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Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan We must diligently and wisely use all ways and means which the love of Christ inspires to glorify God.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For June

Families We pray for Christian families around the the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives. 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. Continue to practise good hygiene. *Please use the* hand sanitisers provided in both of our Churches.

If you have used this bulletin, please take it home with you. Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer

O Most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You.

Amen.





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

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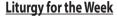
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> Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am

Reconciliation **Before Vigil Mass on Saturday**

> Baptism 3rd Sunday - 11.00am





27/06 Monday Ordinary Time 13 Amos 2:6-10; Mt 8:18-22

28/06 Tuesday St Irenaeus Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

29/06 Wednesday Sts Peter & Paul Acts 3:1-10; Mt 16:13-19

30/06 Thursday Ordinary Time 13 Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

01/07 Friday Ordinary Time 13 Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

02/07 Saturday Ordinary Time 13 Amos 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

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Understanding the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and What it Means



When I was a child, a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus hung in my parents' bedroom. A warm, smiling Jesus lovingly pointed to His heart, pierced and crowned with thorns, in an eternal gesture of invitation. Whenever I looked at that picture, I felt good embraced, loved, cared for as if the Lord were inviting me to step into His joy and peace. My mother had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart; every First Friday, we would consecrate our lives anew to His love and mercy.

In the Gospels, Jesus' heart is moved with pity for the crowds (see Mt 9:36) and He tells us that He is gentle and humble of heart (Mt 11:29). The Sacred Heart of Jesus that began beating in the womb of the Blessed Virgin more than 2,000 years ago still beats today in the glorified humanity of the Risen Christ. And it will pulsate forever, pumping out the grace, mercy and life of God to all of humanity. In the Heart of the Lord, we experience the overwhelming mercy of God and His infinite desire to be in relationship with us.

Over the centuries, many Christians developed harsh images of God and Jesus as fearsome judges, distant from human affairs, ready to impose punishment for moral failure. The Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints became the friendly, approachable intercessors who would go to God for us, pleading for sinful and erring souls. Jansenism, particularly prevalent in France in the 16th and 17th centuries, overemphasised the wrath of God, the unworthiness of human nature and fear as a fundamental response to the divine. Viewed in this context, the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque manifest a need for a theological correction and a spiritual balance regarding popular perceptions of Christ. Jesus revealed to the saint His heart, burning with love for humanity. Pierced and crucified, offering salvation and mercy — Jesus' heart longs for us to offer our love and devotion in return. If some distorted forms of spirituality focused only on God's punishment, the Sacred Heart emphasized mercy. If many believers inordinately feared God, here divine love and joy were manifest. If

Jesus had seemed distant and unapproachable before, the Sacred Heart beckons us to enter into the divine furnace of charity. St. Margaret Mary described her experience of the Lord: "My divine Heart is so passionately fond of the human race and of you, in particular, that it cannot keep back the pent-up flames of its burning charity any longer. They must burst out through you and reveal my Heart to the world, so as to enrich mankind with my treasures." Following this revelation, Jesus united her heart with His in a fusion of mystical love and joy.

Lest we think that such a love is naive, simplistic or easy, the Sacred Heart shines forth, crowned with thorns, pierced and bleeding. The crucifixion of Christ is the terrifying path through the valley of darkness and evil which God himself walks, embracing everything sinful, broken and dead that ensnares and destroys us. By remaining silent before His persecutors, praying for His killers, loving a dying thief and asking forgiveness for sinners, Jesus shows that the unconditional, infinite and divine love of His heart is the only force that can heal the

world of its hatred, sin and rejection of God. By taking upon himself the totality of human evil committed by every person of every time, Christ refracts this overwhelming darkness into the light of the Resurrection.

Sacred Heart devotion is not magic or some automatic ticket to heaven; it is a sacred way for us to encounter the fullness of the Gospel, the good news of God's saving love poured out for us in Jesus Christ. As we steadily progress in our knowledge and communion with the Lord, we will fall ever more deeply in love with Jesus and live out that transforming and redemptive relationship in every detail of our lives. This devotion unites our minds, hearts and wills in one great act of oblation — a total gift of the self to the One who has first offered himself completely to and for us.

By: Bishop Donald J. Hying is bishop of the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin.



