### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# **Divine Mercy Prayer**

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the wealth of compassion is unlimited. Look kindly upon us and grant Your mercy on us, so that in difficult times we will not be disheartened but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is love and mercy itself. Amen.





Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan The Divine Saviour, in His great mercy, has called us to

become images of himself, as far as possible. He has called us so that, through holiness our work everywhere may be accompanied by blessings, happiness, and salvation. 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

#### **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.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR June

For Those Fleeing Their Own Countries Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opprtunities in their host countries.

#### **MASS TIMES**

#### SACRED HEART CHURCH 1 Keenan Street, Mona Vale

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 9.30am **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, Adoration, Reconciliation and Benediction from 8:30 am, followed by Mass 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

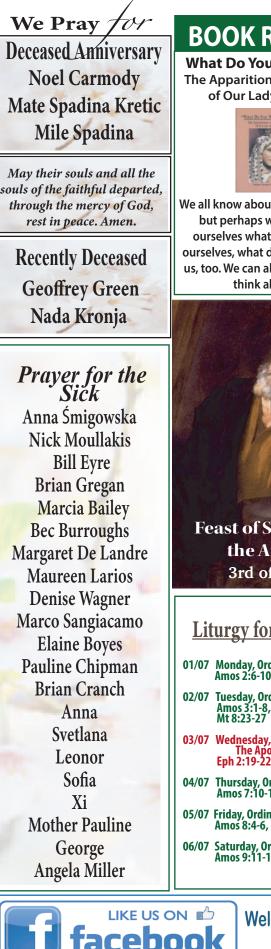
#### MARIA REGINA CHURCH 7 Central Road, Avalon

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

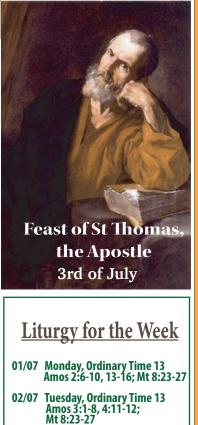


# **BOOK REVIEW**

What Do You Want Of Me The Apparitions and Message of Our Lady of Fatima



We all know about the apparitions, but perhaps we should ask ourselves what we should ask ourselves, what does God want of us, too. We can all do better if we think about it.



03/07 Wednesday, St Thomas, The Apostle Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

04/07 Thursday, Ordinary Time 13 Amos 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

05/07 Friday, Ordinary Time 13 Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday, Ordinary Time 13 Amos 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

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# Vinnies Winter Appeal

The Avalon and Mona Vale St Vincent De Paul conferences are seeking your generosity in supporting this year's Winter Appeal. Our basic commitment is, as always, visiting the poor and disadvantaged in our parish, and rendering appropriate assistance and care.

It will be collected this weekend, 29th & 30th of June and next weekend, 6th & 7th of July.

Your donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Envelopes are provided and may be placed in the Poor Box at any time - tax receipts will be issued if requested.

#### THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 22nd June and Sunday, 23rd June 2024.

May it be the beginning of a wonderful journey that they will be taking with Jesus Christ. May the Lord bless and keep them in the days of their lives.

Thank you to the Most Reverend Bishop David Walker DD, Emeritus Bishop of Broken Bay, Fr Richard Sadowski SDS, Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS, Sonia Samartin, the Sacramental team, parents, guardians teachers, principals and group facilitators for their time, commitment and dedication in preparing the children for the Sacrament.

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### Parish Bulletin – Term 2, Week 9

Mater Maria Catholic College congratulates three talented Year 12 Hospitality students who showcased their skills in the annual Battle of the Chefs competition against other students from the Broken Bay Diocese on Thursday. These students demonstrated their culinary prowess and competed with utmost dedication in this highly competitive event.

Year 12 Geography students engaged in people and economic activity fieldwork by visiting Tamburlaine in Pokolbin. They learned about business operations, conducted primary and secondary research, and focused on factors relevant to the HSC Geography syllabus.

Óver twenty students from Years 9 and 10 are participating in the Alpha for Youth Catholic Faith Formation Program this term, enhancing their spiritual growth and understanding of the Catholic faith.

VET Entertainment students from Years 11 and 12 travelled to ABC Studios in Ultimo to be the live studio audience for "Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont-Spelling Bee" as it was being filmed. It was an amazing opportunity to see behind the scenes of the film/TV industry.

Environmental Action Day took place on Friday 28 June. We held our first Mater version of "Clean Up Australia Day" after school. This event was led by our Stewardship Prefects and the SRC. The event brought the Mater community together to do something good for our local environment.

Twenty-one students will embark on our first Mater Maria Red Dirt Expedition from Sunday 30 June to Saturday 6 July. They will travel to western NSW, visit the Siding Springs Australian Astronomical Telescope in Coonabarabran, bushwalk the Grand High Tops Walk, visit sandstone caves and reconciliation sculptures in the Pilliga Scrub, explore cultural sites with the Baradine Land Council, visit local schools and the Brewarrina Fish Traps, and tour Dubbo Zoo. The purpose of this expedition is to provide students with learning experiences in science and Indigenous cultural awareness.

