



# The Catholic Parish of Pittwater

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

*Pope Francis' prayer to Mary to intercede to end the pandemic.*

*(During Rosary with world's shrines)*

O Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes to us in this pandemic of coronavirus, and comfort those who are lost and weeping for their dearly departed, sometimes buried in a way that hurts the soul."

"Support those who are distressed for the sick people to whom, to prevent contagion, they cannot stay near. Instill confidence in those who are anxious about the uncertain future and the consequences for the economy and work."

"Mother of God and our Mother, implore for us from God, Father of mercy, that this hard trial ends and that a horizon of hope and peace returns."

"As at Cana, come to your Son Jesus, asking him to comfort the families of the sick and victims and to open their hearts to trust. Protect the doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, volunteers who in this time of emergency are in the front line and put their lives at risk to save other lives."

"Accompany their fatigue and give them strength, goodness and health. Be close to those who night and day care for the sick, to priests and consecrated persons who, with pastoral solicitude and evangelical commitment, seek to help and support everyone."

"O Mary, comforter of the afflicted, embrace all your troubled children and ask that the Merciful Father intervene with his omnipotent hand to free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life may take its daily course in serenity," he prayed.

"We entrust ourselves to You, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, O merciful, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen."



## Thoughts of Fr Francis Jordan

No sacrifice, no cross, no desolation, no trial, no temptation, oh! absolutely nothing should be too difficult for you with the help of God's grace. I can do all things in God who strengthens me.



12 June 2020

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, 14th June, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, known as the feast of Corpus Christi. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate Christ's gift to us in the Eucharist. Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we meet Jesus, the Risen Lord who comes to us under signs of bread and wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life. On this feast day, we proclaim our belief in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Over the past few months with the Covid-19 pandemic, we have hungered to receive the Eucharist at Mass. As the Churches are now open, even though it is for a limited number of people, it is a good way for us to come together and express our gratitude for the Eucharist.

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This weekend at all of our Masses, we will conclude with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction, giving us all an opportunity to encounter Christ and to appreciate Jesus's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

On Tuesday, 16th June, our Salvatorian Family celebrates the birthday of the Founder of the Salvatorians, Fr Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. On this day, our Salvatorian Seminarian who on pastoral placement in our Parish, Anthony Thai SDS, will renew his religious vows. Please keep him, along with all Salvatorian seminarians in your prayers.

There are still some spots available for this weekend's Masses. Remember to check both of our Churches to book for a place. Bookings can now also be made for next weekend.

To book for our Weekend Masses at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJPSE>

To book for our Weekend Masses at Maria Regina Church, Avalon, please visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJPSP>

If you don't have access to a computer and cannot access Trybooking, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office to book your place.

Although there is no need to book for the weekday Masses, please remember to register your attendance on the sheets as you enter the Church for the purposes of contact-tracing if it becomes necessary. You do not need to register your attendance for our weekend Masses as your name will be on our attendance list from Trybooking.

Thank you for protecting one another by maintaining social distancing, sitting in the marked spaces and using the sanitiser provided.

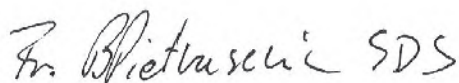
As you know, the money contributed to our Parish through our second collection ensures the financial survival of our Parish as these donations help to meet the running costs that the Parish incurs 365 days a year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous financial support to the life, mission and future of our Parish. We have been asked to avoid the passing around of collection plates. For this reason, please make your donations to our first and second collections via the boxes placed at the back of our Churches or to use the "Tap n Go" credit card facilities. Donations can be made by Visa or MasterCard via our website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving>. Of course, I understand that many people are financially affected by the COVID-19 crisis with lost jobs and declining business. I know that may affect your contribution. Please be assured of my prayers that your situation will soon improve.

For those that are vulnerable or unwell or have missed out on booking a place at our weekend Masses, we will continue to livestream our 5pm Mass on Saturdays and 10am Mass on Sundays so that all are able to join in Spiritual Communion with us. To join the livestreaming please visit our parish website <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/news-events/parish-news/livestream-our-weekend-masses>

Donations are still also needed to support the Charitable Works Fund. Donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible and donations can be made by credit card by clicking the Bpoint logo at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/pittwater/archive/donations-and-giving>. All your donations will help us meet the annual parish quota of \$57487, of which over \$30000 is still outstanding.

