The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

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



Hail Holy Queen

Haíl, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exíle, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For August

Small Businesses "Let us pray for small and medium-sized businesses, hard hit by the economic and social crisis, so they may find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

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.

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

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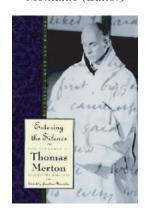
Recently Deceased Emidio Cafini Helen McKillop John Cox **Donald Reid** Catherine Kinzy **Bob Stokes** Susan Makabenta If you would like the names of your relatives or friends and offerings included, please drop the envelope in to the Parish Office by

Prayers for the Sick

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The Journals of **Thomas Merton** By: Thomas Merton, Jonathan Montaldo (Editor)



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Our Beautiful Queen: Lessons on the Queenship of Mary



One of the most beautiful and universal titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary is her title as Queen, honored 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 earthy 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 realization 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.

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.

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MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Parish Bulletin – Term 3, Week 5

On Monday, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with a beautiful Mass. We reflected on the life our Blessed Mother Mary, an exemplary woman of faith, who guides each of us by her example of how to grow in God's grace. We were inspired to open our hearts to the will of God and reflect on how we can follow Mary's example of prayer and service so that we may also enter eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

On Wednesday, Brainstorm Productions visited our College to present a funny and engaging live performance to our Year 8 students. Their resilience program explores the skills that high schoolers need to cope with life's challenges and build meaningful connections. We held our Year 9 Electives Information Evening to assist our students and their families in selecting their Stage 5 elective subjects for next year.

Senior Detective Constable Cairns also attended our College to empower our Year 12 students to make informed decisions around drug taking and alcohol use. He emphasised the importance of engaging in appropriate behaviour on their last day of Year 12, safe partying during Schoolies Week and looking after their peers. On Friday, we had a cupcake fundraiser in memory of Alana de Cort who was a Mater Maria student. The funds raised will be donated to the Kids Cancer Project. The fundraiser is always very popular with our students, and it was wonderful to see so many gold coins be exchanged for cupcakes to support this important cause.

Students throughout the College attended the Sydney North Boys Secondary Schools Rugby 7's Gala Day, Years 7 – 9 played Rugby League for the Sydney North Katrina Fanning Cup and the girls had a Cricket Development Day to improve their batting, bowling and fielding skills. The Peninsula Cup Boys Rugby Union and Girls Soccer games, plus several MWBA Basketball competitions continue throughout this term. We thank our students for their school spirit and for representing the College at these sporting events. 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/.



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INVITATION

TO ALL CATHOLICS AND NON-CATHOLICS We are happy to invite everybody who would like to know more about our Catholic faith tradition to join our next RCIA Programme

of our Parish in Pittwater starting

5 September 2022, Monday If Jesus asked us as He queried Peter and His disciples "Who do people say the Son

of Man is?", what would our answer be?? Our RCIA team (RCIA stands for 'Rite of Christian Iniatiation of Adults') would love to share our answers with you based on our faith tradition and our personal experience. In 24 informal evening sessions we discuss some of life's deeper questions:

- * What does it mean to be a Catholic today?
- * What can the Bible and the Church tell us in this day and age?

* What do we really believe, really? In the past few years close to 60 people have joined us and given us numerous enthusiastic responses. Many participants testify to this every year by becoming full or renewed members of our Church at Easter. WHY NOT YOU?

Please register at our Parish Office (91570999) before Friday, 31 August 2022, and join us on Monday, 5 September 2022 at 7 pm (for 90 minutes) in our Parish Centre at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!

It's not too late to apply!

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REGISTER

World Youth Day 2023 is a global gathering of Catholic Youth – and it is just one year away!

Bishop Anthony Randazzo is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to Italy and onto Lisbon, Portugal where thousands of young people will gather for this amazing event.

Soibada Update 17 Aug 2022

During last months visit to our sister parish in Soibada, Timor Leste, the volunteers were faced with some challenging realities of life in the village. The poverty is quite confronting. Homes still do not have running water, yet thankfully the tanks and guttering that we provided for the Maternity Clinic in 2019 are still functioning well. Nutrition and health remain a issue. All schools are in dire need of resources. The list of requests for assistance and support is lengthy and will be prioritized according to need, by the committee of local leaders. This will enable us to focus our fundraising efforts accordingly.

The Preschool is the highest priority for the community at present. You can help us support not only the education of these children but the provision of nutritious meals, clean water and a vegetable garden by coming along to the **"Soup for Soibada"** night in Maria Regina Church Hall on Friday 26 August. Tickets are only \$15 and cover soup, bread, and fantastic live entertainment. That small amount of funding makes a huge difference to the life of a pre-schooler in Soibada. Fees are \$5 USD a month and wages for the teachers are only \$100 USD a month. Please buy a ticket at the link, through

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or ask me for assistance. It has been a long time since we have had Parish social opportunities, and this is the perfect excuse. Our Parish theme for 2022 is TRUST. The people of Soibada trust in us and the promise we made in 2010 to help them. We must trust that God will provide us with the means and the circumstances to do that. Please, I ask you to help us out, come to Soup for Soibada. Thanks,

Tamara

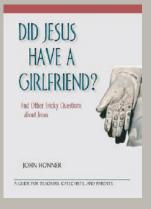
Social Justice Ministry

If you are interested in getting involved in this or any of the other projects please check out the Friends of Soibada Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/friendsofsoibada or get in touch with Tamara on tamara.harding@bigpond.com or 0403226699



Recommended Reading

Did Jesus Have A Girlfriend? by: John Honner



The latest book from one of our parishioners, John Honner of Avalon Beach, is now available in Australia. It explores eighteen questions that young people ask about Jesus, questions like: "Did Jesus really exist?"; "What did Jesus look like?"; "Was he fun to be with?"; "Did he have a girlfirend?"; "Did Jesus really walk on water?"; "Was Jesus really God?"; "Why did he die on a cross?" and "Where is Jesus now?"

There are another four chapters, perhaps of more interest to adults, discussing questions like "Are the Gospels fake news?" and "Is faith a delusion?".

The book is a sequel to Does God like being God?, which was launched in our parish in 2020. It aims to help us draw closer to Jesus in our journey through life. A third book, on the Church, is due out in October.

Did Jesus have a Girlfriend? is published in the United States by Paulist Press. For those who like local shopping, it can be ordered in at the Beachside Bookshop in Avalon Beach. It is also available from Garratt Publishing in Melbourne and Pauline Books and media in Sydney, as well as Booktopia and other on-line retailers. The ISBN number is 9780809155958.

The author, John Honner, has degrees in Science and Theology. He lectured for twenty years and taught at the United Faculty of Theology with Melbourne University. More recently, he has been a member of the faculty at the Broken Bay Institute, now called BBI- The Australian Institute of Theological Education.

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 darkhess

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**

The word of the Lord

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

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

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 dungheap 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. God will live in us and his love will be complete in 115

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 1:26-38

Jn 14:6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You will conceive and bear a son.

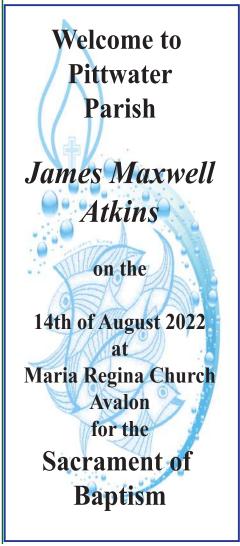
The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked 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 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 angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 103:13-15

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



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