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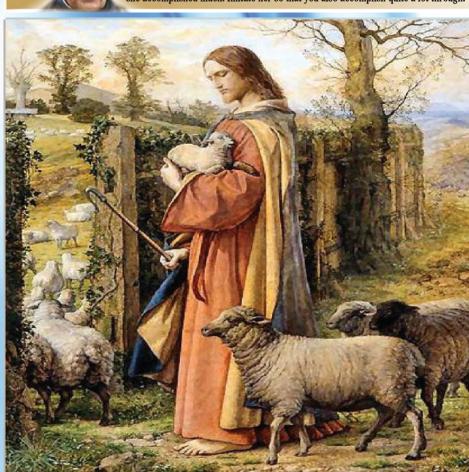
# A Prayer for Mothers

O almighty and eternal God, Lord of both the living and the dead, Your tender mercy embraces all men foreknown to be Yours by faith and a good life. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother, and of all the saints, grant Your merciful pardon to all mothers for whom we pray, whether they still are living in this world or have departed from this flesh into the world to come. Amen.



#### **Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan**

Consider Mary. She said little. But through her example her humility, modesty etc... she accomplished much. Imitate her so that you also accomplish quite a lot through.



Pope Francis' **Prayer Intentions** For May

Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Continue to practise good hygiene. **Please use the** hánd 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.

<u>If you have used this</u> bulletin, please take it <u>home with you.</u>

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

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 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord, And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen. May Their Souls And The Souls Of The Faithful Departed, Through The Mercy Of God, Rest In Peace. Amen

#### **Recently Deceased**

**Hugh Brinsley Shanks** 

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
Diane Williams
Denise Wagner
Ron
Leonie Ariemetto

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

Bishop Bernard O'Grady would like to thank all the parishioner who offered prayers for his brother, Desmond. Bro Des, CFC, passed on, on Good Friday, 15 April 2022.

#### from Our Schools



#### Mater Maria Catholic College

Parish Bulletin - Term 2, Week 2

Last week on Wednesday, we held an Anzac Day Service at the College. The assembly had a special focus as we acknowledged the service of those who have fallen in conflict and wars as well as the spirit of the Anzacs, concluding with The Last Post as we paid tribute to all those who have served this country. Our students were given an Anzac biscuit and watched a video on the significance of Anzac Day. Our Benedict Learning Centre also has a vast display of war memorial books on display which cover these important periods of history and our students are enjoying learning more.

Last week on Friday, Year 10 Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Year 11 Entertainment students were involved in a collaborative performance of a play written and adapted by our Drama teacher Mr Rulli from Peter FitzSimon's book Gallipoli. The play was performed to parents and the author treated the audience and students with further stories from his research. The students and audience were moved by the experience and commented on the value of such an authentic learning opportunity to commemorate the Anzacs at this time of year.

This week, our Year 9 students undertook a two day bushwalking expedition in Kuringai National Park for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and our Year 10 students undertook a three day canoeing and bushwalking adventure in Lake Munmorah to practice for their Silver Award.

On Thursday, a Mother's Day blessing was held in the Marana Complex for Mater Maria mums and carers. We had originally planned this for the Chapel, however the response from our parents was overwhelming and we were very grateful to have the numbers to move it to our large College hall. 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.

Applications for Year 7, 2025 are now open. There are waiting lists for Year 7, 2023 and Year 7, 2024. For more information about enrolling at our Mater Maria Catholic College please visit https://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/.

#### **Liturgy for the Week**

09/05 **Monday of the 4th Week of Easter**Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

10/05 **Tuesday of the 4th Week of Easter**Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

11/05 Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Easter Acts 8:1-8; Jn 6:35-40

12/05 **Thursday of the 4th Week of Easter**Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

13/05 **Friday of the 4th Week of Easter**Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6

14/05 **Saturday of the 4th Week**of Easter
Acts 1:15-17; Jn 15:9-17

### MARIA REGINA OPEN DAY 2022

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# Honouring Mothers is a Catholic tradition



The "Madonna of the Magnificat" painted by Botticelli Filipepi in 1483 portrays Mary being crowned by two angels, while she writes the Magnificat and holds her Son, Jesus. The Magnificat, which is Latin for "My soul magnifies" is also known as the Canticle of Mary, which is the prayer of thanksgiving that Mary said after being greeted by her cousin Elizabeth at the Visitation. This feast is celebrated May 31.

