



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

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

Third Sunday of Easter 15 April 2018

'*Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and be glad) was the title of the new Apostolic Exhortation on Christian holiness issued by Pope Francis. There are innumerable gems in it and I hope to touch upon some of them in the near distant future. But for now I wish to discuss what is in continuity with what I wrote about last week, namely, the two errors (or heresies) highlighted by the latest document from Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Pope Francis calls these 'two subtle enemies of holiness' which are most fascinating by virtue of the fact that they are maladies that affect, in particular, Christians who are trying to be good Christians!

The first of these is 'contemporary gnosticism' which is born out of our fallen desire to control God and domesticate mystery. Who does not want to have it all "figured out"? Who does not want the "magic formula"? In our desperation to *feel* holy we can be seduced by a false sense of perfection which comes from relying excessively on a particular system of thought or a particular style, within the vast arrays of Christian life. The problem is that we then tend to assume that we are "holy" to the exclusion of all others who do not follow exactly the same path - *our* path. We fall victim to spiritual pride and lose touch with reality. We become self-enclosed, disdaining others and blaming them for the bitterness within ourselves.

St Augustine said, 'If you understand then it is not God.' If we think that we have mastered our knowledge of God (or the mystery of life) and that therefore we are no longer in need of being challenged and even positively corrected, then, we can be sure that we have fallen into a subtle but dangerous form of idolatry (a.k.a. gnosticism) which isolates us and inoculates us against the true God of surprises. Pope Francis said, '[Gnostics] think of the intellect as separate from the flesh, and thus become incapable of touching Christ's suffering flesh in others, locked up as they are in an encyclopaedia of abstractions.' If we secretly believe that grace only works within the comfort of our own exalted subjectivity and have little else other than contempt for the world around us, then, we are definitely in need of being cracked open and rescued from our gnostic shell of quiet misery; we don't know what in heaven's name we are missing out on. More on *Gaudete et Exsultate* in upcoming weeks...

Last Thursday our Parish Finance Committee held its first official meeting since my appointment as administrator. We happily agreed that we would strive to keep you well informed about parish finances. As for how this can best be done still needs to be tried and refined. But as a first step it was decided that weekend collections would be published in the following week's bulletin. Please note that **our primary concern should be with 2nd collections** which directly support parish operations. I thank the Finance Committee, mostly in advance, because they will have a lot to teach me. On a different matter, I will be away on holiday from 17 to 27 April, hopefully to break free a little from the fossilisation of my own gnostic tendencies (kudos to you for putting up with them!), as well as to get some rest. Please say a prayer for me!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 15 Apr 3rd Sun Easter	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 16 Apr Eastertide	9:00am	Funeral Mass Irene Hall
Tues 17 Apr Eastertide	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wed 18 Apr Eastertide	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 19 Apr Eastertide	9.15am	Mass
Fri 20 Apr Eastertide	9:15am	Mass
Sat 21 Apr Eastertide	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 22 Apr 4th Sun Easter	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Please pray for...

In Loving Memory

Irene Hall, Iris Smith, Theresa Sui Tiong, Ugo Buracchi, Steven Mortimer, Judith Partlin, Kate & Vicko Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Margherita Falsone, Matt Taglini, Donato Tozzi, Josephine Agius, Lambert Glaudemans & Vicky Brown, Alfia Coco, Jimmy Simmons, Florence Mitchell, Nicola Kohen, John Souter, Gary Collins, Anna Motisi, Anna Puglia, Marie Therese Rierchy, John Trisley, Jim Campisi, Frederika Streiff & Buyung Elias, Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Pauline Elias, Tony Tesoriero, Gino Morassut, Anna Maria Cicuto, Carmelo Algozzino, Joe Costa, Onofrio Tesoriero, Fintan Lawlor, Sam Xerri, Angelina Tozzi, Francis Son H Tran, Antonino Puglia, Adel Hakim, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Laspina Giuseppa Leotta, Rosa Ferlito, Frank Meaney Snr., Frank Meaney Jnr, Lina Paolercio, Margaret Wilkie, Maria Dos Santos, Tereza Dos Santos, Manuel Vieira, Gloria Vieira, Bernard John Mortimer, Pat Smith, Dan Hall, Maria Mandich, Anthony Nguyen, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Bartolo Tesoriero, Stephen Xuereb, Marc David Sollazzo, Edmund Banfield, Anna & Joseph Pham, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Connie Fedede, Darren Seymour, Mark Phillips, Frances Spinella, Catherine Lin Siew Ngik, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Gail Moore, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Thomas Tran, Edward Cantwell, Carl John Sollazzo. Joseph Owens, Thomas Mendes, Salvatore Licari,

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Dr Slavica Markotic

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Last Weekend

2nd Collection \$1,919.95

1st Collection \$1,426.80

World Meeting of Families – 21-26 August 2018

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018.

