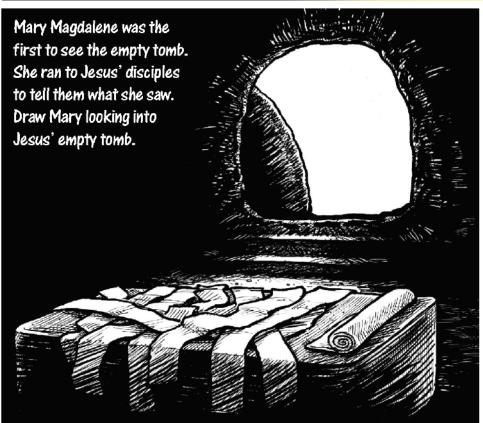
Reconciliation

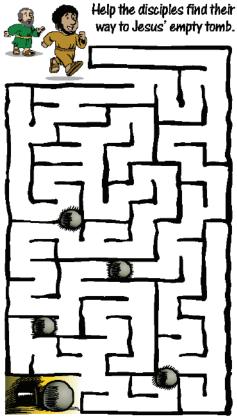
Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Benediction



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

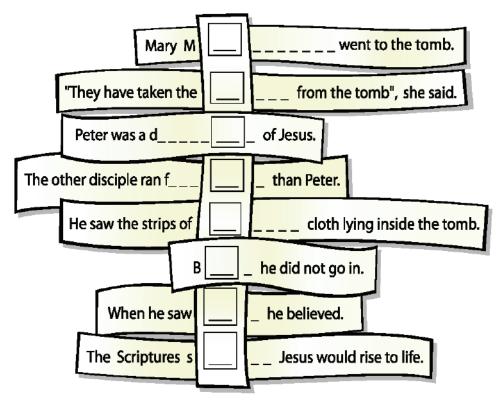




This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!

What can you do to make people glad today?

Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.



The *Living* Word

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 beforéhand. 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.

(R) Alleluia!

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.' (**Ř**)

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 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where

ince you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord

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!

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 A reading from the holy Gospel according

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

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSS

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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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

Our next programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 3 and above will commence with our parent information evenings.

If you would like your child to participate in our upcoming programme, you will need to attend one of the following information sessions:

Monday 2 May 2022 at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale Wednesday 4 May 2022 at 7pm at Maria Regina Church, Mona Vale

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday 19 June 2022.

Receiving Holy Communion on the tongue during COVID

The Faithful shall still have the option of receiving Communion on the tongue until the situation is further reviewed, but Ministers of Communion should sanitise their hands afterwards and avoid contact with the palm of people's hands. In this situation, if you desire to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please present yourself last and only to the priest.

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