Fr Richard and I are looking forward to seeing you over the weekend. Please continue to spread the wonderful news that the Churches are once again open.

Yours in Jesus Christ our Saviour,



**Fr Bronek Pietruszewicz SDS**  
**Parish Priest**





# Vinnies

**Vinnies changes lives everyday.**

Show your support and give to our annual appeal


For the needy, help is available by contacting the Brookvale Centre 9905 0424 during business hours.

Did you know that if you are new to our parish you can register your details through our website or if your contact details have changed you can update them. Simply go to [www.pittwaterparish.org](http://www.pittwaterparish.org), click on the "Welcome" menu item and select "Parishioner Registration" from the dropdown menu. If you have any problems, please contact the parish office on 9157 0999.

### LIBRARY


"Now that the restrictions have been lifted concerning the opening of churches, although at present only 10 people, we can access the Library. You are very welcome to browse the vast assortment of books and DVDs in the Parish Library at Maria Regina after the daily and weekend Masses." Books and DVDs will still be reviewed in the Bulletin."

if you have an inquiry you may phone me on 99183973 (Home) 0401613643 (mobile).



Trish Newman

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions For June



#### The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

### We Pray for Recently Deceased

Yann Samuel Sammut

If you would like the names of your relatives or friends and offerings included, please drop the envelope in to the Parish Office by Midday on Wednesdays. Thank You.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord, And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen. May Their Souls And The Souls Of The Faithful Departed, Through The Mercy Of God, Rest In Peace. Amen.

### Deceased Anniversary

Vimala Aloysius  
Kim Purser  
Souls in Purgatory  
Norma Poppleton


### Prayers for the Sick

Tayla Riddle  
Giovanni Returra  
Bill Eyre  
Manny Zarb  
Philip Maddrel  
Gail Reiher  
Imelda Vince  
Eric Domagas  
Vicky Villaluz  
Ben Castillo  
Moira Howie  
Carol Brennan  
Jomar  
Christine Hills  
Donald McRae  
Mary O'Connor  
Sara Zofrea  
Beryl Peo-Duncan  
Joe Romeo  
John Andrew Graham  
John Charles Graham

The names on this list will be removed after four weeks unless otherwise requested or advised. Thank you

### BOOK REVIEW

#### Dominum et Vivificantem



This Encyclical Letter of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II explains how the Church professes her faith in the Holy Spirit as "the Lord, the giver of life"

### If you are experiencing Domestic Violence

Ring 1800 RESPECT  
1800 737 732

### Weekend Masses from our parish will be live-streamed :

Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm and Sunday Morning Mass 10am  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBpLC9Gn8yp4qW-TU0GDzsw/videos> or search Pittwater Parish on Youtube or follow the link on our Parish Website  
Please check our website for links to the other celebrations [www.pittwaterparish.org](http://www.pittwaterparish.org) or our facebook page for updates.



To ensure that we fulfil the requirements of the 50 people limit, we would like you to use the Trybooking website to book for our weekend Masses. There is no need to book for the weekday Masses. The bookings are now open and will close at 4pm on Fridays. Further weekend Masses will be added each week, taking into consideration any changes in government restrictions.

- Here are some pointers that might help:
- Once you have selected the Mass you would like to book for, you will need to enter the quantity of tickets at the bottom of the page. Then click NEXT.
  - Once you have read and agreed to the "Additional Information" you will need to select "YES" from the dropdown box that says "I Agree to the Terms Above"
  - You will then need to enter the First Name and the Last Name of each of the Attendees. Then click NEXT.
  - In the Checkout, you will need to complete all the fields, First Name, Last Name, Phone Number, Address, Suburb, Postcode and Email Address. Then click PURCHASE.
  - If you have completed the transaction successfully, you will see "Transaction Successful" on the following page and you will receive an email with the "ticket" to the Mass you have selected.
  - If you do not see "Transaction Successful" and you do not receive an email (please remember to check your junk email) then the items may still be in your cart and you may need to re-complete one of the steps.
  - You do not need to print the ticket. We will have your name on the "Ticket Holder List" for each Mass.


To book for our Masses at Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BJPSE>  
To book for our Masses at Maria Regina Church, Avalon, please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BJPSP>  
Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish office 9157 0999 if you need any assistance.