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Parish Bulletin Term 2 Week 9



It was a huge week of sport for the college with several gala days and competitions taking place. These included the BBSSSA Junior Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day for Year 7 and Year 8 students on Tuesday, with Year 10 students attending the PASS Refereeing Primary School Gala Day on Wednesday. Other activities included the Jamie Lyon Cup Rugby League competition, MWBA Basketball, Peninsula Cup Boys Soccer, Peninsula Cup Netball, BBSSSA Junior and Intermediate Girls Basketball, and the NSW All Schools Open Boys Rugby and Girls Rugby 7s.

Wednesday was a big day for pastoral care at the college. Our Year 7s attended 'The Hurting Game' by Brainstorm Productions. This was a funny and engaging live performance to provide high school students with strategies for resilience, help-seeking, online safety and positive relationships. Our Year 8 students attended a workshop delivered by Elephant Ed on complexities regarding the legalities and ramifications of using social media inappropriately. Whilst our Year 12 students attended a presentation in the Byrne Theatre about resilience, courage, and change. On Thursday, our Year 12 History students attended an HTA Study Day at the University of Sydney. The lecture was presented by experienced teachers and markers of the HSC, providing these students with invaluable assistance. On Friday, our Year 12 English Studies class visited United Cinemas in Warriewood to watch a film viewing of Elvis. The students are currently studying a module which enables them to develop a deeper understanding of how language is used in a range of song lyrics to express emotions, attitudes, ideas, and themes related to the human experience.

It is currently enrolment time for students who would be starting high school in 2024. The first round of offers ha over the next month parents and students been offered a meeting with our Principal, Marc Reicher. Early next term all those who have been offered positions groups with the Principal to gain some valuable insights into Mater Maria and have any questions answered. Applications for Year 7, 2025 are now open. There are waiting lists for Year 7, 2023 and Year 7, 2024.

For more information about enrolling at our Mater Maria Catholic College please visit

https://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/.

Welcome to Pittwater Parish

Maliya Margo Maloney William Robert Donadel Emily Shaw Donadel Abby Claire Aitken Zara Iris Lynch Kai Davies Piper Davies on the 26th of June 2022 Sacred Heart Church Mona Vale for the Sacrament of Baptism

Vox Populi - The Voice of the People

This Sunday we celebrate the 10th World Meeting of Families.

While Rome is the main venue for the event this weekend, Pope Francis has asked dioceses around the world to make it possible for every family to participate in the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) after being postponed for a year due to the pandemic.

The theme for this year is "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Our will celebrate WMOF with a Mass on Sunday 26 June at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara at 2pm with Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

All families are warmly invited. The Mass will be followed by refreshments, and fun games for kids at The Light of Christ Centre. While the children are enjoying supervised outdoor games, the adults can hear Simon Carrington from Fire Up Ministries talking about "The Joy of Married Love".

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated WMOF in a different city in the world.

For more on WMOF, reflections, news, videos and resources, visit Dicastry for Laity Family and Life at

http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/ laityfamilylife/en/sezione-famiglia/ incontri-mondiali-delle-famiglie/ wmof2022.html and join us on Sunday.

Alive with love: the Sacred Heart of Jesus



From 'Jéhovah devient notre père' by Jean-Georges Cornélius.

The first time I visited Paray-le-Monial I arrived in late morning and it was raining. We had travelled through the French countryside from Ars. It was poor part of France at the time of the Curé, and even today the landscape appeared austere. The small town of Paray-le-Monial had a quiet, understated charm. Like Ars, it was a place of pilgrimage but somehow remained unspoiled.

Some churches have a formal beauty. They are places that you can explore and admire; one might stay for a few moments of prayer but they're not really 'home'. The ancient basilica was quite different; it invited you to pray. It was not difficult to see how Paray-le-Monial was a sanctuaire. Both the convent in which Margaret Mary Alacoque lived and the house of the Jesuit community of Claude La Colombière had a modesty and uncluttered quality – interesting but not distracting. Of course, both saints would have appreciated this simplicity; they would not have wanted anything to obscure the centre of their own life and devotion, the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, is a real person. He has a heart. This is the most challenging and consoling thing about him. In him we find the infinite and eternal God who chooses us and offers us a share in the Triune life. In all its material, historical and physical density, the 'him' is the reality we cannot escape, erase or deny. Jesus is not a myth like one of the Greek gods taking on human or animal shape, nor is he some cipher for a philosophical idea of the transcendent that every human may recognise though it makes no further demand upon us. Jesus's reality and the claim that it entails shocks and resists all attempts to construct the category into which he will fit. The person of Jesus haunts and pushes us beyond our limits into new realms of thinking and existing. With him we always have to begin anew. With Jesus it is always personal; we always have to begin in either response to or refusal of the encounter. We cannot slip or evade the personal relationship that his person requires of us. This is the meaning of the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is always a personal, affective, devotional relation with the whole of Jesus, contained in the image of his heart alive with love.

