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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

Thoughts of Blessed Francis Jordan
First, I wish you peace with God. Seek to remove all
that could disturb this peace... Be assured, however,
that peace sometimes means sacrifices!

Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, you called Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan to be your apostle, to make God known and loved by all people everywhere, using all the means your love inspires. You filled him with universal apostolic zeal, with a deep trust in God's loving providence, with a profound spirit of prayer, with a sincere devotion to Mary, Mother of the Saviour, and with the courage to follow you, even in the mystery of the Cross. Grant also to me the grace to proclaim the Gospel in this spirit, and make me an effective apostle in today's world. I make this prayer through you, my Saviour,



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who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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Deace Bethlehem Candle

"represents how Jesus' arrival on Earth signaled the arrival of true peace. Emmanuel – God with us – the very presence of God in human form, made peace possible. We can now access "peace that surpasses human understanding."



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognise Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

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 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 for

Deceased Anniversary

Josip Juricev Gina Musumeci Antonio Musumeci

Prayer for the Sick

Anna Śmigowska **James Bruce Farr** Cindy Kalalo Maureen Larios Denise Wagner Anna Maria **Elaine Boyes** Pauline Chipman Anna Svetlana Leonor Sofia Anna Kantonec Mother Pauline Angela Miller Philip Khalifeh Joseph Khalifeh Robert McCauley Heidi Taylor

BOOK REVIEW

Talks of Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan



Father Leonard of the Lay Salvatorians in Australia told us about Father Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan. As a follow up, this book gives us, in the talks that survive, his vision both his Society and of his entire mission.

A heart at PEACE gives life to the body.

Proverbs 14:30

Liturgy for the Week

09/12 Monday, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jer 33:14-16; Lk 21:25-28

10/12 Tuesday, 2nd Week of Advent Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

11/12 Wednesday, 2nd Week of Advent Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

12/12 Thursday,2nd Week of Advent Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

13/12 Friday, St Lucy Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

14/12 Saturday,St John of the Cross Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13

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For any questions contact Joe Cilia – 0418 863 814

Christmas Mass Times 2024



Sacred Heart Church Mona Vale

Christmas Eve

24 December

Family Mass

5:00 PM

Youth Mass

9:00 PM

Midnight Mass

12:00 AM

Christmas Day

25 December

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Maria Regina Church Avalon

Christmas Eve

24 December

Family Mass

6:00 PM

Vigil Mass

9:00 PM

Christmas Day

25 December 9am

🔊 Vinnies Linnies Christmas Appeal Vinnies will be collecting the Annual Christmas Appeal on the consecutive weekends of 7th December & 8th December and 14th December & 15th December Envelopes are provided in the Church's pews. Gifts are Tax Deductible. We will be seeking contributions of Christmas Hampers containing gifts for deserving Pittwater and Northern Beaches families. Cards will be displayed in both Churches to allow you to select a particular family. You are requested to bring the hampers to either Churches, Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale or Maria Regina Church, Avalon on the weekend of 14th & 15th December. As always, your gifts and generosity will be reatly appreciated by Vinnies and the deserving families.

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Principal: Mr Marc Reicher



Parish Bulletin - Term 4, Week 8

This Monday, the Marana Complex at the College was filled with celebration as we held our Year 10 Awards Ceremony, recognising our students' talents, service and academic growth. The Year 10 cohort showed remarkable dedication to learning, embodying the essence of EPIC learners. We also introduced the 2025 Year 11 House Captains, who will be excellent role models next year. That evening, our students celebrated the end of the school year with the Year 10 Formal, joyful event where everyone looked stunning in their exquisite dresses and suits.

To further reward and recognise our students, those who earned the highest number of EPI House Cup points in each Year Group enjoyed an exciting excursion to Luna Park, North Sydney. The day was a delightful blend of fun and camaraderie for all involved.

We treated our committed readers of this year's Premier Reading Challenge to a pizza lunch on Monday.

