



The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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

A Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father, you have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic, revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow in family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise. May the Eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way.

May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins.

Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and give whatever you take with a big smile.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us.

Amen.

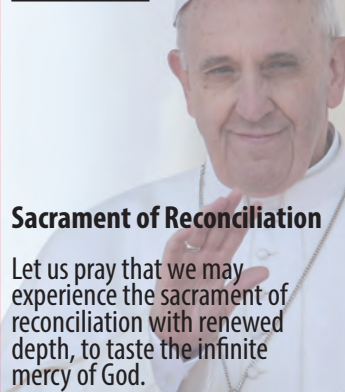


Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

Hope comes from faith! We must have great faith, and without great faith we cannot have hope or confidence in God, or hope in the Lord!



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For March



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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



Daylight saving will end at 3am on Easter Sunday, 4 April 2020 when clocks go back one hour.

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*All our Ministries comply with Working With
 Children Check requirements*

*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.*

We Pray for

Recently Deceased

Gill Page
 Frank Vumbaca
 Helen McCrea

**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.**

Deceased Anniversary

Pave Lucic
 Pat Barry
 Sean Barry
 David Barry
 Lance Carmichael
 Caterina Carpuccio
 Maxima Semilla
 Marcial Semilla
 Tomas de la Cruz

Prayers for the Sick

Bill Eyre
 Manny Zarb
 Philip Maddrell
 Gail Reiher
 Imelda Vince
 Eric Domagas
 Vicky Villaluz
 Ben Castillo
 Moira Howie
 Joma
 Christine Hills
 Donald McRae
 Sara Zofrea
 Beryl Peo-Duncan
 John Andrew Graham
 John Charles Graham
 Michael Carrodus
 Pat Regan
 Robyn Sheather
 Candida Hernandez
 Chin Quang Le
 Tony Quatroville
 Garry Gleeson
 Elizabeth Kral
 Nazarena Custodio
 Annette Davis
 Tim & Christina O'Connell
 Andrew Hood
 Jeff Langley
 Peter Vorlicek
 Warwick Chipman

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

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.

Join us after the 10am
 Mass on Easter Sunday at
 Sacred Heart Church, Mona
 Vale as we thank, farewell
 and keep our Salvatorian
 Seminarian Anthony in our
 prayers.



We welcome
 to Pittwater Parish
 Florence Cimino
 on 27 March 2021
 at Maria Regina
 Church, Avalon
 for the Sacrament
 of Baptism

We welcome
 to Pittwater Parish
 Luka Afman
 Grace Ewart
 Samuel Ewart
 Elsie Ewart
 Arabella Wallace
 Rose Wallace
 on 27 March 2021
 at Sacred Heart
 Church, Mona
 Vale
 for the Sacrament
 of Baptism

We welcome
 to Pittwater Parish
 Liam Bound
 Oliver Bound
 Noa Cole
 Eloise Plambeck
 Emily Rosati
 on 28 March 2021
 at Sacred Heart
 Church, Mona
 Vale
 for the Sacrament
 of Baptism

DATES for your DIARY



CHRISM MASS

Tuesday 30 March 2021
 Our Lady of the Rosary
 Cathedral, Waitara.



HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday 1 April 2021
 7.30pm Sacred Heart
 Church, Mona Vale
 (no morning Mass in Avalon)



GOOD FRIDAY

(fast and abstinence)

Friday 2 April 2021

STATIONS of the CROSS

10am Sacred Heart Church,
 Mona Vale & 10am Maria
 Regina Church, Avalon

**FRIDAY of the PASSION OF
 THE LORD**

3pm Sacred Heart Church,
 Mona Vale & 3pm Maria
 Regina Church, Avalon



HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday 3 April 2021
 6pm Family Mass
 Maria Regina Church,
 Avalon

7.30pm Sacred Heart
 Church, Mona Vale
 (There will not be a 5pm
 Vigil Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 4 April 2021