Mother's Day has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and Australia on the second Sunday of May since 1914. But Catholics have been celebrating a sort of mother's day since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to return to your mother church (home parish) and leave an offering.

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In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Mary. Chosen by God above all other women, Mary's faith and obedience paved the way for the Incarnation. Her example teaches us faith, obedience, humility and most of allhow to love. According to St. Thomas of Villanova, "If in this world any creature ever loved God with whole heart, with whole soul, and with whole mind, she was the creature."

At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all. (John 19:25-27) As we honor our earthly mothers this month, let's honor our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5)

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## **BOOK REVIEW**

# Divine Mercy in my Soul Diary

by Sister M Faustina Kowalski



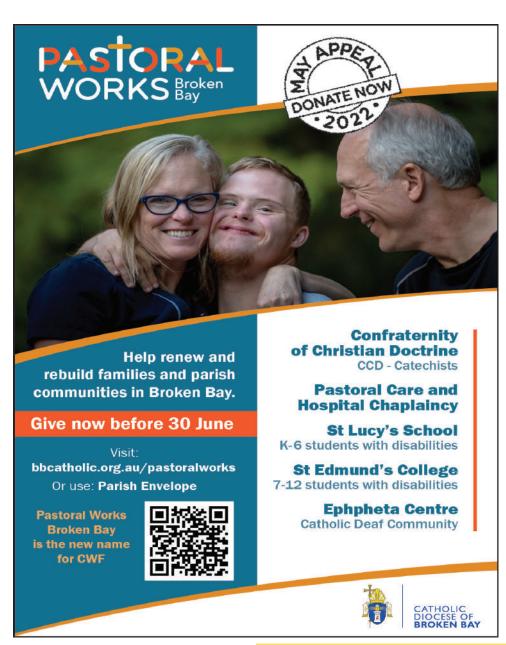
This book birthed the Divine Mercy movement. It is an amazing narrative by a simple Polish nun and will stir your heart and soul.



# Coffee Mornings to Recommence

Starting 15th May and each third Sunday thereafter there will be barista, coffee served in the Parish Centre after the 10:00am Mass at Sacred Heart. Please come and enjoy fellowship with your friends and parishioners and support the work of the Good Samaritan Rural Outreach. Over the years Pittwater the work of the Good Samaritan Rural Outreach. Over the years Pittwater Western Australia. Good Samaritan Oblates are now carrying on this work. Sister Anna asked that the donations from our parish be used to support Khyan Townsend. Khyan is now in Year II at the Nagle Catholic College in Geraldton WA. Khyan's younger sister Sharlie also now attends Nagle Catholic College These two Aboriginal students are doing very well and remain focussed on furthering their education. By coming to our Coffee Mornings and making a donation you will be supporting them. At the same time you can enjoy a cup of coffee and a bite to eat with friends. Hope to see you!







#### Vox Episcopi - the Voice of the Bishop

This Sunday, 8 May is World Day of Prayer for Vocations – marking its 59th anniversary. It is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

The motivation for this day is found in both the Gospels of Matthew (9:38) and Luke (10:2) when Jesus says "Pray the Lord of the havest to send labourers into his harvest." There are four vocations our Church uses to help discern God's plan: marriage, singfle life, priesthood and religious life and God calls us to respond freely and generously to his call.

However, World Day of Prayer for vocations is an opportunity to celebrate and pray for vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. Please pray, on this Vocations Sunday, for our seminarians and deacons as they continue on their journey, and pray that the Lod will bless the Diocese of Broken Bay with more vocations.

