Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney

Weekly Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Advent
10 December 2017

Liturgy Times

SUNDAY:
8:30am, 10:00am.
Children's Liturgy during school term
TUESDAY: 8:30am Adoration, 9.15am Mass
WEDNESDAY: 7:00am
THURSDAY: 9:15am
FRIDAY: 8:30am Adoration, 9.15am Mass
SATURDAY: 9:00am
(Adoration and Reconciliation after Mass)
5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 9:30-10:00am; 4:25-4:50pm

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Dear friends,

As this is my last weekend with you I want to say thank you for your support and love. I have felt very much at home here. I have loved walking with you, even if it was at a speedy pace!
The move has made me think about what 'home' means. To me a home is not so much a place, but a community of like minded hearts and minds. When we gather as a catholic community we create a spiritual home. May we continue to be daring in witnessing and living the gospel.

Fr Peter Kwak will reside here until the Archbishop appoints a new Parish Priest some time in the new year. Fr Peter is well known to many of you and will be able to assit you with any pastoral needs you have.

Fr Gerard and I will be kept very busy with three parishes! Please pray for us that our ministry may always promote a spirit of welcome, respect and support.

Christmas Mass Times
Sunday 24th (vigil) 7.00pm
Monday 25th: Midnight, 8.30am & 10.00am

As Christmas day falls on a Monday this year the Sunday evening Mass does NOT fulfil both one's Sunday obligation and Christmas obligation.

Paul

~ Have a happy week, Fr Paul

The Week Ahead

Sun 10 Dec **2 Advent**	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 11 Dec		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 12 Dec	9.15am	Mass
Wed 13 Dec	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 14 Dec	9.15am	Mass
Fri 15 Dec	8.30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 16 Dec	9.00am 4.20pm 5.00pm	Mass & Reconciliation & Benediction Reconciliation NO VIGIL MASS
Sun 17 Dec **3 Advent**	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Please pray for...

In Loving Memory

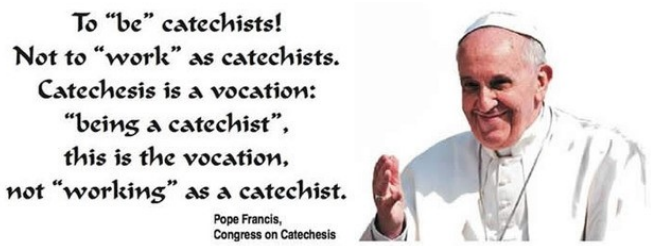
Adel Hakim, Louis Goveia, Antonino Puglia, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Laspina Giuseppa Leotta, Rosa Ferlito, Frank Meaney Snr., Frank Meaney Jnr, Fichera Al Fio, Joseph Agius, Josephine Agius, Fichera Cal Fio, Francesco Aversa, Iris Sceri, Paul Lauria, Lina Paolercio, Margaret Wilkie, Frank Meaney Jnr, Monsignor John Lyle, John Brogan, Donato Tozzi, Mary Crawford, Maria Dos Santos, Tereza Dos Santos, Manuel Vieira, Gloria Vieira, Carmelo Algozzino, Bernard John Mortimer, Pat Smith, James Roebuck, Ugo Buracchi, Dan Hall, Margherita Falsone, Maria Mandich, Neville Zacka, Anthony Nguyen, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Bartolo Tesoriero, Tony Tesoriero, Carmelo Algozzino, Martin Mifsud, Stephen Xuereb, Marc David Sollazzo, Anna Maria Cicuto, Edmund Banfield, Frederika Streiff, Buyung Elias, Pauline Elias, Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Ken Fleeton, Herman Holtz, Anna & Joseph Pham, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Antoni Pomes, Mary Meaney, The Waters' Family, Connie Fedele, Darren Seymour, Mark Phillips, Frances Spinella, Catherine Lin Siew Ngiik, James Campisi, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Gail Moore, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Delfina Morassut, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Columba Doherty, Aileen Host, Thomas Tran, Audrey English, Edward Cantwell, Irene McCarthy, Carl John Sollazzo. Joseph Ovens, Romeo Vassalo, Thomas Mendes, Salvatore Licari, Joe Costa, Gino Morassut, Vicko Hrdalo, Kate Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Ivan and Mara Puyic, Patty Woods, Clarice Redshaw, Chris Pezzutti, Bob Pettit, Peter Pezzutti, Maria Addolorata Tesoriero, Nicolino Poreu, Madeddu Filomena Gonario, Sam Xerri, Sidney Falson, Valerie Zacka, Dea Mattiussi, George & Linda Darrell-Edwards, Maria Cristofaro, Dominico Cristofaro, Tim Mitchell, Donato Carnevale, Mary McGregor, Elizabeth Tesoriero, Theresa May Cantwell, Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Maria Serravalle, Loretto Davenport, Roberto and Filomena Garfano, Judith Farrell, Pasquale Raglini, Joseph Lin Kee Choo, Graham Daniel, Mildred May Mitchell, Mark Byrne, Carl El-Khoury, Maria Mansour, Joseph Mealing, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Cono Reale, Caterina Tesoriero, Leonardo Battiato, Imelda Garcia, Fulvia Maria Tonitto, Myriam Barbe, Maureen Whelan