Watch the daily Mass on Demand at <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>  
We hope that this will help the faithful to celebrate the Holy Mass online wherever they are



### PLANNED GIVING

The money contributed to our parish via our second collection helps us to meet the running costs which our Parish incurs, including wages, electricity, telephones, insurances, rates, building and equipment repairs and maintenance, to name but a few. As we are unable to donate via our second collection at present, our parish will not receive the funds which are truly needed to cover our relentless stream of expenses. Whilst you are unable to attend Mass, if you are able to make your regular donation by way of automatic direct debit from your credit card, please complete the form included in this bulletin. **Or donations can be made on our website: [www.pittwaterparish.org](http://www.pittwaterparish.org) through the donations and giving tile.** If you would prefer not to give by credit card, please contact the parish office, 9157 0999 for other ways that you can contribute.



### The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday 19th June 2020



As it is the feast day of our Church, (Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale) we will celebrate this feast day on Friday as well as the Masses over the weekend at Sacred Heart Church.



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## Planned Giving Direct Debit Agreement Form for Contributions Via Credit Card

- I am an existing Planned Giving contributor
- I am new to Planned Giving



Full Name			
Address:			
Telephone:		Email:	

### Payment Agreement

<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
Debit Amount:	\$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Until Further Notice

### Debit from Credit Card

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This authorisation is to remain in force until notice is received in writing for it to be changed.

Signatory of Nominated Account:		Date:	/	/
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**Thank you for supporting our planned giving programme.**

Please return the completed form to the parish office or email to [office@pittwaterparish.org](mailto:office@pittwaterparish.org)

### Terms and Conditions

I/We hereby authorise The Catholic Parish of Pittwater to debit my/our credit card account. Monthly debits occur on the 15th day of each month or the next business day. Weekly and fortnightly debits occur on the Monday of each week or fortnight accordingly. The administration of this agreement is conducted by The Catholic Parish of Pittwater. The Catholic Parish of Pittwater will not change the amount or frequency of drawing arrangements without my prior approval. It is my responsibility to ensure that I/We have sufficient clear funds in our nominated account to enable the direct debit to be honoured by our financial institution. If the Debit request falls on a weekend or public holiday, it will be processed on the next working day. I/We are advised to verify account details against a recent bank statement and if uncertain to contact our financial institution or The Catholic Parish of Pittwater. If our Direct Debit is dishonoured or returned by our financial institution, for any reason, The Catholic Parish of Pittwater reserves the right to re-present the Direct Debit for processing again on the next business day. The Catholic Parish of Pittwater will keep the information about our nominated account at the financial institution private and confidential unless this information is required to investigate a claim made in relation to an alleged incorrect or wrongful debt, or otherwise required by law. I/We may stop, cancel, alter or defer your Direct Debit Request at any time, by contacting The Catholic Parish of Pittwater I/we agree to notify The Catholic Parish of Pittwater if the account is closed.



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Monday to Thursday  
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We acknowledge the lifelong trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families, the failures of the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the consequent breach of community trust.

**On Corpus Christi, we are reminded that creation is a gift from God**

by Rev Terrance Klein



When I was a child, one of the world's great wonders was my grandparents' garden. At least, of my world. I had never seen such a large vegetable garden. It was planted in an open field behind their house, and it dwarfed the gardens my own family planted, typically because either my brother or I were working toward a merit badge. "Dad, it says to place the seed package on a Popsicle stick at the end of the row so that we know what has been planted."

"Son, cucumbers, radishes and carrots don't look anything like each other."

Not being a Boy Scout, my grandfather also skipped the Popsicle-stick signs. Besides, his lines were much too long to see such a small thing from one end to the other. There were rows of onions, carrots, radishes and beets, as well as patches of cucumber and cantaloupe. This was the sort of garden that Depression-era farmers had planted, one intended to feed the family.

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The garden was redolent with smells: the wet hay, thrown on the ground to keep out weeds and to keep in water; the cantaloupes and cucumbers when you bent down to sniff them. And most of all, the smell of dill on your fingertips.

Beyond the garden was a little forest of dill and blackberries, planted by my grandmother. Her dill would transform cucumbers into pickles. The blackberries, which we called Schwarzeberries, were for pastries. We were always asking for a bucket, promising to pick them, though I am sure we ate more than we picked.

It was a joy to walk around the garden and to see how the earth had once again burgeoned when it encountered water and sun. Such simple, humble gifts of God!