Sunday is also special for all mothers in the Diocese. I pray for you and your families have a very special Mother's Day, and even if your mother cannot be with you, I will pray in gratitude for all those who have given new life.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo

#### **Planned Giving**

The money contributed to our parish via our second collection helps us to meet

the running costs which our Parish incurs, including wages, electricity, telephones, insurances, rates, building and equipment repairs and maintenance, to name but a few. As we are unable to donate via our second collection at present, our parish will not receive the funds which are truly needed to cover our relentless stream of expenses. Whilst you are unable to attend Mass, if you are able to make your regular donation by way of automatic direct debit from your credit card, please complete the form included in this bulletin. Or donations can

be made on our website: www.pittwaterparish.org through the donations and giving tile. If you would prefer not to give by credit card, please contact the parish office,

9157 0999 for other ways that you can contribute.





Our next Monday night practice will be:

9 May 7pm Thank you!

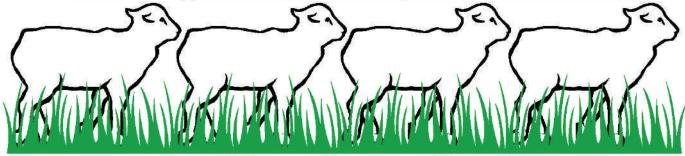


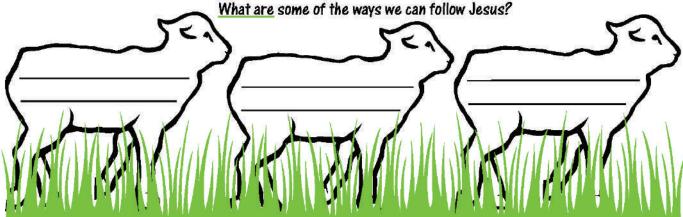
## Jesus is our shepherd and we follow him

My name is

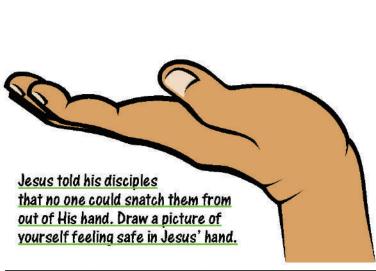
4th Sunday of Easter, Year C

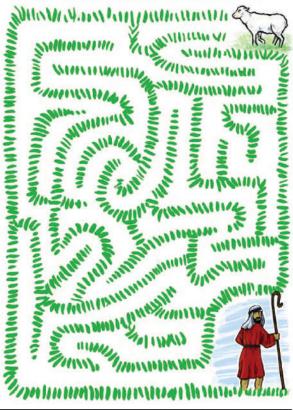
In each of the sheep, write down the name of someone you know who is a follower of Jesus.





Jesus' sheep will never be lost. Help the sheep follow the path to the shepherd.





## The Living Word

**Entrance Antiphon** *Cf. Ps 32:5-6* 

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia..

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said.'

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

#### The word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3* 

#### (R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **(R)** 

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R)** 

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **(R)** 

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

Rv /: 9, 14-1/ A reading from the book of the Apocalypse The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water. I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

#### The word of the Lord

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: "I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does nt enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he callshis own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers."

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:
"I tell you most solemnly, Iam the gate of the sheephold. All others who have come are thiefs and brigands; but the sheep took mno notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone owho enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**REFLECTION** by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic

witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light. A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.on truth.

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## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This week we have had two Parent Information sessions for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We had a great respose and we thank all the parents who attended.

If you need further information or you would like to be a Facilitator of your child's preparation group, please email Sonia on sacraments@pittwaterparish.org

Enrolments for the sacrament are open till Monday, 9 May at 8 pm via Trybooking: www,trybooking.com/BYYAJ

Sacrament of Confirmation is on Saturday, 18 June 2022 Maria Regina Church, Avalon at 10:30 am Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale at 1 pm and 2:30 pm

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