

## The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

Sacred Heart & Maria Regina. Neighbourhoods of Grace, entrusted to the care of the Salvatorians.

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

## A Prayer for Humility

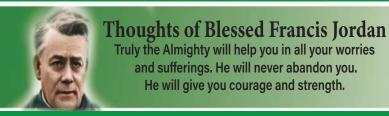
Father in heaven, we praise You for Jesus' beautiful example of humility. We strive to be more like Him every day, but ourpride often gets in the way. We think we know everything, when we actually, know very little. We join the tide of selfishness that flows in our notion. Forgive us Father. Rescue us from pride and help us choose a path of humility instead. May our pursuit of it glorify and honour You, O Lord. Amen.

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#### **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.



"Anyone who welcomes one of these children in my name, welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:37



#### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For The Cry of the Earth

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

#### **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
Exposition of the
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

**Deceased Anniversary Joe Romeo Denise Carmody** 

Recently Deceased James (Jim) Hammond

## Prayer for the Sick

Anna Śmigowska **Anne Gerathy James** Marcia Bailey Cindy Kalalo Maureen Larios Denise Wagner Marco Sangiacamo **Elaine Boyes** Pauline Chipman Anna Svetlana Leonor Sofia Anna Kantonec Mother Pauline

Angela Miller

Philip Khalifeh

Robert McCauley

Heidi Taylor

#### **DVD REVIEW**

Convinced by the Truth
By: Fr John Fleming



This DVD tellsof Dr Fleming who was an agnostic in his teens and later, was ordained into the Anglican Church but the doctrines made him decide to become a Catholic priest instead.

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#### **Liturgy for the Week**

23/09 Monday, St Pius of Pietrelcina Prov 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

24/09 Tuesday, Ordinary Time 25 Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

25/09 Wednesday, Ordinary Time 25 Prov 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

26/09 Thursday, Ordinary Time 25 Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

27/09 Friday, St Vincent de Paul Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

28/09 Saturday, Ordinary Time 25 Eccl 11:9 - 12:8; Lk 9:43-45

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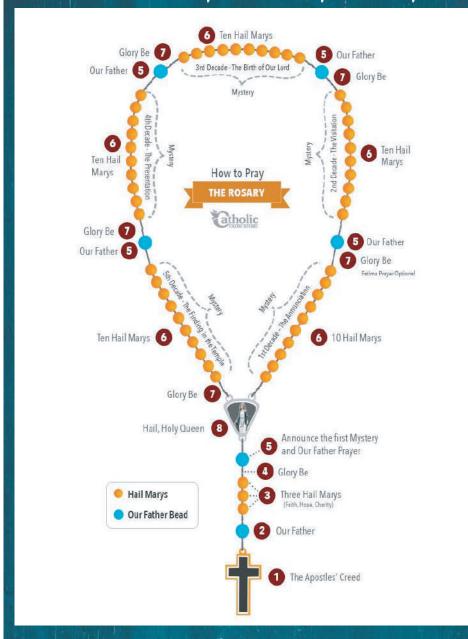
#### ALL MEN WELCOME

We Meet
First Tuesday of every Month
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For any questions contac Joe Cilia – 0418 863 814

## How to Pray the Holy Rosary



### **Mysteries of the Holy Rosary**

#### JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Happy times in the lives of
Jesus and Mary
(Monday & Saturday)
The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Nativity of Jesus
The Presentation
Finding Jesus in the Temple

#### **LUMINOUS MYSTERIES**

These recall times in Jesus'
life when he revealed God's kingdom
(Thursday)
The Baptism at Jordan River
The First Miracle at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist

#### **SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

Sad moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary (Tuesday & Friday)
The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion and Death

#### **GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

These mysteries show the Divinity of Jesus (Sunday & Wednesday)
The Baptism at Jordan River
The First Miracle at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist

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Principal: Ms Kirsty Thorpe

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



#### Parish Bulletin Term 3, Week 9

Year 8 students enjoyed a Sydney Theatre production by the Poetry in Action group, presenting The World of Poetry. This incursion continues the engagement with poetry beyond the classroom, emphasising how poetry reflects the attitudes of people towards their culture and countries.