Sacred Heart Church,
 Mona Vale
 8am, 10am and 6pm

Maria Regina Church
 Avalon
 7.30am and 9am

Message of the Holy Father to the participants in the online meeting “Our daily Love”, for the opening of the “Amoris Laetitia Family” Year on 19 March 2021

The following is the message sent by the Holy Father to the participants in the online meeting “Our daily Love”, promoted by the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, the diocese of Roma and the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute on the fifth anniversary of the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris laetitia, on the occasion of the opening of the “Amoris Laetitia Family” Year, announced by the Pope 27 December last, and which will conclude on 26 June 2022 with the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome:



I greet all of you who are taking part in the Study Conference on “Our daily Love”. My thoughts go in particular to Cardinal Kevin Joseph Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, to Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, vicar for the diocese of Rome, and to Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Science.

Five years ago, the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Amoris laetitia on the beauty and joy of conjugal and family love was promulgated. On this anniversary I have invited you to spend a year re-reading the document and reflecting on the theme, until the celebration of the Tenth World Day of Families which, God willing, will take place in Rome on 26 June 2022. I am grateful to you for the initiatives you have undertaken for this purpose and for the contribution that each of you makes in your own sphere of work.

In these five years, Amoris laetitia has outlined the beginning of a journey, endeavouring to encourage a new pastoral approach to the family situation. The main intention of the document was to communicate, in a time and in a profoundly changed culture, that today there is a need for a new outlook on the family on the part of the Church: it is not enough to reiterate the value and importance of doctrine, if we do not become protectors of the beauty of the family and if we do not take compassionate care of its frailties and its wounds.

These two aspects are at the heart of all family pastoral care: the directness of the proclamation of the Gospel and the tenderness of accompaniment.

Indeed, on the one hand we announce to couples, spouses and families a Word that helps them to grasp the authentic meaning of their union and of their love, a sign and image of Trinitarian love and of the alliance between Christ and the Church. It is the ever-new Word of the Gospel, from which all doctrine, even that on the family, can take shape. And it is a demanding Word, which seeks to free human relationships from the slavery that often disfigure them and render them unstable: the dictatorship of emotions, the exaltation of the temporary that discourages lifelong commitment, the predominance of individualism, fear of the future. In the face of these difficulties,

the Church reiterates to Christian spouses the value of marriage as God’s plan, as a fruit of his Grace, and as a call to live fidelity and gratuitousness to the fullest. This is the way for relationships, though they may cross a path marked by failures, falls and changes, to open up to the fullness of joy and human realisation, and become a haven for fraternity and love in society.

On the other hand, this proclamation cannot and must never be given from above and from the outside. The Church is embodied in historical reality, as was her Master, and even when she announces the Gospel of the family, she does so immersing herself in real life, knowing at first hand the daily struggles of spouses and parents, their problems, their sufferings, all those situations, small and large, that weigh down and sometimes hinder their journey. This is the real context in which daily love is lived. This is the title of your conference: “Our daily love”. This is a meaningful choice. It is about the love generated by the simplicity and the silent work of life as a couple, by that daily and sometimes tiring commitment carried out by spouses, mothers, fathers and children. If the Gospel were to be presented as a doctrine dropped from on high, and did not enter into the “flesh” of this daily life, it would risk remaining a fine theory and, at times, being experienced as a moral obligation. We are called to accompany, to listen, to bless the journey of families; not only to set out the direction, but to make the journey with them; to enter the home with discretion and love, to say to the couple: the Church is with you, the Lord is close to you, we want to help you safeguard the gift you have received.

