



The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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Prayer in Honour of the Queenship of Mary

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness.

O thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope.

We recognise your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph.

We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart.

You are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Saviour, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognise her rights as Mother and as Queen.

Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign!
Amen.



Thoughts of Bl Francis Jordan

As long as the Queen of heaven and earth is not everywhere praised, you dare not allow yourself a moment's rest.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For August



The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



We will livestream our 10am Mass this Sunday so that all are able to join in Spiritual Communion with us as a parish family of Pittwater. To join the livestreaming please visit our parish website
<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/news-events/parish-news/livestream-our-weekend-masses>

Due to NSW Government restrictions, our Churches are closed until further notice.

A warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors who are celebrating the Eucharist with us at Pittwater Parish Online



You can find us on Instagram
(pittwater_parish)

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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.

We Pray for the Souls of George Seve Iris Evans

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

Maria Gough
Maureen Johns
Barry Rex
Maria Feeney

Prayers for the Sick

Philip Maddrell
Gail Reiher
Imelda Vince
Ben Castillo
Moira Howie
Christine Hills
Sara Zofrea
Beryl Peo-Duncan
John Andrew Graham
John Charles Graham
Michael Carrodus
Pat Regan
Robyn Sheather
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Tony Quatroville
Garry Gleeson
Elizabeth Kral
Nazarena Custodio
Annette Davis
Andrew Hood
Jeff Langley
Peter Vorlicek
Warwick Chipman
Erin Ocampo
Mark Lindfield
Vicky Kalingasan
Cos Coniglio
Bill Eyre
Brian Gregan
Marian Poe
Marcia Bailey
Bec Burroughs
Mansour Sukkar
Trish Newman
Susan Hickey
Sophia Burfitt
Anne Gerathy
Margaret De Landre

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

BOOK REVIEW

Mary MacKillop
A Woman Before Her Time
by William Modystack



Our first saint – a unique Australian who persisted with her aims to help the disadvantaged and was excommunicated at one time and reinstated later. Nothing stopped her and she co-founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly
One October 2021

**'The words I have spoken
to you are spirit and they
are life.'**

John 6:60-69

Through appropriate faith formation, God can shape us into deepening our spirituality within the life of the Church, engaging with scripture, encountering God in worship and prayerfully developing our living relationship with Jesus Christ.
(Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 5)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/



AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC COALITION FOR CHURCH REFORM

**Thursday 26 August 2021 •
7:30pm-9:00pm (AEST)**

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA FORUM 2: Outcomes and Actions for the Plenary Council

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform invites Australian Catholics to the second in a series of convocations via Zoom.
This forum will bring together diverse but complementary perspectives on the current state and future prospects for our church in Australia.

The Convocation will be opened by
Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann
Guest speakers: Dr Jessie Rogers •
Ms Debra Zanella • Mr Robert Fitzgerald •
Prof Emer John Warhurst

As we look forward to the first assembly of the Plenary Council, 3-10 October 2021, we focus more closely on the outcomes to be expected. Pope Francis has stressed the engagement of all Catholics, beginning with local communities, as integral to plenary councils and to the universal Synod on Synodality in 2023.
The aim of this convocation is to emphasise the importance of a successful Plenary Council for all Catholics in Australia. We will be highlighting the matters that Catholics want addressed and resolved. The voices of the people, the sense of the faith of the faithful, must be heard in free and open discussion, particularly on matters such as the Church's governance, and the inclusion and engagement of all Catholics.

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Cathedral at

[https://www.youtube.com/
channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLyQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNenwlf7i14XB9TsVBrLyQ)

We hope that this will help the
faithful to celebrate the Holy
Mass online wherever you are



Spiritual Communion Prayer

**My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You
into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite
myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated
from You.
Amen.**

**AUSTRALIA
PRAYS**
SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST 2021

National Day of Prayer in this Time of Pandemic – Sunday 22 August

An ecumenical National Day of
Prayer has been organised for Sunday
22 August, calling Australia to come
together in prayer in light of the
current COVID-19 crisis.

The theme is 'Lord have mercy', as we
make this verse from Ps. 123 our
own: "Our eyes look to the Lord our
God till He shows us His mercy" (Ps.
123:2).