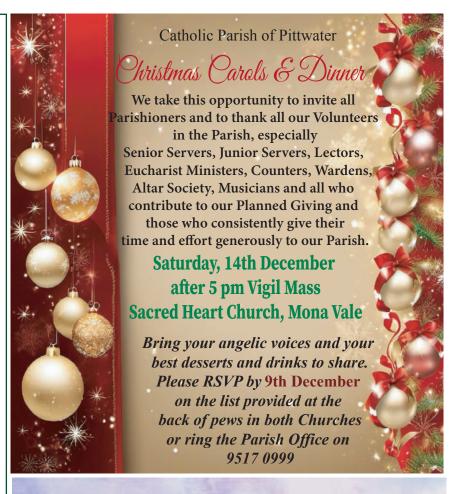
Our annual Advent Liturgy and Social event took place on Tuesday, bringing together the College Advisory Board, Parents in Partnership members, executive team and new staff. The evening concluded with soul-soothing carols at the Byrne Theatre, where the Concert Band's performance raised generous donations for the Friends of Soibada, dedicated to projects in East Timor. Students also performed carols at our Faith Friday lunchtime event.

On Friday, several students joined the Northern Beaches community for a walk from Queenscliff Lagoon to Shelly Beach, wearing orange to raise awareness and show support for those impacted by violence. The walk was led by Zonta and Rotary Warringah and supported by the Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Network.

We had a special night at the College on Friday. We held a charity fundraiser for Saxon Carr, a Year 12 graduate from our College. It was an engaging evening featuring games, motivational speakers, trivia, silent auction and live auction, all aimed at raising funds to support Saxon Carr's goal of purchasing essential equipment following a recent spinal cord injury that has left him paraplegic.

In sports, the CSBB Surf Lifesaving Championships took place at Terrigal Beach on the Central Coast. The final game of the Manly Warringah Shield Cricket also took place this week. A huge turnout of students attended the Manly League Tag gala day at Rat Park in Cromer on Wednesday.

The College is now accepting applications for Year 7 in 2027 and 2028, with a waitlist for Year 6 to Year 7 transitions in 2025 and 2026. For more information, please visit our enrolments page at www.matermaria.nsw.edu.au/enrolments.



PARISH RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

ADVENT is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us.

Thursday, 19th December
Individual Reconciliation after the 7 pm Mass
Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale

Several Priests will be available to hear the Confessions. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness.



Salvatorians History in Australia





The Salvatorian Story John Baptist Jordan was born on June 16, 1848 in Gurtweil, Germany, a small town in the Black Forest region. For his work as a labourer and painter-decorator, he traveled throughout his homeland. In his travels, he saw how government

constraints – known as the "Kulturkampf" – discouraged Roman Catholics from practicing their faith. It only strengthened Jordan's faith, however, and on July 21, 1878 he was ordained to the priesthood in Freiburg,

Fr. Jordan pondered how to combat the growing void in spirituality and religion. In September 1880, he met with Pope Leo XIII and outlined his vision to found a society devoted to teaching of the faith. For the times, Fr. Jordan's vision was bold: men and women, religious and lay, working together as equals to bring the Gospel of the Savior to all people

everywhere.

everywhere. The pope gave Jordan his blessing, and on December 8, 1881 Fr. Jordan and two others professed private vows as members of the Apostolic Teaching Society. Eventually, Therese Von Wülleweber joined them. Together with Fr. Jordan, she would co-found the Sisters of the Divine Savior and lead the congregation as Mother Mary of the Apostles for 19 years. The first Lay Salvatorians made their commitment in 1971 and the Lay Salvatorians adopted 1971 and the Lay Salvatorians adopted their formal name, International Community of the Divine Savior, in 2006. As Fr. Jordan's followers grew in numbers, they were sent as missionaries around the world.

Fr. Jordan died in Tafers, Switzerland on September 8, 1918 and was buried in the local church. In 1956, his body was moved to Rome and entombed in a special chapel in the Society
Motherhouse. On March 19, 1999, Pope
John Paul II visited and prayed at Fr. Jordan's tomb.