Proclaiming the Gospel by accompanying people and placing ourselves at the service of their happiness: in this way, we can help families to journey in a way that responds to their vocation and mission, aware of the beauty of the bonds and their foundation in the love of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

When the family lives under the sign of this divine Communion, which I wished to make explicit in its existential aspects in Amoris laetitia, then it becomes a living word of God-Love, spoken to the world and for the world. Indeed, the grammar of family relationships - that is, of conjugality, motherhood, fatherhood, filiality and fraternity - is the way through which the language of love is transmitted, which gives meaning to life and human quality to every relationship. It is a language made up not only of words, but also of ways of being, of the way we speak, of the looks, gestures, times and spaces of our relationship with others. Married couples know this well, parents and children learn it daily in this school of love that is the family. This is also where the transmission of faith between generations takes place: it passes through the language of the good and healthy relationships that are lived out in the family every day, especially when facing conflicts and difficulties together.

In this time of pandemic, amidst so many psychological, economic and health-related difficulties, all this has become evident: family ties have been and are still being severely tested, but at the same time they remain the firmest point of reference, the strongest support, the irreplaceable guardian of the whole human and social community.

So let us support the family! Let us defend it from that which compromises its beauty. Let us approach this mystery of love with wonder, discretion and tenderness. And let us commit ourselves to safeguarding its precious and delicate bonds: children, parents, grandparents... We need these bonds to live and to live well, to make humanity more fraternal.

Therefore, the year dedicated to the family, which begins today, will be a propitious time to continue our reflection on Amoris laetitia. And for this I thank you from the bottom of my heart, knowing that the John Paul II Institute can contribute in many ways, in dialogue with other academic and pastoral institutions, to the development of human, spiritual and pastoral attention in support of the family. I entrust you and your work to the Holy Family of Nazareth; and I ask you to do the same for me and my ministry.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 19 March 2021

Solemnity of St Joseph, beginning of the Amoris laetitia Family Year

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

27th & 28th March 2021

Even though the restrictions in NSW have eased and Churches can now have up to 300 people attending, the one person per two-square metre rule applies. This means that the capacity of our Churches is 160 for Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale and 200 for Maria Regina Church, Avalon. Masks are now not compulsory in Church.

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

Everyone must also stay 1.5 metres away from other people whenever possible. Please sit only in the marked seats.

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



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 for working with us to keep our parish community safe.



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION 2021

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 2nd.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019).

This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality.

This year, we have presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through Project Compassion.

As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters nationwide for their generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



The Paschal candle represents Christ, the Light of the World.

This year, the parish is giving you the opportunity to take these beautifully handmade Easter Candles home to your family. They will be available to purchase after all Masses this weekend or from the Parish Office from 29 March for \$15 each.



Divine Mercy Sunday

11 April 2021
Sacred Heart Church,
Mona Vale

3.00pm
Exposition
of the Blessed
Sacrament

Adoration

Reconciliation

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Benediction

No morning mass on Holy Thursday
1 April 2021 at both churches.