Year 10 students attended the Education & Employment Expo 2024 at Brookvale TAFE this week, an event for students exploring courses and workers seeking new opportunities.

Please join us in praying and extending best wishes to our Year 11 students as they complete their Preliminary Examinations this week and next. They are excited to begin their HSC studies in Term 4. We also ask for continued prayers for our Year 12s, who are enjoying their final days of school and preparing for their HSC exams.

We are finalising significant events for our Year 12 students, including the Year 12 Graduation and Awards Assembly, Luncheon, Graduation Mass and Valedictory Dinner. Our students are deeply grateful for the community they have found at Mater Maria and are eagerly anticipating these special celebrations next week.

Faith Fridays continue to be a highlight, with our youth group gathering in the Chapel each week. These gatherings provide a peaceful opportunity for reflection and connection.

This week's sporting activities included the NSWCCC Athletics Championships, MWBA Basketball, Peninsula Cup Soccer (U14s and Opens Girls), CSBB AFL Gala Day for Junior and Intermediate Girls, and the CSBB Rugby 7s Gala Day for Junior and Intermediate Boys. The enthusiasm and dedication of our students is a testament to the strong school spirit at Mater Maria.

Applications for Year 7 in 2027 and 2028 are now open. There is currently a waitlist for Year 6 to Year 7 transitions in 2025 and 2026, as well as for other year groups in 2024. For more details or to apply, please visit our enrolments page: https://matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/

May God continue to bless our College community and quide us in all our endeavours.

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."
- Mathew 23:12

## Public Rosary

"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary.

For her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today.

CAll graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

St Padre Pio



Join us for a Nationwide Rosary Chain Saturday, 12th of October 2024 at 10 am, Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima



## The Origins of the Rosary



According to one tradition, the rosary's defining moment came during an apparition of Mary to Saint Dominic around the year 1221. Dominic was combating a popular heresy in France called Albigensianism. Mary gave him the result of the total beauty to the total beauty to the second of the second the rosary, told him to teach people this devotion, and promised that his apostolic efforts would be blessed with much success if he did. We know the religious order Dominic founded (the Dominicans) clearly played a major role in promoting the rosary throughout the world in the early years of this devotion.

The Poor Man's Breviary
Another important development in the history of the rosary is found in its roots in the liturgical prayer of the Church. In the medieval period, there was a desire to give the laity a form of common prayer similar to that of the monasteries Monastic prayer was structured around the Psalter—the recitation of all 150 psalms from the Bible. At that time, however, most laity could not afford a Psalter, and most could not even read. As a parallel to the monastic reading of the 150 psalms, the practice developed among the laity of praying the Our Father 150 times throughout the day, is devotion came to be known as "the poor man's breviary." e laity eventually were given beads to help them count their

Marian devotion followed a similar pattern. Gabriel's words, "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28), sometimes were read in the monasteries at the end of a psalm, showing how the psalms found fulfillment in the New Testament with the coming of Christ through the Virgin Mary. Some laity began to recite these words in the manner of the Our Father—150 times, while counting their prayers on beads. In repeating the words of Gabriel, they were reliving the joy of the annunciation and celebrating the mystery of God becoming man in Mary's womb.

Christians linked this prayer with Elizabeth's words to Mary at the Visitation: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). Finally, with the addition of the name "Jesus" in the thirteenth century, the first half of the Hail Mary was in place, is early form of Hail Mary was in place. is early form of the Hail Mary was recited 150 times on the beads. By the fifteenth century, the 150 Hail Marys had been divided into sets of ten, known as "decades," with an Our Father at the beginning of each.