The Salvatorian Family
Today, more than 2,000 priests and brothers, sisters, and Lay Salvatorian women and men carry out Fr. Jordan's mission in a variety of ministries on six continents. They are known as the three branches of the Salvatorian Family: The Society of the Divine Saviour (priests and brothers); the Divine Saviour Congregation (sisters); and International Community of the Divine Savior, or Lay Salvatorians. Fr. Wocken explains, "Fr. Jordan valued universality, inclusiveness and collaboration as essential to the mission of proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world."

The First Community

The history of the Salvatorians in Australia began in 1961. A few years earlier the Archbishop of Perth, Redmond Prendiville, sent a letter of invitation to the head of our Society in Rome, Fr Bonaventura Schweizer. Replying to the invitation Fr Schweizer sent the first Savatorian, Fr Paul Keyte to Australia in 1961. Fr Paul was asked to take pastoral care of the new parish of Bellevue. The beginnings were difficult. The parish community life centered around the local catholic school, as there was no church, and no parish house or office facilities. In the following years a few more Salvatorians from the British Province joined Fr Paul.

St Anthony's Church

In 1966 the new St Anthony's Church, In 1966 the new St Anthony's Church, together with the accommodation for priests and the parish centre were opened in Bellevue. The parish of St Anthony was the only Salvatorian centre in Australia until the year 1982, when Fr Aloysius McDonagh became the Parish Priest of Esperance, in the diocese of Bunbury. In the late 70's, prompted by the shortage in numbers, the British Province of the Salvatorians seriously considered passing on their ministry in Australia to the vibrant Polish Province. During the transition period (1979-1987) four Polish Salvatorians worked together with the British Province Salvatorians (who were mostly Irish). Over all there had been six Salvatorian priests and one brother from the British Province who worked in Australia in 1961-1987.

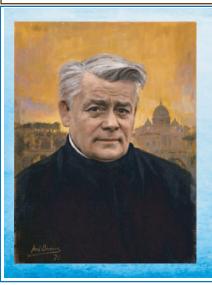
Region of the Polish Province In 1987 the Polish Province of Salvatorians officially took over from the British Province. This decision created a need for new people who would continue the ministry undertaken by the Salvatorians from the British Province. As a result three volunteers from the Polish Province arrived in Perth in 1988. Since then, almost every year, we have been getting "new blood" from Poland. At present there are over twenty Polish Salvatorians sharing their lives and ministry in Australia.

The Current Community
Thanks to the wonderful personal support of the Polish Province we have been able to expend and undertake pastoral care in a number of parishes in Perth and country areas of Western Australia. Since 2001, Polish Salvatorians have been working also in the Broken Bay Diocese, NSW. Following the teaching of our Founder, Fr Francis Jordan, we try to take a broad approach to our priestly ministry.

Therefore, we do not restrict ourselves to the parish pastoral ministry only. A few of our priests have been working as school chaplains over the last several years.

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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the **Salvatorians Foundation Day**

Special Masses on Monday, 9th December 8.00 am - Maria Regina Church, Avalon 9.30 am - Sacred Heart Church, Mona Vale



The Living Word

Entrance Antiphon Isaiah 30:19,30 O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading Baruch 5:1-9 **A reading from the prophet Baruch** *Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,

put on the beauty of the glory of God for

wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,

put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:

since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,

since the name God gives you for ever will be,

'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east

at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,

the filling of the valleys to make the ground level

so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade

for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory

with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3 (R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs (R.)

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)



Second Reading Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11 **A reading from the letter of St Paul to** the Philippians

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4. 6 Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:1-6 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

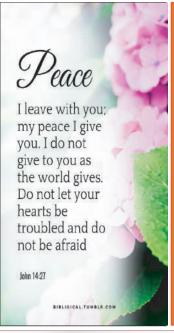
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The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary. John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

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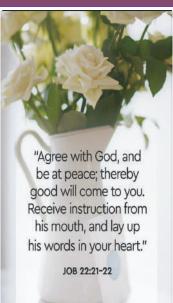
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