A Prayer Call on Zoom, from 9am to
9pm on Sunday 22 August, will
feature Church leaders and
Indigenous Christian Leaders.
Participants can join for as long as
they wish. In addition, daily prayers
will be offered in the week prior,
from 16 August.

For more information and to register,
please visit:

[http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.
au/LordHaveMercy/](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/)

Our Beautiful Queen: Lessons on the Queenship of Mary by Gretchen Filz The Catholic Company



One of the most beautiful and universal titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary is her title as Queen, honoured on the August 22nd feast of the Queenship of Mary, the octave day of the feast of her Assumption. What does this mean, and what is the Church tradition on this doctrine of the Catholic Faith? Here is a primer on the profound spiritual mystery behind this Marian title.

What happened when Mary entered heaven

The Queenship of Mary is very closely associated with the dogma of her Assumption into heaven. Catholic Tradition holds that once Mary, the Mother of God was assumed into heaven at the end of her earthly life, she was then crowned as Queen of both Heaven and Earth to reign alongside her Son, the King. This is why the two events in Mary's life are side by side in the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Pope John Paul II, in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* writes of this Glorious Mystery of her Coronation:

"Christ was raised in glory to the right hand of the Father, while Mary herself would be raised to that same glory in the Assumption, enjoying beforehand, by a unique privilege, the destiny reserved for all the just at the resurrection of the dead.

Crowned in glory – as she appears in the last glorious mystery – Mary shines forth as Queen of the Angels and Saints, the anticipation and the supreme realisation of the eschatological state of the Church."

Here we see that after the end of Mary's earthly life she was exalted even above the angels in heaven, having a unique privilege and place as the Mother of Jesus Christ, who is both fully God and fully man.

Mary's glory in heaven is a picture or foreshadowing for all Christians of the similar heavenly glory meant for those who share in her Son's passion, death, and resurrection. She received first, and in the most perfect way, that which is destined for all of us.



Biblical basis of Mary's royalty

The doctrine of the Queenship of Mary is based in part on a vision given to St. John the Apostle (the disciple given to the care of Mary after Our Lord's death) that he writes about in the Book of Revelation 12:1-5. That text reads,

"And a great sign appeared in heaven: A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars: And being with child, she cried travailing in birth, and was in pain to be delivered. And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads, and ten horns: and on his head seven diadems: And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered; that, when she should be delivered, he might devour her son. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with an iron rod: and her son was taken up to God, and to his throne."

The woman in this passage is Mary, and the child is her Son, Jesus Christ. Notice that in this passage Mary is wearing a crown of twelve stars, which is representative of the twelve tribes of Israel (her ancestry - in Israel's history, it was the mother of the king who reigned as queen) and the twelve Apostles (the foundation of the Church, who regarded her as Mother).

This biblical evidence, combined with other biblical evidence of Mary's special place in God's plan of salvation (Mary as the Ark of the Covenant, Mary as the new Eve, Mary as the Mother of the Church) is foundational to the understanding of her coronation as Queen of Heaven and Earth in Church Tradition.

Her Queenship in church tradition

Mary is the Mother of the Church because she was the Mother of Jesus Christ, who is God. This profound familial relationship is not somehow dissolved or lessened in significance after Mary's death, but instead is exalted. Just as Christ is exalted in heaven as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Mary is similarly exalted in heaven as Queen Mother.

In this life Mary shared in the Passion of Christ, and in heaven she shares in the Glory of Christ. This privilege of reigning with Christ is not meant for Mary alone, but she is our example in that all of us are intended to reign with Jesus in heaven, too. Mary has the special exalted place as Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church, who helps the faithful journey to her Son.

There is a long tradition among the Church Fathers on the Queenship of Mary. St. Ephrem (4th century) referred to Mary as "Lady" and "Queen." St. John Damascene (7th century) spoke beautifully of Mary in a sermon:

"We, too, approach thee to-day, O Queen; and again, I say, O Queen, O Virgin Mother of God, staying our souls with our trust in thee, as with a strong anchor.

Lifting up mind, soul and body, and all ourselves to thee, rejoicing in psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles, we reach through thee One who is beyond our reach on account of His Majesty.

