



# The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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

## *Pentecost Prayer*

Again, our hearts were tasked  
with faith—  
a promise made by Jesus.

Another gift was soon to come,  
right after He would leave us.

The Holy Spirit would visit soon.  
The disciples lit by fire.  
Behold the birthday of our  
Church—  
these events that did inspire.

And from this day,  
the path was set  
of many tongues,  
so all could get  
the Word of God,  
for all to hear  
to spread our faith,  
both far and near.



## Thoughts of Bl Francis Jordan

Cast all your cares to the Lord and soon you will discover  
that the Lord directs all things to the best outcome!



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



You can find us on  
**Instagram**  
(pittwater\_parish)

To read the messages from  
Bishop Anthony and from the people  
Vox Populi please go to  
[www.pittwaterparish.org](http://www.pittwaterparish.org).  
News and events tile and Messages  
from Bishop Anthony on the drop  
down menu.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For May



### The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge  
of finance will work with  
governments to regulate the  
financial sphere and protect  
citizens from its dangers.



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.

On Saturday 22 May, we  
welcome the children in  
Kindy, Yr 1 and Yr 2 Maria  
Regina School, Avalon to our  
6pm Mass, at Maria Regina  
Church, Avalon.

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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

### Deceased Anniversaries

Joseph Calleia  
Barbara Cincotta  
Laura D'Souza  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
John Walters  
Iris Schubert

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.

### Recently Deceased

Paul Miller

### Prayers for the Sick

Philip Maddrell  
Gail Reiher  
Imelda Vince  
Ben Castillo  
Moira Howie  
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  
Andrew Hood  
Jeff Langley  
Peter Vorlicek  
Warwick Chipman  
Erin Ocampo  
Mark Lindfield  
Chico Mesina  
Vicky Kalingasan  
Cos Coniglio  
Bill Eyre  
Brian Gregan  
Marian Poe

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

**We welcome  
to Pittwater Parish  
Kennedy Smith  
Sophie Esser  
Luke Berriman  
Hunter Browne  
on 23rd May 2021  
at Sacred Heart Church,  
Mona Vale for the  
Sacrament of  
Baptism**



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

## 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.

## TAP TO REPLACE



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-and-giving>  
and selecting  
"Other" from the drop down  
Bill Code list and using "Air  
Conditioning" as the Reference.

Thank you for your generosity  
and continued support.

## from Our Schools



### Mater Maria Catholic College

WALK IN NEW LIFE

Each year, our hospitality students  
compete in the 'Battle of the Chefs'. This  
is a competition for all systemic and  
independent Catholic Schools of Broken  
Bay. And what a battle in the kitchen of  
St Peter's they had! Congratulations to  
our hospitality students for their  
well-deserved first place! Brianna McKee  
and Madeline Taylor of Year 12, and  
Darcie Chapman of Year 11, are to be  
commended on this fantastic  
achievement.

We have enjoyed witnessing their  
collaboration, communication, creative  
and problem-solving skills. What great  
Future Work Skills to have!! All dishes  
looked amazing.

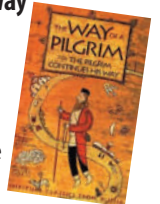
Thanks to our teachers, Mrs Hastings and  
Mr Josephs, for their time and tuition. It  
was great to witness the student's skills  
and confidence in producing industry  
standard dishes under pressure. And a  
huge thank you to Kenvale College for  
awarding all girls with a scholarship to  
further advance their skills and  
employability.

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/enrolment/s/book-a-tour/](http://www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/s/book-a-tour/).

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Way of a Pilgrim and The Pilgrim Continues His Way

These two spiritual  
classics from Russia  
include complete  
instructions for  
saying the great  
"Jesus Prayer" of the  
Eastern Mystics. A  
modern translation  
from ancient Christian faith will make the  
prayer come alive for us as it did the  
Pilgrim



### Vinnies

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

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



## Pentecost



### Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

We're all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday?

Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations.

Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another.

### On Pentecost, Jesus gives us a love that never dies Terrance Klein

Many years ago, I visited an old widower several weeks after the death of his wife. He said something that I have never forgotten: "Father, I've been with her for so many years. I no longer know how to be me without her."

Decades have passed since that conversation. I am still stirred to compassion remembering what he said, and I am still in awe of the profoundly beautiful way that he described his loss.

The Bible is not a book. It is a collection of very disparate writings, assembled first by the ancient Israelites and then by the church. As Christians, we see its unity in Christ. But from Genesis to Revelation, there is a clear teaching that human beings were not made to be alone. Each of us was created to go outside of ourselves toward our own completion in others. Genesis says that we discover our true selves in other human beings. Revelation says that we find it in God. Of course, if you read more closely, they both insist that our lives must lead us to others and, through them, to the one who is totally other, God.

But the truth is, on this side of the grave, we never find our complete rest and fulfillment in the other. Even the best of loves can disappoint, can wound and can leave us wanting something more. Even in the best of loves, we must struggle to explain ourselves and truly to listen to the other. In the best of loves, we must reverence rather than overwhelm the beloved.

We share so much, yet the other remains in his or her world and we in ours. Some might boast that their love is so profound that, if it were to increase, one or both of them would have to disappear. Yet that cannot be God's plan (unity candles notwithstanding). Love is not losing yourself in the other. Love is finding yourself in the other, even if you do so by surrendering so much of yourself.

And then there is death. Like Romeo and Juliet, all lovers die. In this regard, the French philosopher Gabriel Marcel said something I have never stopped quoting: "To love another is to say to him or her, for me, you will not die." Obviously, all lovers die, but Marcel is saying that those

who truly love another touch something in the other, encounter something in the other, larger than the self or the other. The love of spouses or of parents and children or of dear friends can be so real and deep and true that it bespeaks the very love from which it came and to which it is called: the eternal God. Put another way, love can be so life-giving as to mock the might of death.

One way to access the mystery of Pentecost is to say that in the gift of the Holy Spirit, Christ has found a way to enter us, to love us completely and to touch every part of ourselves. Yet he does not overwhelm us. His love does not eradicate us, though we are utterly encompassed by it. Instead, Christ's love leaves us who we are, indeed more profoundly who we are because in the action of the Spirit we are becoming who we were meant to be. He is within us, yet he is not us, and we are more ourselves because he is within us.

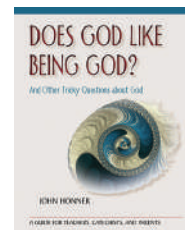
We come from God. When God enters and dwells within us as the Holy Spirit, no part of who we are, save sin, must be denied or darkened. We grow and quicken in the Spirit. The more the Holy Spirit fills us, the more we become ourselves because the Holy Spirit is God, the source from which we come.

We say that the Son is all that the Father is, yet he is the Son and the Father is the Father. In the Trinity, the ageless desire of human love has ever been realised. Two are utterly one, yet they remain distinctly two. How is this possible? The Holy Spirit.

Pentecost concludes and completes the Easter season because Christ did not rise from the dead to roam the cosmos. He rose from the dead to enter each human heart, to dwell there as a love that never dies, never diminishes. Sooner or later death robs all of us; first of our loves and then of our own lives. Yet Christ says to each of us: "For me, you will not die. Because my Holy Spirit has entered you, making both of us the immortal one. Making us forever those who love each other."

