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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



Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan
May the risen Saviour fill each of you with abundant graces
and blessings. Work courageously at making progress in
doing good and put your whole trust in God who is our

Prayer of Entrustment to the Divine Mercy

O Lord, our God, we place our trust in You, because You are mercy itself. We repent our sins and turn to You for mercy.

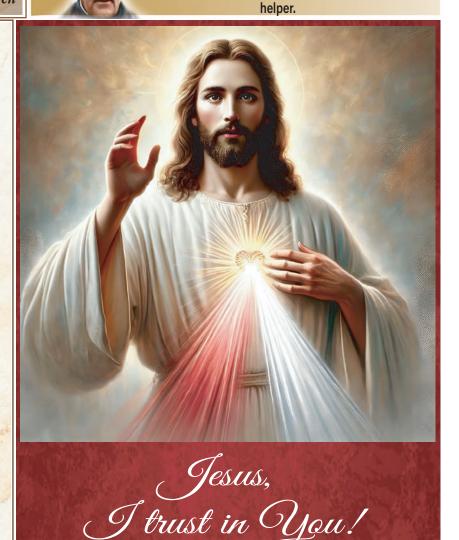
We trust You to provide for our every need, according to Your will.

Help us to forgive others as
You forgive us.
We promise to be merciful
by our deeds, words
and prayers.

We entrust to You the future of our world, Church, families and all our needs.
With loud cries we implore Your mercy on us and the whole world.
Amen.







SAFEGUARDING

We, the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay and the Catholic Parish of Pittwater are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable. Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church

1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Wednesday 9.30 am

Thursday 7 pm
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament,
Adoration, Reconciliation
and Benediction from
7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Friday 9:30 am
First Friday of the month,
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament,
Adoration, Reconciliation
and Benediction
from 9:30 am,
followed by Healing Mass/
Anointing of the Sick
at 10.30 am

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am & 6.00 pm (SOUL)

RECONCILIATION Saturday Vigil 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm

BAPTISM 4th Sunday of the Month 11.30 am

Maria Regina Church

7 Central Road, Avalon

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 8.00 am

Wednesday 8.00 am

Thursday 10 am 9.00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction at 9.45 am

Friday 8.00 am
First Friday of the month,
Healing Mass/
Anointing of the Sick
at 8.00 am

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am

RECONCILIATION Before Vigil Mass on Saturday

BAPTISM 3rd Sunday of the Month 11.00 am

We Pray

Recently Deceased Owen Graham Julianne O'Neill

May all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Deceased Anniversary
Pietrina Maiorano

Prayer for the Sick

Anna Śmigowska Lily Janosik Trish Newman Giannina Amore Bruce Farr Maureen Larios Owen Graham **Elaine Boyes** Pauline Chipman Ron Clarke Barbara Clarke Anna Katanec **Mother Pauline** Angela Miller Philip Khalifeh Joseph Khalifeh Heidi Taylor Cathy Dyer Jacinta Purnell -Major

BOOK REVIEW

Beyond Grief

A Guide for Recovering from the Death of a Loved One By: Carol Staudacher



It looks at grief in the raw and helps the bereaved person to face life with renewed strength strength and optimism.

Mother's Day 11th May

We invite all Mothers for a Special Blessing during these Masses:
Sacred Heart Church,
Mona Vale
Saturday 10th May at 5pm Sunday, 11th May at 8 am, 10 am and 6 pm Maria Regina Church,
Avalon
Saturday, 10th May at 6 pm Sunday, 11th May at 9 am

Liturgy for the Week

28/04 Monday, St Peter Chanel Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

29/04 Tuesday, St Catherine of Siena Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7-15

30/04 Wednesday, 2nd Week of Easter Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

01/05 Thursday, 2nd Week of Easter Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

02/05 Friday, St Athanasius Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

03/05 Saturday, Sts Philip and James 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

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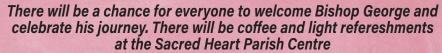
A warm welcome back to our former Parish Priest,

the Most Reverend

Bishop George Kolodiesj SDS

Bishop of Bunbury

He will be presiding a Special Soul Mass, on Sunday, 11th May at 6 pm Sacred Hear Church, Mona Vale



From 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Sacred Heart Parish Centre

Salvatorian Seminary Appeal

There will be a special collection towards the Salvatorian Seminary on the 10th and 11th of May.

Your generous contribution will help in the training and education of our young seminarians and the upkeep of our seminaries in Poland and the Philippines, and also support our East Timorese seminarians who will eventually work in Australia.

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7hank You in anticipation, Fr Richard & Fr Zygmunt

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of the late

Julianne (Julie)Helen O'Neill

Much loved and treasured wife of John, mother, mother in law and grandmother.