If, as the divine Word made flesh taught us, honour shown to servants, is honour shown to our common Lord, how can honour shown to thee, His Mother, be slighted? How is it not most desirable? Art thou not honoured as the very breath of life?

Thus shall we best show our service to our Lord Himself . . . Watch over us, O Queen, the dwelling-

place of our Lord. Lead and govern all our ways as thou wilt. Save us from our sins.

Lead us into the calm harbour of the divine will. Make us worthy of future happiness through the sweet and face-to-face vision of the Word made flesh through thee. With Him, glory, praise, power, and majesty be to the Father and to the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen."

The Marian Hymns we know and love, such as "Hail, Holy Queen" and "Hail, Queen of Heaven", were composed in the 11th to 13th centuries and extol her Queenship, as well as the prayers of the Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown. Mary's litany (the Litany of Loreto) composed in the Middle Ages also extols her Queenship:

*Queen of Angels, pray for us
Queen of Patriarchs, pray for us
Queen of Prophets, pray for us
Queen of Apostles, pray for us
Queen of Martyrs, pray for us
Queen of Confessors, pray for us
Queen of Virgins, pray for us
Queen of all Saints, pray for us
Queen conceived without original sin, pray for us
Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us
Queen of peace, pray for us*

Lessons from the Popes

As noted earlier, the Queenship of Mary is closely related to the dogma of the Assumption. It was immediately after her Assumption into Heaven that the crowning took place. The Assumption was declared dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Not surprisingly, only four years later in 1954 Pope Pius XII gave Mary the title Queen of Heaven in his encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* (On Proclaiming the Queenship of Mary) and instituted her feast day under this title to take place each year on August 22.

In this document he states:

"Jesus is King throughout all eternity by nature and by right of conquest: through Him, with Him, and subordinate to Him, Mary is Queen by grace, by divine relationship, by right of conquest, and by singular choice [of the Father]. And her kingdom is as vast as that of her Son and God, since nothing is excluded from her dominion."

The documents of the Second Vatican council reaffirm this doctrine. *Lumen Gentium* (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church) promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1964, states:

"Let the entire body of the faithful pour forth persevering prayer to the Mother of God and Mother of men. Let them implore that she who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers may now, exalted as she is in heaven above all the saints and angels, intercede with her Son in the fellowship of all the saints. May she do so until all the peoples of the human family, whether they are honored with the name of Christian or whether they still do not know their Savior, are happily gathered together in peace and harmony into the one People of God, for the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity."

So we see that the doctrine of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth was believed by the faithful all along in Church Tradition, with its roots in Sacred Scripture, its lauding in the Church Fathers and in the songs and praises of the Middle Ages, and its promulgation by modern Popes and Church councils.

Hopefully this short primer on the Queenship of Mary will encourage you to regard Mary as your Queen too!

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rebrand of CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay

We are delighted to announce the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is rebranding to **Pastoral Works Broken Bay** from July 2021

The purpose of the new name is to better reflect the authentic, life-giving pastoral work you are helping to support, and provide a name that uniquely connects it to our Diocese of Broken Bay.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay will play a vital role in building on the six Pastoral priorities for the Diocese, including giving vital support to life-changing ministries, nurturing families, and parish communities.

Each year, about 20,000 families and friends - those in hospitals, schools, parishes, and the wider community - will be assisted through the generous support of parish communities to Pastoral Works Broken Bay.

Thank you for your support of this important and historic initiative for the Diocese of Broken Bay.

My prayer is the change from CWF to Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our local community, and more deeply connects us to the mission of Jesus.

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL,
Bishop of Broken Bay

August Appeal

At this time, we appreciate support that can be given, no matter how big or small. Our ministries continue to operate and provide vital services. We encourage donations at your parish website or www.bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks.

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Collection envelopes for Masses will be available when parishes re-open.

Thank you for helping to renew and rebuild lives.

Every gift makes a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.



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, you are able to make your regular donation by way of automatic direct debit from your credit card, please contact the Parish office for more information. 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.



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.



Come and See!

INVITATION TO NON-CATHOLICS AND CATHOLICS (2021)

We are happy to invite everybody who would like to know more about our Catholic faith tradition to join our next RCIA ('Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults') programme of our Parish in Pittwater.