Holy Week Roster

SACRED HEART CHURCH					MARIA REGINA CHURCH	
27th & 28th March 2021 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord						
	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am
Senior Servers	David Austin	Ray Gillis	Tony Macri	Andrzej Pienkowski	Uyen Le	Bernadette Kelly
Readers	Yr 5 Family Mass (School to organise)	Liam Kenny (1st / Other) Sheila Upjohn (2nd / Crowd) Chris Gillis (Narrator)	Joe Crumlin (1st / Narrator) Bev Carmichael (2nd / Other) Choir (Crowd)	Cam Smit (Narrator) Andie Hilton (1st /Other) Martin Suchanek (2nd / Crowd)	Anne Gerathy (to confirm)	Veronica Thomas(1st / Other) Peter Drake 2nd / Crowd) David Simmons (Narrator)
Musicians	Sam Browne Tom Odell		Mona Vale Choir Josh Willard	Soul Band Tom & Abbey	Klara Hollester Watson Valarie Mavridis	Sam Browne Diane Lane
Computer	Chris McBryde	Leonie Smyth	Margaret Cliff	Laura Ee	Amadea / Emelie Leong	Margaret Abrahams
Library					Margaret Lofhjelm	Anne Moss
1st April 2021 - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm - Sacred Heart Church						
Senior Servers	Ray Gillis and Tony Macri					
Readers	Anna Smyth (Commentator)	Stephen Wagner (First Reading)	Combined Choir (Responsorial Psalm)	Elizabeth Kelly (Second Reading)	Celebrant and Anna Smyth (Prayers of the faithful)	
Musicians	Combined Choir					
Computer	Laura Ee					
2nd April 2021 - Good Friday - 3pm - Sacred Heart Church					Good Friday - 3pm - Maria Regina Church	
Senior Servers	David Frazer	Junior Servers	Jahla & Arlei Frazer		Therese Kelly	
Readers	Norma Dennis (Commentator) Stefan Wasinski (Narrator)	Zelie Reynolds (1st Reading/ Others) Responsorial Psalm (Mona Vale Choir)	Rebecca Molinaro (2nd Reading/ Crowd) Prayers of the Faithful (Celebrant)		John Toohey (Commentator) John Honnor (Narrator) Veronica Thomas (1st Reading / Others)	Sam Browne (Responsorial Psalm) Elizabeth Kelly (2nd Reading / Crowd) Celebrant (Prayers of the Faithful)
Musicians	Mona Vale Choir / Josh Willard				Sam Browne / Klara/ Catherine	
Computer	Laura Ee				Margaret Abrahams	
3rd April 2021 - Holy Saturday - 7.30pm - Sacred Heart Church					Holy Saturday - 6pm - Maria Regina Church	
Senior Servers	Ray Gillis and Paul Willard				Bernadette Kelly	Therese Kelly
Readers	Sheila Upjohn (1st Reading) Mona Vale Choir (Responsorial Psalm)	Stephan Wagner (2nd Reading) Mona Vale Choir (Responsorial Psalm)	Kerry Sullivan (3rd Reading) Mona Vale Choir (Responsorial Psalm)	Chris Gillis (Epistle) (Prayers of the Faithful)	Sam to organise	
Musicians	Mona Vale Choir / Josh Willard / Sam Browne/ Cam Smit				Sam Browne	Avalon Singers
Computer	Laura Ee				Skye Nolan Brown	
4th April 2021 - Easter Sunday of the Ruserrection of the Lord						
		Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9am
Senior Servers		Stefan Wasinski	Tony Macri	David Frazer	Uyen Le	Adrian Harding
Readers		Adora Barbacetto Anna Smyth	Bev Carmichael Joseph Hyland	Andie Hilton Martin Suchanek	Volunteer Please	Anne Gerathy
Musicians		Abbey Tyler Josh Willard	Sam Browne Josh Willard	Tom Odell / Valentin / Adrian / Lili Rose/ Arlei	Sam Browne / Klare / Catherine	Avalon Choir Jan / Bernie
Computer		Leonie Smyth	Margaret Cliff	Nicky Chin	Emelie Leong	Margaret Abrahams



Vinnies

Vinnies changes lives everyday.

Show your support and give to our annual appeal

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

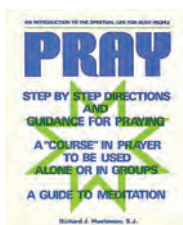
PLANNED GIVING

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. 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.



BOOK REVIEW

Pray
by Richard J. Huelsman, S.J.



The author is a priest and psychologist. It is an introduction to the spiritual life for busy people, a guide to meditation.

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CELEBRATING
35 YEARS
DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY



THE YEAR
OF ST JOSEPH
& THE FAMILY
2021

Thirty five years ago, the Diocese of Broken Bay was established and this anniversary is an opportunity to look back and remember the story of our Diocesan journey with hearts of gratitude, so that we might look forward to the future in hope.

In the Universal Church, Pope Francis has also proclaimed a year for St Joseph and the Family for 2021. The combination of these three themes allow us to approach our activities and mission this year with renewed depth of faith in what God is calling us to be in the community of the Church of Broken Bay. If you have any stories you can share about the history of the Diocese of Broken Bay, and any old photos, please send them through to Melissa Loughlin, Editor, Broken Bay News news@bbccatholic.org.au

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 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.



