# The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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

# A Prayer for my Family

O dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labour and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life.

Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

**Catholic Doors Ministry** 

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



# **Thoughts of Bl Francis Jordan**

Become temples of the Holy Spirit! Pray that he enlightens you in times of danger! Oh how happy you will be, what peace, what bliss, what harmony, what happiness!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For June

### The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



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.



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## 5th & 6th June 2021

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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.

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Moira Howie Christine Hills
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# **DVD REVIEW**

"Padre Pio – Miracle Man"



Directed by Carlo CarLei, this movie is in Italian with English sub-titles. It is the story of the Greatest Saint of the 20th Century.

## 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.



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-a nd-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.

### from Our Schools



On Thursday, our Year 12 students participated in a Sleepout under the stars and under the supervision of College staff as part of a fundraising activity for St Vincent De Paul Society. The Sleepout gave our senior students a glimpse into the realities of homelessness by 'sleeping rough' for a night. Their experience challenged their sense of home and offered unique insights into the complex issues faced by people experiencing homelessness. All donations raised will be given to Vinnies homelessness services to raise awareness and funds.

On Friday, our senior students left their Sleepout to go to the Year 12 HSC and Careers Expo at Moore Park. They attended seminars covering various subjects, tertiary courses, careers, employment opportunities and gap year options and obtained information and resources to help them with their HSC.

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/enrol ments/book-a-tour/.

Applications are currently open for Year 7, 2024.



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



New stock now available in the Piety stall for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Stall is open after 5pm Mass on Saturday and 10am Mass on Sunday as normal. It will also be open on reflection days, 9th June and Confirmation day, 19th June at 10am and 12.30pm sessions. Cash only please.

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

# The Real Presence John W. Martens



The solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ emerged as a feast in medieval Europe through the urging of St. Julianna of Cornillon, a Belgian mystic and prioress who had visions that directed her to strive to establish a feast in which greater devotion was focused on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Because of her own caution as to the significance of her visions, and the ecclesial and political intrigues which she suffered, it would take many decades before the feast became established throughout the church, ultimately with the guidance of the papal theologian St. Thomas Aquinas.

The feast focused from the beginning on the Eucharist as "the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which he instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until his return in glory. Thus he entrusted to his Church this memorial of his death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 282). The real presence is the central theological dimension of this feast, but the catechism notes numerous other elements of eucharistic theology in the feast, like memorial, sign of unity, bond of charity, paschal banquet and eschatological pledge of future glory.

The biblical readings attest to each of these elements of the eucharistic feast. In the words of institution Paul hands on to us, we receive the words of Jesus,



As part of our preparation of children for the sacraments, during both Masses on the morning 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 who interprets his own sacrificial death on our behalf and speaks of the real presence when he breaks the bread and says: "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And in the last phrase, Paul notes Christ's instruction to participate in the supper as a memorial, making present perpetually Christ's sacrifice, as we eat the bread and drink the wine "in remembrance." For participation in the body and blood of Christ is a remembrance of Christ's death "until he comes."

"Until he comes" alerts us to the eschatological dimension of this feast, in which we gain a foretaste of the heavenly food, the messianic banquet, already prefigured in the person of the priest Melchizedek, "king of righteousness." In Genesis 14, Melchizedek feeds Abram with the heavenly food; in Psalm 110, a messianic psalm, Melchizedek points forward to the establishment of God's kingdom by the coming messiah. By the time Jesus was born, Melchizedek was already a focus of theological speculation in Judaism, especially in the Dead Sea Scrolls, concerning his role in the messianic kingdom to come. For Christians, as seen in Chapters 7 to 9 of the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus is the one who has fulfilled and will fulfill all the promises embedded in the figure of Melchizedek. Here we find a sense of the eschatological, of what God is still to do when Christ returns.

But in Melchizedek's feeding of Abram, God's constant care for the needs of his people is also denoted, the presence of God with us, as a sign of unity and a bond of charity. In Luke Jesus is himself present, feeding the crowd in which all ate and were filled. In this miracle, in the presence of Jesus with the people, we sense the eschatological reality of the paschal banquet yet to come and the sense of memorial presence, as Jesus instructs his disciples to carry out this same act on his behalf. Jesus guides his disciples to participate in the work with him, "You give them something to eat," making Jesus present whenever his disciples feed the people physically and spiritually.