In 24 informal evening sessions we discuss and try to answer some of **LIFE'S DEEPER QUESTIONS** based on our faith tradition and our personal experience.

Some questions Non-Catholics may have:

- Does God exist or is He a 'Mystery' to me?
- Why is there so much suffering in the world?
- Is faith a private affair or do I need a community?
- Why should I listen to the Catholic Church?
- How do Catholics interpret the Bible?
- Who do you say the Son of Man is?
- Do I have a personal relationship with Him?

Some questions Catholics may have:

- What is the 'Paschal Mystery' to me?
- How has the Church moved on since I left school?
- In what way has the Church changed since the Second Vatican Council?
- Can science and faith go together?
- What is the Church really teaching about sex?
- Can I further deepen my personal relationship with Jesus?

In the past few years over 60 people have joined us and given us enthusiastic responses. Many participants testify to this every year by becoming new or renewed members of our Church at Easter. *Why not you?*

If you think that life deserves more than superficial answers offered by the world, if this has made you curious in any way, please register at our Parish Office (02) 9157 0999. Due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to set a start date, but we will contact you to keep you up to date.

Everybody is welcome!



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Friday 27th August 6:00pm

A virtual event – we will be in our own homes but together online and in spirit.

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To join or make a donation go to

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-community-sleepout-central-coast-region-2021/>



Vinnies

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

The *Living* Word

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 44:10

At your right stands the queen in robes of gold, finely arrayed.

First Reading

Is 9:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A Son is born to us.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep
shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing
the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt
and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will
do this.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-8. R. v.2

**(R.) Blessed be the name of the Lord
for ever.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R)**

From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!
High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory. **(R)**

Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look
down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R)**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dunghill he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R)**

Second Reading

1 Jn 4:7-12

A reading from the first letter of St John
God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by
God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have
known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only
Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his
Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins
away.
My dear people,
since God has loved us so much,
we too should love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
but as long as we love one another
God will live in us
and his love will be complete in us.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

See Lk 1:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
you; blessed are you among women.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a
town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a
virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,
of the House of David; and the virgin's
name was Mary. He went in and said to
her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The
Lord is with you.' She was deeply
disturbed by these words and asked
herself what this greeting could mean,
but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not
be afraid; you have won God's favour.
Listen! You are to conceive and bear a
son, and you must name him Jesus. He
will be great and will be called Son of
the Most High. The Lord God will give
him the throne of his ancestor David; he
will rule over the House of Jacob for
ever and his reign will have no end.'
Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this
come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The
Holy Spirit will come upon you' the

angel answered 'and the power of the
Most High will cover you with its
shadow. And so the child will be holy
and will be called Son of God. Know
this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has,
in her old age, herself conceived a son,
and she whom people called barren is
now in her sixth month, for nothing is
impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid
of the Lord,' said Mary, 'let what you
have said be done to me.' And the angel
left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Lk 1:45

Blessed are you who have believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
will be fulfilled.

REFLECTION

*As Saint Paul suggests in Romans
8:28-30, God has predestined human
beings from all eternity to share the
image of his Son. All the more was Mary
predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As
Jesus was to be king of all creation,
Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be
queen. All other titles to queenship
derive from this eternal intention of God.
As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth
by serving his Father and his fellow
human beings, so did Mary exercise her
queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains
with us as our king till the end of time
(Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was
assumed into heaven and crowned queen
of heaven and earth.*

*Like fine wine, we get
better with age.
Or maybe we just feel
better about our age
with lots of wine.*

*Happy 90th
Birthday!
Bishop Bernard.*

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Liturgy for the Week

23/08 Monday Ordinary Time 21
1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22

**24/08 Tuesday St Bartholomew,
apostle**
Apoc 21:9-14; Jn 1:45-51

25/08 Wednesday Ordinary time 21
1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

26/08 Thursday Ordinary Time 21
1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

27/08 Friday St Monica,
1 Thess 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
(Alt. Sirach 26:1-4, 13-16;
Lk 7:11-17)

**28/08 Saturday St Augustine,
bishop, doctor**
1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
(Alt. 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 23:8-12)

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