Catholic Care's Women's Refuge fundraiser

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay is partnering with Bespoke & Beautiful Interiors to undertake a much needed renovation of Erin's Place, a refuge in Northern Sydney for women and children escaping domestic and family violence. CatholicCare's Domestic Violence Response Enhancement (DVRE) team provide crisis support for women and children who are experiencing domestic violence. Many of these women are referred to their Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) for transitional accommodation at the refuge. Specialist caseworkers then work closely with the women to ensure their safety and navigate the legal, logistical and emotional hurdles associated with leaving a violent relationship.

By making a donation to Erin's Place, you can help us create a transformational space and improve the lives of hundreds of victims of domestic violence. Please donate at <https://www.chuffed.org/project/des-ign-for-hope>.

There will not be a 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 3 April 2021. The Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm

from Our Schools



Mater Maria Catholic College

On Thursday 25 March, a Eucharist marking the Solemnity of the Annunciation of The Lord was celebrated in the College Chapel at Mater Maria. The College was blessed to have Bishop Anthony Randazzo presiding along with concelebrants Fr Broniek Pietruszewicz and Richard Sadowski from Pittwater Parish, and Frs Robert Borg and Elisius Shin from the Lakes Parish. During the celebration of the Eucharist, Bishop Anthony blessed and re-installed a tabernacle in the College Chapel. The tabernacle installed by the Bishop was the one which had been in place in the original college Bush Chapel built back on the College site in 1985. The College Staff, Board and Students were all represented at the Eucharist and were inspired by the Bishop's encouragement that, like our Blessed Mother, we are to remain always open and welcoming to the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives.



Applications for Year 7, 2023 at Mater Maria Catholic College have now closed. If you would still like to be considered, please contact our Enrolment Registrar on 02 9997 7044 or email deborah.fitzgerald@dbb.catholic.edu.au for more information.

Our small group tours will be available from Term 2. Please note that places will be limited due to current COVID-19 restrictions and therefore registration for all tours is essential.

LIBRARY

Now that the restrictions have been lifted concerning the opening of churches, although at present 200 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).

Trish Newman



The *Living* Word

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of
Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

*** Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in
your abundant mercy!**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!
Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of
glory.

*** Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed are you, who have come in
your abundant mercy!**

First Reading

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I
know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the
wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck
me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'
(R)

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R)**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R)**

Second Reading

Phil 2:6-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians**

*He humbled himself to become like us and
God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to
death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other
names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!

Gospel

Mk 14:1 – 15:47

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark**

N It was two days before the Passover
and the feast of Unleavened Bread, and
the chief priests and scribes were looking
for a way to arrest Jesus by some trick
and have him put to death. For they said,
C It must not be during the festivities, or
there will be a disturbance among the
people.
N Jesus was at Bethany in the house of
Simon the leper; he was at dinner when a
woman came in with an alabaster jar of
very costly ointment, pure nard. She
broke the jar and poured the ointment on
his head. Some who were there said to
one another indignantly,
C Why this waste of ointment? Ointment
like this could have been sold for over
three hundred denarii and the money
given to the poor;
N and they were angry with her. But
Jesus said,
J Leave her alone. Why are you
upsetting her? What she has done for me
is one of the good works. You have the
poor with you always and you can be
kind to them whenever you wish, but you
will not always have me. She has done
what was in her power to do; she has
anointed my body beforehand for its
burial. I tell you solemnly, wherever

throughout all the world the Good News
is proclaimed, what she has done will be
told also, in remembrance of her.
N Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve,
approached the chief priests with an offer
to hand Jesus over to them. They were
delighted to hear it, and promised to give
him money; and he looked for a way of
betraying him when the opportunity
should occur.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread,
when the Passover lamb was sacrificed,
his disciples said to him,
C Where do you want us to go and make
the preparations for you to eat the
Passover?

N So he sent two of his disciples, saying
to them,

J 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.