In discerning our communion with our brothers and sisters in the faith, we find Christ's real presence. In our loving communion with all those who need food, we find Christ's real presence. As we wait in hope for the heavenly banquet, we anticipate the real presence, when God will be all in all. All of these, faith, hope and love, are present when we participate in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

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).



# **UNDERSTANDING AGED CARE**

You're warmly invited to attend an Aged Care Information Session followed by Morning Tea.

Time: 8:30AM (after mass) Date: Wednesday, 9 June 2021 Parish: Maria Regina Church

# Vinnies changes lives everyday.

Show your support and give to our annual appeal



The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday 11th June 2021

As it is the feast day of our Church, (Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale) we will celebrate this feast day on Friday as well as the Masses over the weekend at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale.

# **Fan the Flame**

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021 **'This is my blood, the blood** 

of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many'

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ. And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! We all have a duty to do good. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others . . . we will make that culture of encounter.

(Pope Francis Homily, May 2013)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic. org.au/fantheflame/



### LIBRARY

Now that the restrictions have been lifted concerning the opening of churches, although at present 250 people at Maria Regina, we can access the Library. You are very welcome to browse the vast assortment of books and DVDs in the Parish Library at Maria Regina after the daily and weekend Masses. Books and DVDs will still be reviewed in the Bulletin. If you have an inquiry you may phone me on 99183973 (Home) 0401613643 (mobile).



# THANK YOU

I wish to take this opportunity to say thank you for your contributions and support throughout the year. Your financial contributions in our Planned Giving Programme and your generous donations throughout the year to the Charitable Works Fund are greatly appreciated. I also wish to extend a warm welcome to any new parishioners to Pittwater Parish.

> Fr Bronek SDS Parish Priest

# An Invitation to the Salvatorian Thanksgiving Mass

Father Francis Jordan was born on 16 June 1848 in Gurtweil, Germany. After ordination to the priesthood on 21 July 1878, he was sent to Rome. He founded the Society of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorians) in 1881 and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorian Sisters) in 1888. He died on 8 September 1918 in Tafers in Switzerland.

The Salvatorians in Australia began in 1961.

The declaration of Pope Francis on 19 June 2020 finished the process on the miracle and opened the way towards the beatification of Fr. Francis Jordan. The Solemn Beatification Celebration in Rome was on 15 May 2021, at the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

We invite you, to our Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrating the Beatification of Fr Francis Jordan, the 60th Anniversary of the Australian Region and 140th Anniversary of the Salvatorian Order, at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale on Friday, 18 June 2021 at 6pm. Mass will be followed by a light supper. Please RSVP: www.trybooking.com/BRIFX by 10 June 2021 or the Parish Office on 9157 0999



Blessed Francis Jordan Founder of the Salvatorians

# Maria Regina Church, Avalon Air-Conditioning Replacement



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 not complusory in Church.

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

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

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

# **BBNEWS**

News from the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay

### **BBNews eNewsletter**

BBNews is a fortnightly newsletter with news stories from across the Diocese. Complementing the quarterly Broken Bay News magazine, BBNews will highlight the activity and stories of the Church in Broken Bay and beyond. You can subscribe on the website https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news-even ts/bbnews/bbnews- subscription

# The Living Word

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 80:17 He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### **First Reading**

Ex 24:3-8 Exodus

A reading from the book of Exodus This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

### The word of the Lord

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13 (R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

### or (R) Alleluia!

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **(R)** 

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **(R)** 

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **(R)** 

### Second Reading Heb 9:11-15 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews The blood of Christ will purify our inner

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives: how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

### The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;

Jn 6:51-52

whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it, he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon** Jn 6:57 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

# REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSS

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance. This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant. How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (eucharistía). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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The Catholic Church has been operating cemeteries in NSW for more than 150 years, doing the merciful work of burying the dead, keeping their graves and giving comfort to grieving families. Archbishop Anthony Fisher from the Archdiocese of Sydney has launched a petition to reverse a NSW Government decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from cemetery management.

Please visit https://saveourgraves.com.au to sign the petition, to save our graves.

# 5th & 6th June 2021





# LOCAL PEOPLE CARING FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

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