Guided by the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World”.

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

The family is essential for the future of the world and the Church. Everyone first learns what love means in their family, as they become aware that they are loved, and learn how to love in return. This is essential so that people can grow into mature individuals.

For further information: <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

Piety Stall

On sale now in the Piety Stall;

Greeting Cards – Mass Offering Cards, Sympathy Cards, Baptism & Christening Cards, Thank You Cards, Birthday Cards, Wedding & Anniversary Cards, Thinking of You. Cards

The Piety Stall is open after all weekend Masses and is located in the main foyer of the church.

Pew Kneelers—Return to down position please

At the conclusion of each Mass, for safety reasons, please ensure that all pew kneelers are down

Rosary Statue



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'[We cannot] claim to say where God is not, because God is mysteriously present in the life of every person, in a way that he himself chooses, and we cannot exclude this by our presumed certainties. Even when someone's life appears completely wrecked, even when we see it devastated by vices or addictions, God is present there. If we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit rather than our own preconceptions, we can and must try to find the Lord in every human life. This is part of the mystery that a gnostic mentality cannot accept, since it is beyond its control.' Pope Francis in *Gaudete et Exsultate*.

Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in January 2019

Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd

One Million Rosaries For Unborn Babies, May 4, 5 and 6 2018.

The 2018 **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies** is scheduled for **4, 5 and 6 May**. Persons participating in this multi-national pro-life prayer event will pray at least one Rosary for an end to abortion. For details and to register go to: <http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org/>

CatholicCare Sydney

Are you leaving school with 'School Leaver Employment Support' or 'Finding and Keeping a Job' in your NDIS plan? Our team can help you make a successful transition from school to a career. For more information call our friendly CCareline team on **13 18 19** or email us connect@catholiccare.org

God's Design For Marriage Celebrating 50 years of Humane Vitae

On Tuesday 5 June at 7.30pm Director of Life Marriage and Family Centre, Chris Gordon, will speak to us on this topic in the parish hall.

What did God intend for human sexuality? What do we learn from the Genesis account of the original pair? How have couples responded to the call in Paul VI's seminal encyclical *Humane Vitae* to be open to life? How can we change our cultural attitudes around sex, the transmission of life, marriage, providence and babies?

All welcome. Plenty of time for questions.

St Bernadette's Parish—Carlton

These interesting and thought provoking talks continue at St Bernadette's parish in Carlton.

Details of the full programme including those of the speakers can be found in the brochures available at the Church and on the Church notice boards. Please feel free to take one.

A report on the first talk by Archbishop Fisher can be found in the Catholic Weekly (25th February) or on the Archdiocesan website, All are welcome.

Further information can be obtained by email from admin@carltonparish.org.au.

Healing after Abortion : Jessica Lockhart

Rachel's Vineyard, Sydney is hosting a workshop with Jessica Lockhart, author of *The Woman at the Tomb, Abortion and Redemption*.

Come to Rachel's Vineyard Retreat ministry to hear about spiritual and emotional healing after an abortion. All welcome - priests, pastoral carers, parish teams, professional health practitioners and those suffering post abortion stress in their own life.

Date: Saturday 12 May, 10am - 3.30pm
Venue: Good Samaritan Centre, 2 Avenue Rd. Glebe.

Free - Limited numbers, RSVP essential for catering
Details: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au
Email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au or Phone: 0400 092 555

The disciples are 'terrified' when they see Jesus after his resurrection; but Jesus puts them at their ease by sharing a meal. It is only then that the disciples are ready to listen and to open their minds to the wisdom that Jesus has to offer.

The Living Word

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

15 April 2018

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.
or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

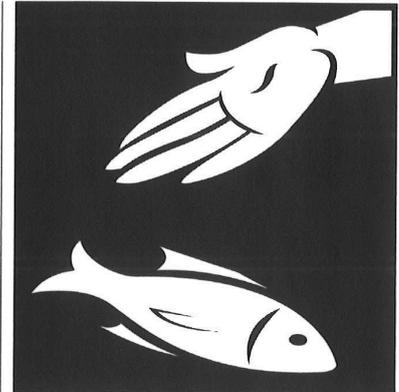
Gospel Lk 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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