N The disciples set out and went to the
city and found everything as he had told
them, and prepared the Passover.

When evening came he arrived with the
Twelve. And while they were at table
eating, Jesus said,

J I tell you solemnly, one of you is about
to betray me, one of you eating with me.

N They were distressed and asked him,
one after another,

O Not I, surely?

N He said to them,

J It is one of the Twelve, one who is
dipping into the same dish with me. Yes,
the Son of Man is going to his fate, as the
scriptures say he will, but alas for that
man by whom the Son of Man is
betrayed! Better for that man if he had
never been born!

N And as they were eating he took some
bread, and when he had said the blessing
he broke it and gave it to them saying,

J Take it; this is my body.

N 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,

J 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.

N After the psalms had been sung they
left for the Mount of Olives. And Jesus
said to them,

J You will all lose faith, for the scripture
says, 'I shall strike the shepherd and the
sheep will be scattered.' However after
my resurrection I shall go before you to
Galilee.

N Peter said,

O Even if all lose faith, I will not.

N And Jesus said to him,

J I tell you solemnly, this day, this very
night, before the cock crows twice, you
will have disowned me three times.

N But he repeated still more earnestly,

O If I have to die with you, I will never
disown you.

N And they all said the same.

They came to a small estate called
Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his
disciples,

J Stay here while I pray.

N Then he took Peter and James and John with him. And a sudden fear came over him, and great distress. And he said to them,
J My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here, and keep awake.
N And going on a little further he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, this hour might pass him by. He said,
J Abba (Father)! Everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it.
N He came back and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter,
J Simon, are you asleep? Had you not the strength to keep awake for one hour? You should be awake, and praying not to be put to the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.
N Again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came back and found them sleeping, their eyes were so heavy; and they could find no answer for him. He came back a third time and said to them,
J You can sleep on now and take your rest. It is all over. The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already.
N Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. He had said,
O 'The one I kiss, he is the man. Take him in charge, and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.'
N So when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said,
O Rabbi!
N And kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge. Then one of the bystanders drew his sword and struck out at the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear.
Then Jesus spoke,
J Am I a brigand that you had to set out to capture me with swords and clubs? I was among you teaching in the Temple day after day and you never laid hands on me. But this is to fulfil the scriptures.
N And they all deserted him and ran away. A young man who followed him had nothing on but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the cloth in their hands and ran away naked.
They led Jesus off to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes assembled there. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the high priest's palace, and was sitting with the attendants warming himself at the fire.
The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus on which they might pass the death sentence. But they could not find any. Several, indeed, brought false evidence against him, but their evidence was conflicting. Some stood up and submitted this false evidence against him,
C We heard him say, 'I am going to destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days build another, not made by human hands.'
N But even on this point their evidence was conflicting. The high priest then stood up before the whole assembly and put this question to Jesus,
O Have you no answer to that? What is

this evidence these men are bringing against you?
N But he was silent and made no answer at all. The high priest put a second question to him,
O Are you the Christ the Son of the Blessed One?
N Jesus said,
J I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.
N The high priest tore his robes, and said,
O What need of witnesses have we now? You heard the blasphemy. What is your finding?
N And they all gave their verdict: he deserved to die.
Some of them started spitting at him and, blindfolding him, began hitting him with their fists and shouting,
C Play the prophet!
N And the attendants rained blows on him.
While Peter was down below in the courtyard, one of the high-priest's servant-girls came up. She saw Peter warming himself there, stared at him and said,
O You too were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.
N But he denied it, saying
O I do not know, I do not understand what you are talking about.
N And he went out into the forecourt. The servant-girl saw him and again started telling the bystanders,
O This fellow is one of them.
N But he again denied it. A little later the bystanders themselves said to Peter,
C You are one of them for sure! Why, you are a Galilean.
N But he started calling curses on himself and swearing,
O I do not know the man you speak of.
N At that moment the cock crew for the second time, and Peter recalled how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will have disowned me three times.' And he burst into tears.
First thing in the morning, the chief priest together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.
Pilate questioned him,
O Are you the king of the Jews?
N He answered,
J It is you who say it.
N And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,
O Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!
N But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.
At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowds went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,
O Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?
N For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,
O But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N They shouted back.
C Crucify him!
N Pilate asked them,
O Why? What harm has he done?
N But they shouted all the louder,
C Crucify him!
N So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.
The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,
C Hail, king of the Jews!
N They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.
They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.
They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The king of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.
The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,
C Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!
N The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,
C He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.
N Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.
When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
J Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?
N This means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said,
C Listen he is calling on Elijah.
N Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying,
O Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.
N But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he died, and he said,
O In truth this man was a son of God.
N There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there