Our sacraments have a way of humbling us. One would expect to encounter the living God with thunder and winds, say, in the skies over Kansas. Or in the awesome cloud that descended when Moses climbed Mount Sinai to converse with God.

***On this day, under the appearance of bread and wine, Christ claims creation itself to be his Eucharistic body and blood.***

But the Lord Jesus gives himself to us in the simplest of forms, in gifts of the earth itself, bread and wine. Thus he humbles us. The haughty cannot imagine devoting such attention to products of the earth, save perhaps as a symbol of something else. The lowly, who look with eyes of faith, can see the living, Eucharistic Lord.

St. Thomas Aquinas composed a poem, translated into English, for this celebration:

*Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature  
By His Word to Flesh He turns;  
Wine into His Blood He changes:  
What though sense no change discerns.  
Only be the heart in earnest,  
Faith her lesson quickly learns.*

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ has a different focus than Holy Thursday, which celebrates the Eucharistic meal and the priesthood that makes it possible.

Here we ponder the continuing presence of our Lord in the sacred elements.

He is here for us, whenever we want to enter a Catholic church and be with Christ. When we come before a tabernacle, we know that we are in the presence of another. The French philosopher Jean-Luc Marion would call this mystery an "icon," a presence that draws us out of ourselves toward itself, as opposed to an "idol," something our own minds create and then fixate upon.

On Corpus Christi our Eucharistic Lord often goes in procession, outside of the church. Of course, Christ slips out of tabernacles all the time, when he goes to nourish the sick and the dying. On this day, he receives our adoration as our Eucharistic Lord and also as the Lord of All Creation. And so, on this day we are also reminded that creation, our environment, is, like my grandparents' garden, a gift of God. Something to be cherished and cared for because God has made us its stewards.

On this day heaven and earth are truly wed. On this day, under the appearance of bread and wine, Christ claims creation itself to be his Eucharistic body and blood, much like he once and forever claimed our humanity to be his own. And in the tabernacle we call a faithful heart, we receive him into ourselves.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.**

**Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**



Most Rev Anthony Randazzo  
Bishop of Broken Bay  
Message for BBNeighbourhoods 9 June 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Food satisfies physical hunger. However, sharing a meal is more than just satisfying physical hunger. It is also satisfying the deeper human need of fellowship and welcome, solidarity and hospitality. It facilitates interpersonal exchange. It would be true to say that meal sharing promotes significant human values. It creates and reveals unity among people. Jesus knew this well and so it is no surprise that he chose a meal with his friends to give us the Eucharist. This Sunday, we commemorate the great feast of Corpus Christi. It is one moment in our liturgical year when we spend particular time and energy venerating the Body and Blood of Jesus. There are two dimensions to our remembering.

The first dimension is the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his Twelve Apostles. In this meal, he took bread, blessed it, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body". Likewise, he took a cup of wine saying, "This is my blood". When he had finished, he instructed, "Do this in memory of me". (cf 1Corinthians 11:23-26)

The second dimension of our remembering is Jesus' sacrificial death on the Cross. At the Last Supper, Jesus foretold his death on the Cross. At the Supper the bread became His body and the wine became His blood. On the Cross, His body was broken and His blood was poured out. On the Cross, Jesus is the sacrificial lamb, who dies for our sins (cf Isaiah 53:7). Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, this holy meal re-presents the sacrifice of the Cross. The significance is clear: there is a real physical re-presenting of Christ. His physical body is presented again. He is present in truth – as real flesh and real blood (cf Catechism of the Catholic Church n.1366).

The Eucharist is an experience of personal, spiritual fellowship with Christ. At the same time, it is the great action of the gathering into one body all who are redeemed in Christ through His sacrifice on the Cross.

The Eucharist is real. It is the greatest gift because Jesus Himself is really present. He is food for our journey and forgiveness for our sins.

I would like to encourage you this week to take some time to think and pray about your Eucharistic life. Be inspired by Saint Paul in your life of holiness as he reminds us, "you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1Corinthians 12:27).

Might I also invite you to consider your mission in the Body of Christ, the Church. What gifts has God given you, and how might you exercise those gifts for the common good and for the building up of the Kingdom of God?

