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Prayer of Entrustment to Divine Mercy

O Lord, our God.
 We place our trust in You,
 Because you are mercy itself.
 We repent of our sins and
 turn to You for mercy.
 We trust You to provide for
 our every need, according to
 Your will.
 Help us to forgive others as
 You forgive us.
 We promise to be merciful
 by our deeds, words and
 prayers.
 Though we have fears
 because of human weakness,
 we rely on Your infinite
 goodness and mercy.
 We entrust to You the future
 of our planet, our Church,
 our nations, our families and
 all our needs.
 With loud cries we implore
 your mercy on us and on the
 whole world.
 Look upon us, created in
 your image and likeness.
 Form us in the Heart of Mary
 by the power of the Holy
 Spirit into the living images
 of mercy.
 May all come to know the
 depth of Your mercy and
 sing the praises of Your
 mercy forever.
 Amen.




Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

Do everything as if you really saw God before you. This is a sure way to make great progress in virtue.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For April



Health Care Workers
 We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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

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

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

A warm welcome to all our parishioners and visitors who are celebrating the Eucharist with us at Pittwater Parish - Sacred Heart Church and Maria Regina Church.

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MASS TIMES

SACRED HEART CHURCH 1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 8.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 8am, followed by Mass at 9.30am

Wednesday 9.30am

Thursday 7pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from

7.30pm to 9pm

Friday 9.30am

First Friday of the Month,

Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament,

Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 9.30am,

followed by Mass

with Anointing of the Sick

at 10.30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am • 10.00am • 6.00pm (SOUL)

Reconciliation

4.00pm to 4.30pm Saturday

Baptism

4th Sunday - 11.30am

MARIA REGINA CHURCH

7 Central Road, Avalon

Weekday Masses

Monday 8am

Wednesday 8am

Thursday 10am

9am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction at 9.45am

Friday 8am

Mass with Anointing of the Sick - First Friday of the Month at 8am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

Reconciliation

Before Vigil Mass on Saturday

Baptism

3rd Sunday - 11.00am

We Pray for
the Souls of
Jella Vozzo
Conrado Macarayan Jr
Milagros Macarayan
Estella Mitchell
Rina Lardizabal-Yam

Recently Deceased

Alison Brent

If you would like the names of your relatives or friends and offerings included, please drop the envelope in to the Parish Office by Midday on Wednesdays. Thank You.

Prayers for the Sick

Beryl Peo-Duncan

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Margaret De Landre

Maeve Robinson

Jenny Carroll

Matt Ukishima

Pietrina Maiorana

Susan Makabenta

Dominic Ursino

George Carpenter

Diane Williams

Denise Wagner

Ron

Leonie Ariemetto

Sienna Brown

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

BOOK REVIEW

"The Fifteenth Station"
by Anita Roper



This book is a series of arresting theological meditations on the mysteries of human existence.

ANZAC DAY MASS

Sunday,
24 April 2022
at 10am Mass
Sacred Heart Church,
Mona Vale

Please join us at the Parish Centre after Mass for morning tea.



Lest We Forget



If you still have your
Project Compassion Box
or set of envelopes at home,
please bring them back to
the Church or Parish Office.

Liturgy for the Week

25/04 Monday, Anzac Day
Wis 3:1-9; Jn 14:23-29

26/04 Tuesday, St Mark Evangelist
1 Pet 5:5-14; Mk 16:15-20

27/04 Wednesday 2nd Wk of Easter
Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

28/04 Thursday, St Peter Chanel
Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

29/04 Friday, St Catherine of Siena
Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

23/04 Saturday Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

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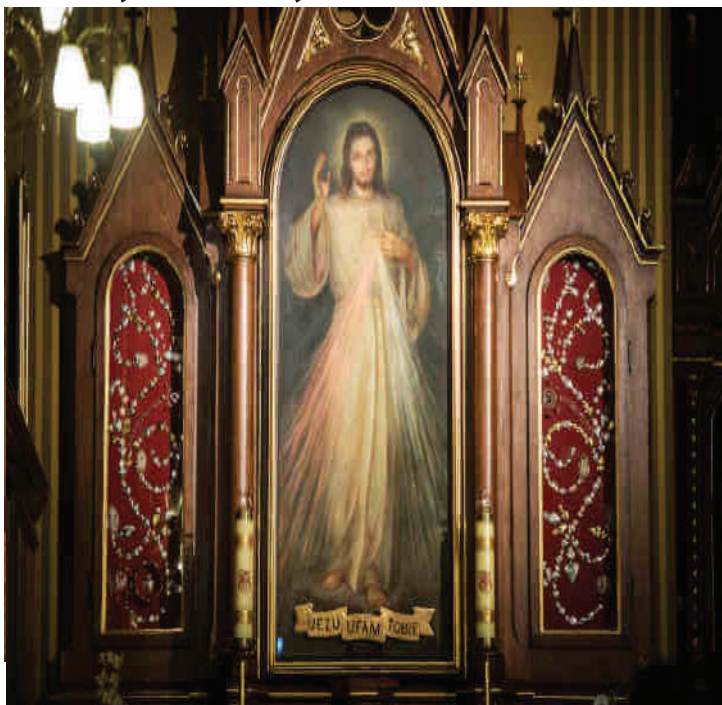
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The Rays of Mercy