Please note: if you would like the name of a deceased person to remain on this list please email the parish office. Fr Paul

Please remember those who are in ill health especially: Georgia Brown, Leontia Jule Jo, Antonia Falzon, Liam Ajaka, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, June Roebuck, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Jeanette Cardoz, Chris Byrne, Dr Antonio Braga, Anne Courtney, Erifili Vorias, David Shannon, Ann McDowell, Alice Nelson, Terry Wall, Paul Kensey, Mary Emery, Micaela & Theresa Trujillo, Slavica Markotic

Catechists Needed

Our Parish catechists teach at Beverly Hills North School on Wednesday mornings and Narwee School on Thursday mornings. We are in need of catechists for Year 5 at Beverly Hills North and Years 2 and 6 at Narwee. All teaching material and training is supplied. If you are interested in becoming a catechist, please phone the Parish Office 9554 8155



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The St Vincent de Paul Ladies Conference will be conducting their annual Christmas appeal on the weekends of the 2/3, 9/10 and 16/17 of December. Members will be stationed at each door for those who wish to donate to this important charitable appeal. *Thank you for your generosity in giving to those in need.*

Christmas Carols

There will be Christmas Carols from 11:15pm on Saturday 24 December prior to Christmas midnight Mass and from 8:00am on Christmas Day prior to the 8:30am Mass

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards and 2018 Columban Calendars are now on sale at the Piety Stall!

The cards, good quality and religious themed are sold for $5 packet of 10.

The Calendars are a bargain price of $7. It makes a lovely gift showing Feast Days, Liturgical Seasons, School Holidays, Public Holidays and Works of Religious Art.

gospel focus

Preparing the Way

The gospel passage quotes the prophet Isaiah (although text combines Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3; and Exodus 23:20) and casts John the Baptist in the role of fulfilling the prophecy of the voice that cries in the wilderness, 'Prepare a way for the Lord'. The description of John in camel-skin and eating locusts and wild honey is designed to align him with Elijah, the great prophet of Jewish history. In a very short and sharp passage the gospel ties the coming of Jesus to the expectation of a messiah that has run through Jewish history and been foretold by the great prophets.

Life Ascending dates for 2018 will be advertised in this space when available.

Newcomers always welcome

Further information please phone Sr Patricia 9554 3227

Altar Society

Our Altar Society is a group of wonderful people who ensure that our church altars are always spotlessly clean and attractively presented.

This group of people work on a three to four week roster basis. The days and times are always flexible. Generally it takes one to two hours to do this sacred work.

This group has been in formation for many years and are always grateful for newcomers as many hands make light work.

Should you wish to help out in this area of voluntary work, kindly contact the parish office from Tuesdays to Fridays, 8:30am—3:00pm **Ph: 9554 8155**

St Marys' Cathedral

- Christmas lights will be launched on Wednesday 6 December 7.30pm, then nightly commencing with Choir performance at 7.30pm followed by light and sound show at 8.30pm until midnight.
- St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes including congregational carols and music, Friday 15 December. Tickets or more information www.achristmascelebration.com.au
- Christmas Remembrance Service Sunday 17 December 7.30pm - all welcome to join in to remember and pray for all those who have died and whose memory we cherish over the Christmas season.

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The Living Word

Second Sunday of Advent, Year B — *10 December 2017*

First Reading Is 40:1-5. 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
   a voice that speaks of peace,
   peace for his people.
   His help is near for those who fear him
   and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
   justice and peace have embraced.
   Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
   and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
   and our earth shall yield its fruit.
   Justice shall march before him
   and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Pt 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 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 Mk 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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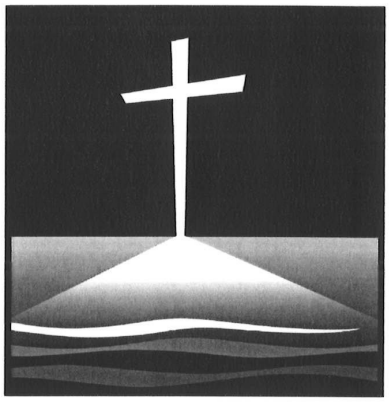

Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

John immersed, baptised, his followers in water, symbolising the washing away of the sins of the *past.* But he could not empower people by drenching them in the dynamic life of God. John anticipates 'Someone' (not named!) who *does* have the power to inundate, baptise, people with the Holy Spirit.

From the heading of St Mark's Gospel, *we* know that that 'Someone' is 'Jesus Christ, Son of God' who came to flood our lives with that Divine Power which can effect a completely new *future* for humanity.

That is why St Mark took the term 'gospel' (good news) which was used on inscriptions announcing an Emperor's birth or victory, and used it to describe his inspired rendering of the mission of Jesus Christ, which was to inaugurate the 'Kingdom of God', overcoming the pretensions of all Emperors of any kind throughout history.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the Good News of our being baptised with *water* in the 'Name of the Father and of the Son and of the *Holy Spirit.*'

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