Family and close friends are warmly invited to attend the Requiem Mass on Friday, 2nd May at 12 noon
Maria Regina Church 7 Central Road,
Avalon

Pittwater Parish Hugh Alan Blaxland Ronald Raymond McCarthy Charlie James Blackwood for the Sacraments of Bantism

for the Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and
Holy Eucharist
on Easter Vigil, Saturday,
19th of April 2025
at Sacred Heart Church,
Mona Vale









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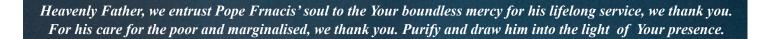
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Maria Regina School Avalon Tel 7256 2138 Principal: Ms Kirsty Thorpe

Mater Maria Catholic College Warriewood Tel 7256 2100 Principal: Mr Marc Reicher





Solemn Masses for the Repose of th Soul of

will be held on Monday, 28th of April at 7 pm Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

and

Tuesday, 29th April at 9.30 am Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale



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Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

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Jesus Christ's Great Promise about the Divine Mercy Sunday to Mankind

(excerpt from St Faustina's diary, 699)

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

The History of the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy

In 1935, St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. She began to pray for mercy, but her prayers were powerless. Suddenly she saw the Holy Trinity and felt the power of Jesus' grace within her. At the same time she found herself pleading with God for mercy with words she heard interiorly:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us. (Diary, 475)

As she continued saying this inspired prayer, the angel became helpless and could not carry out the deserved punishment (see 474). The next day, as she was entering the chapel, she again heard this interior voice, instructing her how to recite the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet." This time, after "have mercy on us" were added the words "and on the whole world" (476). From then on, she recited this form of prayer almost constantly, offering it especially for the dying.

In subsequent revelations, the Lord made it clear that the Chaplet was not just for her, but for the whole world. He also attached extraordinary promises to its recitation

Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you (1541). Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (687). When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior (1541). Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this Chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy (687). I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy (687). Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will. (1731)

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at

Holy Mass. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). He then added: "By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls." (796)

It is likewise appropriate to pray the Chaplet during the "Hour of Great Mercy" — three o'clock each afternoon (recalling the time of Christ's death on the cross). In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special remembrance of His Passion at that hour.

TheDivineMercy.org





SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM <u>UPDATE</u>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday, 21 June 2025

Children in Year 3 and above are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation if they have been baptised.

For more information about the requirements, the preparation program, enrolments, etc.

you <u>MUST</u> attend one "Parent Information & Commitment" session which will take place at 7.00pm:

Wednesday 30 April
Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale
Thursday 1 May
Maria Regina Church, Avalon

We need facilitators for the four weekly preparation sessions.

If you would like to be a group facilitator or would like to have more information about the role, please contact **Sonia** as soon as possible at

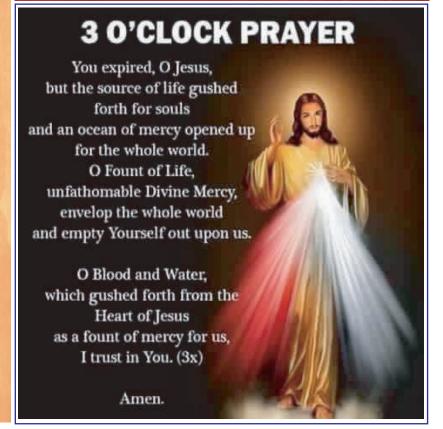
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The Divine (Dercy Sunday

27th April Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale at 3.00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reconciliation, Benediction and The Divine Mercy Chaplet





The Living Word

Entrance Antiphon

1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading Revelation 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

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

come.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31 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 word of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant

The readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised. This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of this presence in several manifestations.

While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy.

Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we lest expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future.

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Oh, how great is the goodness of God, greater than we can understand. There are moments and there are mysteries of the divine mercy over which the heavens are astounded. Let our judgment of souls cease, for God's mercy upon them is extraordinary.

Mary Faustina Kowalska

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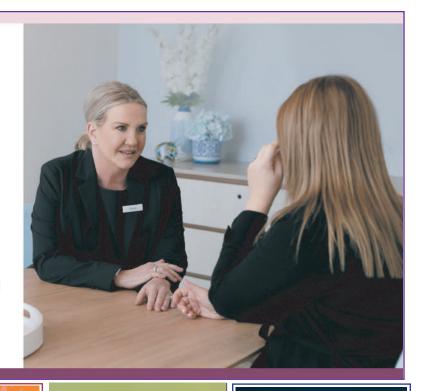
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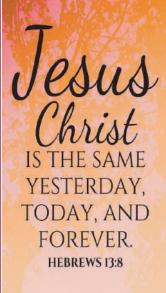




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