**Meditating on Mysteries** Another line of development in monastic

prayer eventually led to the practice of contemplating Christ's life while reciting the Hail Marys. Some monasteries began associating the psalms with an aspect of Jesus's life. At the end of each psalm, the monks would recite a phrase relating that psalm to the life of Jesus or Mary. Taken together, these phrases formed a brief life of Christ and his mother. A devotion that joined fifty of these phrases with the praying of fifty Hail Marys began in the early fifteenth century. However, since fifty points of reflection generally could not be recalled without a book, the devotion was simplified by reducing the mediateion. simplified by reducing the meditation points to fifteen, with one for every decade. us, by the end of the fifteenth century, the basic structure of the rosary was in place: Our Fathers dividing decades of Hail Marys, with meditations on the life of Christ and Mary. In the sixteenth century, the sets of five Joyful, five Sorrowful, and five Glorious Mysteries as we know them today began to emerge. Also, the vocal prayers of the rosary were finalized. The Glory Be was added to the end of every decade, and the second half of the Hail Mary was formalized: "Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pius V officially approved the rosary in this form: fifteen decades of Hail Marys introduced by the Our Father and concluded with the Glory Be. And so the rosary remained for over four centuries. Then, in 2002, Pope Saint John Paul II proposed something new.

pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen." In 1569, Pope Saint

The Luminous Mysteries The graphic offered clear instructions on

how to pray the rosary, explaining which prayer—Our Father, Hail Mary, or Glory Be—should be recited with which bead. The day before the article's publication, Pope John Paul II published his Apostolic Letter on the Most Holy Rosary, Rosarium Virginis Mariae. The letter announced the Year of the Rosary and called on Catholics to renew their devotion to this traditional prayer. However, what grabbed the attention of the entire Catholic world was John Paul II's proposal of a whole new set of mysteries for contemplation in the rosary, the "Mysteries of Light" or "Luminous Mysteries."

John Paul II suggested that reflection on the mysteries of Christ's public ministry would help Catholics enter more fully into the life of Jesus through the rosary: "To bring out fully the Christological depth of the Rosary it would be suitable to make an addition to the traditional pattern which...could broaden it to include the mysteries of Christ's public ministry between his Baptism and his passion" (RVM, 19), e pope proposed the following scenes to be contemplated: (1) Christ's baptism, (2) the wedding feast at Cana, (3) the proclamation of the kingdom, (4) the Transfiguration, and (5) the institution of the Eucharist. The pope's invitation to reflect on these mysteries makes a lot of sense. As some have noted, in the traditional form of the rosary, the transition from the fifth Joyful Mystery to the first Sorrowful Mystery seemed rather abrupt. We moved from Jesus as a twelve-year-old boy found by

his parents in the temple to Jesus as a 33-year-old man about to be crucified on Calvary. The Mysteries of Light fill in

The pope also said he hoped the addition of new mysteries would give the rosary "fresh life" at a time when the rosary was devalued in many parts of the Church. He hoped this new vitality would help "enkindle renewed interest in the Rosary's place within Christian spirituality as a true doorway to the depths of the Heart of Christ, ocean of joy and of light, of suffering and of glory" (RVM, 19). Indeed, the Mysteries of Light seem to be not only a most fitting development of the rosary, but also a providential one for our age and one that is likely to stand the test of time.

By: Edward Sri Fransiscan Media

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## The Living Word

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part

and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture.

and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

#### The word of the Lord

#### **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

#### (R.) The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

**Second Reading** James 3:16 – 4:3 **A reading from the letter of St James** *Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.* 

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you

haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

#### The word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:30-37 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord

#### **Communion Antiphon** Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

#### **REFLECTION** by Diane Bergant

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their

dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

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#### Welcome to Pittwater Parish

Nora Diane Nugent Mae Felicity Nugent at

Maria Regina Church Avalon on the 18th of August 2024

Genevieve Rose Falkland Louise Charles Falkland

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on the
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for the Sacrament of Baptism





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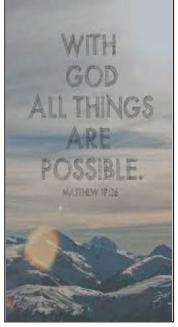
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