Anyone who has read the novel *Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh knows that the climax of the story is a scene in which Lord Marchmain, the patriarch of an aristocratic Catholic family in England at a time just before the Second World War, lies on his deathbed. Although his family is Catholic, the Marchmains are a mixed lot when it comes to the practice of the faith. Lady Marchmain, who had already died by this point in the novel, and two of the children are devout Catholics, while Lord Marchmain and the other two children spend most of the novel estranged from the Church.

As Lord Marchmain lies dying, with his family gathered around him, the topic of whether and when it would be appropriate to summon a priest comes up, as it inevitably does in all but the most indifferent Catholic families. One of the Marchmain daughters, Julia, who has been involved in an adulterous relationship with the novel's narrator, Charles Ryder, discusses with Charles the propriety of a priest visiting her father to see if he might want to receive the last sacraments.

Charles Ryder is not a religious man at this point in the novel, and objects to the very idea that the Church might "interfere" with the final days of a dying man who has for decades shown no interest in religion. Ryder asks, "Can't they even let him die in peace?" To which Julia replies, "They mean something so different by 'peace.'"

What do Christians mean when they use the word "peace?" Is it merely the absence of conflict or confrontation, the kind of "live and let live" attitude the world calls "peace?"

Whatever the world means by "peace," Jesus certainly means a great deal when He speaks this word in John's Gospel. Appearing to His disciples in the Upper Room on two occasions after His Resurrection, He says not once but three times, "Peace be with you."

The peace of Jesus is peace between God and humanity, a peace that had been broken since the sin of Adam and Eve. Jesus, Who is fully God and fully human, has by His death and resurrection brought us back into union with God. The risen Jesus comes to His fearful disciples, announcing that He has brought peace between us and God, the most important peace there can possibly be.

That is the mercy we celebrate on this Divine Mercy Sunday: that the Son of God has loved us when we were unlovable, has died out of love for us in order to heal a relationship we had broken. And He even died to heal that relationship knowing we would break it again! That is why Jesus empowers His apostles to share His mercy with others through the forgiveness of sins: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23). This is one of the source-texts for our understanding of the Sacrament of Penance.

Article from the Catholic World News



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Ladies Morning Tea

Saturday, 30 April 2022

*We welcome the women
of Pittwater Parish to join
us for Morning Tea at
9:30 am followed by a
short talk by
Pattie Beattie
Diocesan Pastoral
Coordinator*



Divine Mercy Sunday

24 April 2022
Sacred Heart Church,
Mona Vale

3.00pm

Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration
Reconciliation
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Benediction

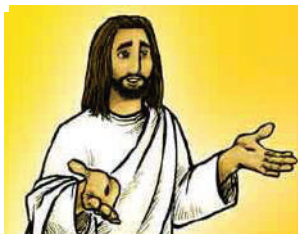
MONA VALE CHOIR

Our next Monday
night practice
will be:

9 May 7pm

Thank you!





Happy are those who do not see and yet believe!



When Jesus appeared to his disciples they were very happy. Draw yourself being greeted by Jesus. Write down what it might feel like if you were re-united with a close friend who you didn't think you would ever see again.



There are many things present in our lives that we don't see with our eyes. Circle the words which represent things we do not see.

BIBLE
 LOVE CRUCIFIX
 JOY FORGIVENESS
 ALTAR PEACE
 BREATH FLOWERS
 CHALICE CANDLE
 HOPE

Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"

W	B	O	I	G	E	T	R	Y
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Q	Y	M	P					
U	G	O	D					

START

FINISH



The *Living* Word

First Reading

Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The Apostles work many signs.

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or

(R) Alleluia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R)**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R)**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R)**

Second Reading

Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered,

'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of

all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness, renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our next programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation for children in Year 3 and above will commence with our parent information evenings.

If you would like your child to participate in our upcoming programme, you will need to attend one of the following information sessions:

Monday 2 May 2022 at 7pm at
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