With every blessing in the Lord,

**Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL**  
**Bishop of Broken Bay**

As we celebrate the Year of Prayer in our parish... Pope Francis' Catechesis at the General Audience on 3rd June 2020



Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

**The Prayer of Abraham**

There is a voice that resounds unexpectedly in the life of Abraham. A voice that invites him to set out on a path that sounds absurd: a voice that spurs him to uproot himself from his homeland, from the roots of his family, to move towards a new future, a different future. And all on the basis of a promise, which can only be trusted. And to trust in a promise is not easy, it takes courage. And Abraham trusted.

Bible is silent with regard to the past of the first patriarch. Logic would suggest that he worshipped other divinities; perhaps he was a wise man, used to peering at the sky and the stars. The Lord, in fact, promises him that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars that dot the sky.

And Abraham leaves. He hears God's voice and trusts His word. This is important: he trusts in God's word. And with this departure a new way of conceiving the relationship with God is born; it is for this reason that the Patriarch Abraham is present in the great Jewish, Christian and Islamic spiritual traditions as the perfect man of God, capable of submitting to Him, even when His will is difficult, if not even incomprehensible.

Abraham is therefore the man of the Word. When God speaks, men and women become the receiver of that Word and their life the place where it asks to be incarnated. This is a great novelty in humanity's religious journey: the life of the believer begins to be conceived of as a vocation, that is, as a calling, as a place where a promise is fulfilled; and he or she moves in the world not so much under the weight of an enigma, but with the strength of that promise, which one day will be fulfilled. And Abraham believed in God's promise. He believed and he went, without knowing where he was going - so says the Letter to the Hebrews (see 11: 8). But he trusted.

Reading the book of Genesis, we discover how Abraham lived prayer in continuous fidelity to that Word, which periodically appeared on his path. In

short, we can say that in Abraham's life, faith becomes history. Faith becomes history. Or rather, Abraham, with his life, by his example, teaches us this way, this path on which faith becomes history. God is no longer seen only in cosmic phenomena, as a distant God who can inspire terror. The God of Abraham becomes "my God", the God of my personal history, who guides my steps, who does not abandon me; the God of my days, the companion of my adventures; the God of Providence. I ask myself, and I ask you: do we have this experience of God? "My God"; the God who accompanies me, the God of my personal history, the God who guides my steps, who does not abandon me, the God of my days? Do we have this experience? Let us think about this a little.

This experience of Abraham is also testified to in one of the most original texts in the history of spirituality: the Memorial of Blaise Pascal. It begins as follows: "God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of philosophers and wise men. Certainty, certainty. Sentiment. Joy. Peace. God of Jesus Christ". This memorial, written on a small parchment, and found after his death stitched inside a philosopher's robe, expresses not an intellectual reflection that a wise man like him might conceive about God, but the living, experienced sense of his presence. Pascal even notes the precise moment in which he felt that reality, having finally encountered it: the evening of November 23, 1654. It is not an abstract God or a cosmic God, no, It is the God of a person, of a calling, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob, the God who is certainty, who is sentiment, who is joy.

"Abraham's prayer is expressed first by deeds: a man of silence, he constructs an altar to the Lord at each stage of his journey" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2570). Abraham does not build a temple, but rather scattered the path with stones recalling the passing of God. A surprising God, such as when He visits him in the figure of three guests, whom he and Sarah welcome with care and who announce to them the both of their son Isaac (see Gen 18: 1-15). Abraham was a hundred years old, his wife ninety, more or less. And they believed, they trusted in God. And Sarah, his wife, conceived. At that age! This is the God of Abraham, our God, who accompanies us.

And so Abraham becomes familiar with God, even able to argue with Him, but always faithful. He speaks with God and argues. Up to the supreme test, when God asks him to sacrifice his very own son, Isaac, the old man's son, his only heir. Here Abraham lives faith like a drama, like walking on tenterhooks in the night, under a sky this time without stars. And very often this happens to us too, to walk in the dark, but with faith. God Himself stops the hand of Abraham when he is about to strike, because He saw that he was truly willing (see Gen 22: 1-19).

Brothers and sisters, let us learn from Abraham, let us learn to pray with faith: listen to the Lord, walk, dialogue to the point of arguing. We must not be afraid of discussing with God! I will also say something that seems to be a heresy. Many times I have heard people say: "You know, this happened to me and I am angry with God". "Do you have the courage to be angry with God?". "Yes, I am angry". "But this is a form of prayer". Because only a son or daughter is capable of being angry with his or her father and then meeting him again. Let us learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to discuss, but always willing to accept God's word and put it into practice. With God, we learn to speak like a son to his father: to listen to him, to answer, to argue. But transparent, like a son with his father. This is how Abraham teaches us to pray. Thank you.