who had come up to Jerusalem with him. It was now evening, and since it was Preparation day (that is the vigil of the Sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

Communion Antiphon Mt 26:42
 Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

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We are excited to be able to welcome the children from oSacred Heart School for our Family Masses once again. This week, Saturday 27th March 2021, one of the Year 5 classes from Sacred Heart School will host the 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale.

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We invite you to complete the CWF Survey 2021. It will only take about 2-3 minutes of your time.

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The survey is open to all parishioners in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

Closing date for responses is Wednesday 7 April 2021.

The online CWF survey can be found here - www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWF2021

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May Christ be with you during the Lenten season.



Blessing of the Easter Food

In Slavic countries the blessing of Easter foods is an important tradition. This blessing is still found in the updated Roman Ritual, and is a wonderful practice. Many parishes still participate in this custom of the blessing of the Easter food or baskets. The blessing of special Easter food takes place on Holy Saturday. A basket containing lamb (which of course signifies Jesus, the Lamb of God), boiled eggs, dyed and plain, Pascha (a special Easter bread) and other foods are taken to the church where the priest blesses it. Among the Polish people the same custom is practiced, but the main foods blessed are an egg which is broken and shared by all on Easter Sunday morning, and a lamb moulded of butter or pastry. This butter-lamb and blessed Easter egg have a place of honour on the festive Easter table. In Rome on Holy Saturday there is an old custom which is still in practice. A fresh table cloth is spread on the table in the dining room and on it are laid out the Easter meal, including the uncooked Easter Lamb which is decorated with flowers, eggs, wine, fruit, and a large traditional cake called "pizza". These are sprinkled with holy water, and are given a special blessing by the priest.

There will be blessing of Easter foods or baskets on Saturday 3 April at 11am, at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale.



The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated on Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 7.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral

It is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our church.

During the Mass, Bishop Anthony Randazzo will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism. We use the first for adult catechumens and infants, the second for anointing the sick, and the sacred oil of chrism for baptism, confirmation, the ordination of priests, and the consecration of altars.

For more than one thousand years, bishops blessed the oils on the Holy Thursday liturgy, but in 1955, a separate Mass earlier in the day at the cathedral was for that purpose, the Mass of Chrism. Today it may be celebrated on a different day shortly before Holy Thursday to give the celebration independence.

Since the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this Mass highlights his ministry and our union with him. This Mass also acknowledges the ministry of priests. It invites them to renew their commitment of service and to receive the prayers and support of the people. The Mass of Chrism gathers the faithful of the diocese at the Cathedral to prepare for the celebrations of Christ in all our churches throughout the year.

During to the current restrictions, the Mass will be livestreamed, and all are encouraged to participate at www.bbcatholic.org.au

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Passion Sunday, Year B

Draw or write what happened on each of these special days during Holy Week.



Passion Sunday



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

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29/03 Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

30/03 Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

31/03 Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25

APRIL

**01/04 Thursday of the Lord's
Supper**
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Jn 13:1-15

**02/04 Friday of the PASSION of the
LORD**
Is 52:13 - 53:12; Heb 4:14-16,
5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42

03/04 Saturday Holy Saturday
Is 52:13 - 53:12; Heb 4:14-16,
5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42

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