Rev. Terrance W. Klein is a priest of the Diocese of Dodge City

As part of our preparation of children for the sacraments, during Masses at Avalon on 22-23 May, and both Masses on the morning of 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,

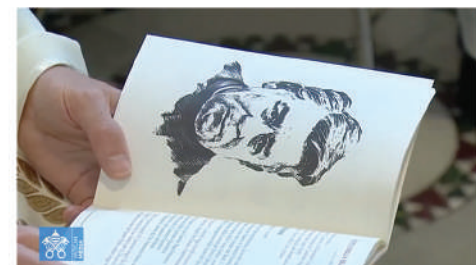
- Why is God called God?
- If God made the world, who made God?
- If God is almighty, why is there so much suffering?
- Where is God?
- Does God have a plan for me?
- Does God like being God?

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 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).



# A week of celebrations for the Beatification of Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan:





**Founder of the Salvatorians. Celebrations from Rome and Australia.**





# Thanksgiving Mass for the Beatification of Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan: Founder of the Salvatorian. Rome 16 May 2021





# Thanksgiving Mass for the Beatification of Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan: Founder of the Salvatorians. Pittwater 15 May 2021 and Perth 18 May 2021





## 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](http://www.trybooking.com/BRIFX) by 10 June 2021 or the Parish Office on 9157 0999

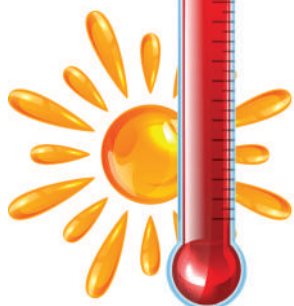


**Blessed Francis Jordan**  
Founder of the Salvatorians



## Maria Regina Church, Avalon Air-Conditioning Replacement

Target → \$17,500



21 May 2021 - \$2400

**Congratulations to Bishop Bernard who celebrated his 26th Episcopal Ordination on 19 May 2021.**



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 compulsory in Church.**

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

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

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

## Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One  
October 2021

*'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'*

John 20:19-23

We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, in our parish or diocesan institutions, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!

It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome . . . , but we must go out through that door to seek and meet the people!  
(Pope Francis, World Youth Day Homily at Cathedral of San Sebastian, Rio de Janeiro, July 27, 2013)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/)



**Plenary Council**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph. Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this special year. When you sign up you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St Joseph book! To sign up visit [www.yearofstjoseph.com.au](http://www.yearofstjoseph.com.au)

## 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).



Trish Newman



## CHARITABLE WORKS FUND – May Appeal

Please give generously to the final CWF appeal of the Financial Year 2020/21.

Donations are 100% tax deductible and support five charities.

**Your support will help us meet our shortfall of \$20,850.52 of our parish quota of \$56,891.30.**

**Envelopes are in the pews**



*Family*

*like branches on a tree,  
we all grow in different directions  
yet our roots remain as one.*



# The *Living* Word

## Entrance Antiphon

Wis 1:7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world  
and that which contains all things  
understands what is said, alleluia.

## First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the  
earth.  
or**

**(R.) Alleluia!**

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **(R)**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they  
came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are  
created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R)**

## Second Reading

Gal 5:16-25

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

*The fruit of the Spirit*

If you are guided by the Spirit you will

be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

## The word of the Lord

## Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!  
Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.  
Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.  
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.  
Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your  
faithful and kindle in them the fire of  
your love.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.*

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'When the Advocate comes,

whom I shall send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,  
he will be my witness.  
And you too will be witnesses,  
because you have been with me from the outset.  
I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.  
He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said:  
All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

## The Gospel of the Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Acts 2:4-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

## REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSS

*Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement. If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?*

*The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.*





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- 24/05 **Monday Our Lady Help of Christians**  
Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; James 3:13-18; Lk 1:39-56
- 25/05 **Tuesday Ordinary Time 8**  
Sirach 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
- 26/05 **Wednesday St Philip Neri, priest**  
Sirach 36:1, 4-5, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45
- 27/05 **Thursday Ordinary Time 8**  
Sirach 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52
- 28/05 **Friday Ordinary Time 8**  
Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26
- 29/05 **Saturday Ordinary Time 8**  
Sirach 51:12-20; Mk 11:27-33

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