We cannot look upon the wounded heart of Jesus without encountering a love that is so completely human. The humanity of Christ is before us in all its vulnerability and strength. The image of the Sacred Heart offers a deep intimacy and like all such relationships we may long for it but it can frighten us. To be so exposed and so committed and, of course, so vulnerable. Yet, the Sacred Heart of Jesus is also a waiting heart. In it we can experience something of the patient, generous love of God which will not coerce or threaten us. The love in the heart of Christ seeks only our love, and what good is a love that is not freely given? The heart of Jesus creates the sacred, personal space for that deeply hidden and intensely personal exchange of 'heart to heart' – cor ad cor loquitur.

Before I left Paray-le-Monial I was given an unexpected gift. In Musée de Hieron, not far from the old Jesuit residence, are some works by the 20th century artist Jean-Georges Cornélius. One painting powerfully impressed itself upon me: Jéhovah devient notre père (above). It seemed to sum up so much of what contemporary theology had been trying to express about the reality of the cross at the heart of God's Trinitarian life. This painting did not use words or sophisticated philosophical theology. It simply showed the crucified Christ held in the arms of the Father; a traditional artistic theme. In a profoundly personal moment between the Father and the Son, the painting caught a delicate heart-consoling, heart-breaking ambivalence in their closeness: the love was evident and palpable but, as for any parent holding a suffering and dying child, the pain of the Father as well as that of the Son was visible. And there was also a gentle, trusting peace. Supported in the Father's arms the Son was held, lovingly secure. Theirs was not a closed relationship. Even in such profound intimacy and suffering, their love draws us in. We cannot be onlookers or spectators; we are moved not just by empathy but by grace. In their suffering their heart was one. So are we all held close to the Father's heart.

The Living Word

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 32:11,19

The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

First Reading

Ez 34:11-16

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel I will watch over my sheep and tend them.

The Lord God says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I shall bring them out of the countries where they are; I shall gather them together from foreign countries and bring them back to their own land. I shall pasture them on the mountains of Israel. in the ravines and in every inhabited place in the land. I shall feed them in good pasturage; the high mountains of Israel will be their grazing ground. There they will rest in good grazing ground; they will browse in rich pastures on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. **(R)**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R)**

Second Reading

Rom 5:5-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans

God has entrusted his love to us.

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 15:3-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Share my joy: I have found my lost sheep!

Jesus spoke this parable to the scribes

and Pharisees: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 7:37-38

Thus says the Lord:

Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink.Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.

REFLECTION

There is a story called The Little Prince, by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, which I am reminded of in this Feast. In one chapter, it describes the Prince's search for a friend, and finding such a friend in a fox. When it is time for them to part ways, the Prince is very sad and the fox speaks to the prince about remembering him in the colour of the grain fields, about finding him present even when he can no longer be seen.

"Goodbye," said the fox. "And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

When we speak of 'the heart', we usually mean far more than an organ in our anatomy. The heart holds meanings of love, and passion, of the inner depths of our being where we experience ourselves in relationship. In Jesus, the 'heart' of God's love for the world was made visible. In Jesus' outreach to a leper, to sinners, to children, to outcasts, we see God's outreach. This is what Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. God's love for us was made visible in Jesus. Paul also emphasises that God's love is utterly gratuitous – it is not something to be earned, or deserved – it is pure free gift.

The gratuitous love of God is described by Luke with a totally ridiculous image. Would anyone really leave ninety-nine sheep unguarded in the wilderness to go off looking for one stray? Even if the shepherd finds the stray, when he returns how will he find the flock? Will there now be even more missing, strayed, snatched, stolen – all for the sake of the one? The parable conveys the ridiculous love of God.

The feast of the heart of Jesus invites us to consider our own sense of being in relationship with God. Are we able to see with the 'eyes' of the heart and know ourselves as loved by God? Do we really believe in the ridiculous love of God for us; for me? Can we imagine ourselves held and carried by God as a shepherd carries and cares for a lost or straying sheep?

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