**Do you know someone who has a child with a Disability?**

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**Divine Saviour and Sisters of the**  
**Divine Saviour.**



**John Baptist Jordan was born on 16th June 1848** into a poor family in the village of Gurtweil, in the southwest of Germany. He was the second child of Lawrence and Notburga Jordan, who took him to be baptised the day after his birth with the name of John Baptist. His early life was uneventful, but even as a child he had to work hard and do his share to support the family, because his father had been invalided due to an accident.

At his first communion a strange incident occurred. It seemed to him that a dove fluttered over his head, but since no-one else saw it he kept the vision to himself. But from that time he committed himself to God and felt that he had a vocation to the priesthood. He was a talented and lively boy and well liked in the village. Because of the poverty of the family he could not continue at school. Instead he learned the trade of painter and decorator and travelled widely for several years practising his new profession. In this way he

saw the great spiritual and material needs of the people.

Jordan was eventually able to begin his journey to the priesthood by taking lessons in Latin from a friendly priest. He then went to the Gymnasium in Constance for two years to complete his basic education. It was not easy for him to sit in the class with much younger boys, but by dint of hard work he graduated with good marks, particularly in languages. From there he went to the Diocesan Seminary of St Peter in Friburg (Germany), where he was ordained in 1878 at the age of thirty. Already in the Seminary he showed great interest in the Missions and in the apostolate of the press, and began to have ideas about starting a work that would unite Catholic forces in the spread and defence of the faith.

Due to the Kulturkampf—the opposition of the Prussian State to the Catholic Church—he was unable to exercise his ministry in his home Diocese and his Bishop sent him to Rome to study oriental languages. He went to live at the Campo Santo Teutonico right next to St Peter's Basilica, where he soon became known as The Chinaman because of his interest in oriental languages. This extraordinary gift for languages—he had a working knowledge of more than forty languages—meant that in 1880 he was given the opportunity by the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith to travel on their behalf to the Middle East.

On this tour of Egypt and Palestine Jordan took the opportunity to discuss his plans with many eminent Churchmen; their interest in his ideas gave him great encouragement. While climbing Mount Lebanon he had a profound spiritual experience. The words of John 17:3 ran through his mind "Eternal life is this, to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." He came down from the mountain resolved to put his plans into practice.

On his return from the Middle East he began to search for collaborators. By this time he had moved to the house of S. Brigitta in Piazza Farnese where he established a printing press and started printing the monthly magazine *Der Missionär*.

On the 8th December 1881 in the Chapel of St Brigida in Rome, Father Jordan and two other priests took private vows as members of the Apostolic Teaching Society. It is this date which is kept as the foundation day of the Salvatorians.

Father Jordan would have achieved little if he had depended solely on his own abilities. Those who followed him did so because they realised that he was a man of God. They knew him to have deep faith and trust in God. Over and over again his plans had to be modified in the face of

circumstances and the demands of the Church—Jordan bowed to these changes as expressions of the will of God.

He kept a Spiritual Diary in which he poured out his deepest thoughts and prayers. This Spiritual Diary is a remarkable document, and it remains a source of inspiration to his spiritual sons and daughters. Father Jordan was very much devoted to the See of Peter and went each day to St Peter's Basilica to pray at the tomb of the Apostle. It was often said, 'If you want to see a Saint, go to St Peter's and you will see Father Jordan at prayer.'

Over the years Jordan's health was gradually undermined. Some of the reasons for this were: the stresses and strains of turning his ideas into a concrete reality; the daily worries involved in running a house of over a hundred priests, brothers and scholastics; the work of establishing the Society in many different countries in a short space of time, and the attacks he suffered in a press campaign against him in 1906. So, in 1915 when Italy entered the First World War and the Generalate moved to Switzerland, Jordan stood down as Superior General and Father Pancratius Pfeiffer took his place. Father Jordan's health took a further turn for the worse and he died in the care of the Daughters of Charity in Tafers, Switzerland on 8th September 1918. His remains are interred in a special chapel in the general headquarters of the Society of the Divine Saviour in Rome.