In the realm of sports, it has been a very active week for our students with Basketball Grand Finals, the Boys NSW Basketball Gala Day, the Geoff Toovey Cup, the Year 9 PASS Flag Football Gala Day, Years 9 & 10 Girls Netball Trials, Years 11 & 12 Netball Trials, and the Peninsula Cup Netball.

Applications for Year 7 are now open for 2027 and 2028. There is a waitlist for Year 6 to Year 7 transitions in 2025 and 2026, and for all other year groups in 2024. For more information or to apply, please visit Mater Maria Enrolments:

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

God blesses us with new grace and mercy every day. THANK YOU for your kind wishes. I feel incredibly blessed to have received your wonderful presents and heartwarming messages on my birthday. I am so grateful to everyone who took the time and effort to make my day special. God bless you all....

**Fr Zygmunt** 



The Justice and Mercy of Christ's Kealing Power



The story of the bleeding woman very gently puts the lie to the increasingly popular notion that Jesus is just our fluffy pal who asks nothing much of us beyond our being that vaguest of things, "a good person."

There is no reason to think the hemorrhagic woman was not a good person, but the Christ she encountered still asked something of her. Jesus was an observant Jew; upon healing a leper, he told the man to partake of the prescribed cleansing and show himself to the priest, because it mattered. To be pronounced clean gave the man admission back into the community; it rescued him from a life of lonely singularity, unable even to worship in community.

worship in community. Similarly, for a hemorrhagic (thus, "unclean") woman to touch anyone in her community would give great offense, both social and religious. For twelve years she lived like an abyss in their midst. Unable to partake of a ritual cleansing, she reaches out in great hope to the Living Water who cleanses like nothing else.

In her deep wish to be healed, she knew she risked the possibility of rendering someone else "unclean," of dragging another person (however briefly) into her exile. What if this man was just a rabbi, and not something more? She would be defiling him, making him unfit for the synagogue!

And yet, she reached out, trusting that her hand was accessing a fresh well of mercy.

She touches his cloak, and she is healed; instantly, her bloody issue dries up. One moment she is weak and debilitated from this constant drain. The next instant, strength is running through her. She had only touched his cloak, but she did it with a faith so absolute that it made

did it with a faith so absolute that it made Now healed, she can bathe and be readmitted into her community. She has gotten her life back, but it has cost her something: instead of being vulnerable to the crowd, she is now vulnerable to Christ, who insists that she expose herself, and her faith, before all the assembly. It is not enough for her to simply be anonymous in the crowd, accessing his glory, in secret. As with the Holy Eucharist, she must publicly declare herself before him. The Eucharistic theme continues when Jesus meets Jairus and is told that the little girl has died. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. (Mark 5:41-42) Jesus tells her family to give her something to eat. Again, we get the message that to participate in any part of Jesus' healing involves becoming subject to his direction. What sacramental stories these are! There is an element of the confessional in Jesus' demand that the woman reveal herself to him, to come out of hiding. There are Eucharistic themes of thanksgiving and meal-taking.

Within this single narrative, we see two healings that seem to bridge the Old Covenant and the New: the woman had hemorrhaged for twelve years—a reminder of the twelve tribes of Israel. Her circumstance was about what had occurred in the past, leading up to that day, and concerned the law and what Moses prescribed for the sake of Justice. The little girl was twelve years old, like the twelve apostles; her issue was an issue of the future—her future life—and moved beyond law for the sake of mercy. And it included a meal. Both justice and mercy reside in Christ, and both are present in each healing, perfectly balanced in him. In this gospel, we see the Alpha and Omega—ever ancient, ever new—engaged with both Old Covenant of Moses and the New Covenant of Christ

Covenant of Christ. For me, this just reinforces the lesson that justice and mercy must kiss—that one cannot be withheld, or the other is lacking—and that everything before us must still and always find its connection to what has passed. The present and future, untethered to the past, becomes all disorientation.

By: Elizabeth Scalia wordonfire.org May God Bless You For Your Gifts



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# The Living Word

**Entrance Antiphon** 

#### Psalm 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**First Reading** Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 **A reading from the book of Wisdom** *It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.* 

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all;

the world's created things have health in them,

in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature:

it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will

discover.

#### The word of the Lord

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2 (R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)** 

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (**R.**)

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.(**R**.)

#### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15 **A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians** *Your abundance should supply their want.* 

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need.

That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

#### The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 27

2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

#### Gospel Mark 5:21-43 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said,

turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and vet you say. Who touched me?" But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint. While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and

said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

#### The Gospel of the Lord

**Communion Antiphon** Psalm 102:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

# **REFLECTION** by Diane Bergant

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

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