We see in Father Francis Jordan a man of great faith and depth of character. Early in his life he committed himself to the Lord, and to the realisation of the special task he knew he had been given. His vision, determination and faith attracted many people to follow him and join him in trying to win the world for the Saviour. His ideas have not lost their relevance with the passing of time. If anything, his idea of working closely with groups of apostolically minded laity is more relevant than ever.

***This year on 16th June, would be Fr Jordan's 172nd birthday.***



***Salvatorian seminarian Anthony Thai SDS, here on his pastoral placement, will be renewing his religious vows at a special mass on 16th June here at Pittwater.***





## WELCOME TO THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Jesus continually calls us to himself and makes himself available to us. He is everywhere but is fully present and tangible in the Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist. He has made himself available to us in the simplest, humblest food accessible by all, bread. We go to him, adore him and receive him, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. In receiving the Eucharist, Jesus lives in us and we become one with him, taking all that he offers us, peace, hope and love into the world so that others who do not yet know him, encounter him and his promises through us.



### GOSPEL READING: JOHN 6:55-56

"For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him."

#### Read the full text at

<https://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>



### REFLECTION:

"Jesus offered them something more than food to feed their bellies. He offered them the feast of eternal life!"

<http://www.word-sunday.com/Files/a/CorpusChristi-a/A-CorpusChristi-a.html>

### PRAYER:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. Amen



<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/anima-christi-384>

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Origin of Corpus Christi:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLZmUWWVrzE>

Virtual Eucharistic Conference: [https://www.virtualcatholicconference.com/Eucharist2020?r\\_done=1](https://www.virtualcatholicconference.com/Eucharist2020?r_done=1)

What is the Point of Eucharistic Adoration? – Spiritual Direction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Fy7nrWGy8w>

### SONG:

Praise to You – 4PM Media:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKoh-AZlio8>

### THIS WEEK:

If your parish is now offering Adoration, go and spend time with Jesus in silence and enjoy His company.

### FEAST:

**19 June - Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** has been officially celebrated since the 18th century, however devotion to the Sacred Heart is seen as far back as the 11th century. The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart as well as each first Friday of the month. Jesus made 12 promises, through personal revelation St Margaret Mary Alacoque, to those who honour the Sacred Heart. The Heart of the Son is close to the heart of his mother who's Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is celebrated on 20 June.

<https://aleteia.org/2018/06/08/-visual-guide-to-the-12-promises-of-the-sacred-heart/>

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### CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

Sophia SketchPad: The Eucharist – Sophia Institute for Teachers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QcB7Uem00n4>

Revive our Hearts – Gen Bryant & J. Sano:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8irpz-pwYDI>

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# The *Living* Word

## Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 80:17*

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

## First Reading *Dt 8:2-3, 14-16* A reading from the book of Deuteronomy *He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v.12*

**(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

or

**(R) Alleluia!**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**

He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

## Second Reading *1 Cor 10:16-17* A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians *Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

## The word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation *Jn 6:51-52*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel *Jn 6:51-58* A reading from the holy Gospel according to John *My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus,  
'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me  
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

## The Gospel of the Lord

## Communion Antiphon *Jn 6:57*

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

*This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.*

*Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins*

*us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.*

**Only in silence can the word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the word and, inseparably, woman of silence.**

Verbum Domini (2010) 66

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.

Laudato Si (2015) 236



## The Charitable Works Fund

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The CWF is still working by providing the funds to ensure our trained CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are available by mobile phone for those in hospitals in our Diocese. With restrictions on visitors, Pastoral Care Practitioners are needed more than ever for the patients, their families and the staff in the hospitals in our Diocese.

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The CWF is still working by assisting St Lucy's School and St Edmund's College care for students with special needs who are still attending providing additional funds to two schools with students with special needs.

The CWF works every day by providing funds to those who are deaf or hard of hearing through the Ephpheta Centre.

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**Liturgy for the Week**

15/06 **Monday Ordinary Time 11**  
 Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17;  
 Jn 6:51-58

16/06 **Tuesday Ordinary Time 11**  
 1 Kg 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42

17/06 **Wednesday Ordinary Time 11**  
 1 Kg 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48

18/06 **Thursday Ordinary Time 11**  
 2 Kg 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

19/06 **Friday The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
 Deut 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16;  
 Mt 11:25-30

20/06 **Saturday The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 (Is 61:9-11); Lk 2:41-51



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