



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter 22 April 2018

'By the time you are reading this, God willing, I will not be on Parish premises. I am writing this on Monday - the day before the first day of my break when I hope to mentally switch off from Parish related matters for about ten days. Would doing such a thing be possible? Was I even "switched on" in the first place? Well, I will find out soon! There is, however, one aspect of the Parish I wouldn't mind ruminating on. Celebrating Irene Hall's funeral this morning has reminded me of something I used to know but almost forgot: there has been an exceptionally high concentration of remarkable Christians in the Parish, especially from that generation of people who are now the eldest among us. Not that I wish to be nostalgic. I just want to find out what happened. *Something* must have happened! What started a community dynamic in which people actually helped one another to become...*holy*? I guess there were a number of factors, with *Regina Coeli* herself being around the top of the list. If you can help me in my searching please do not hesitate to do so.

So, it is timely that we can turn to *Gaudete et Exsultate* (the pope's latest writing on Christian holiness) and seek some wisdom. Last week we discussed gnosticism as one of the 'enemies of holiness'. What then is the other enemy (the other heresy)? Pelagianism, which is to trust too much in the strength of one's own will. Think of the "Marthas" in the world who get things done or the "Pharisees" who are excellent rule-keepers. Both these are good things in themselves. But what if these people turned out to be, really, working on their own projects rather than God's? What if they, instead of being compassionate and helping those who were not as strong, looked down upon them? A danger lurks for them to become 'self-centred' or 'elitist' in which case the Gospel, as communicated by them, would become "complicated" by losing simple beauty and leaving less room for grace. The Church would then be at the risk of becoming 'a museum piece or the possession of the few.' What would be the remedy for such a malady? Firstly, to humbly acknowledge that everything is a gift - both the natural and supernatural, even the desire itself to be humble. Let's remember, 'There but for the grace of God go I!' Secondly, to love by seeing the face of God reflected in others, especially the least and most vulnerable.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 22 Apr 4th Sun Easter	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 23 Apr Eastertide		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 24 Apr Eastertide	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wed 25 Apr Eastertide	9.30am	Mass—Anzac Day
Thurs 26 Apr St Mark	9.15am	Mass
Fri 27 Apr Eastertide	9:15am	Mass
Sat 28 Apr St Peter Chanel	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 29 Apr 5th Sun Easter	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Please note that Mass on Wednesday 25 April—Anzac Day will be celebrated at the different time of 9:30am

Please pray for...

In Loving Memory

Irene Hall, Iris Smith, Theresa Sui Tiong, Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines, Ugo Buracchi, Steven Mortimer, Judith Partlin, Donato Tozzie, Kate & Vicko Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Margherita Falsone, Matt Taglini, 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 Fedele, Darren Seymour, Mark Phillips, Frances Spinella, Catherine Lin Siew Ngiiik, 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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Culture Project Australia

Representatives from The Culture Project, a new missionary organisation of young people who believe in restoring our society to one where every human being is treated with the love and dignity they deserve, will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of the 5th-6th May. Sharing the beauty and truth of sexual integrity and human dignity with over 5000 young people per year, they are the hands and feet of our Church in the world. Your financial and prayerful support are much appreciated and essential to their mission to restore culture. They look forward to meeting you after Mass on the 5th-6th May!

To find out more about the Culture Project check out the website: www.thecultureproject.com.au and Facebook @Culture Project Australia

Catechist Required

The Parish is in need of catechists to teach Years 2 and 6 scripture at Narwee Public School on Thursdays. Year 2 is at 9.30am-10.00am while Year 6 is at 10.05am-10.35am. All teaching material is supplied. If you are interested please phone the Parish office on 95548155.

Project Compassion Collection amounted to \$6,058.30. Sincere thanks to our parishioners and school community.

The profits plus some extra donations arising from our Chocolate Lamb sales amounted to \$207.00, enabling this amount to be donated to your Parish Youth Group account. Again, sincerest thanks to all who contributed.

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.

All welcome. Further information can be obtained via email: admin@carltonparish.org.au.

Rosary Statue

Mrs G Langridge

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School Principal

Mr Chris Egan

Asst. Principal

Mr Peter Busch

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Last Weekend

2nd Collection \$1,574.75

1st Collection \$1,369.30

TURN! TURN! TURN!

In the late 1970s the church initiated a program to revitalise parish communities. "We, The Parish" inspired many groups and works at Regina Coeli. Two stood the test of time; the first being the monthly morning tea. An opportunity for fellowship, this informal function after the 8.30am and 10am Sunday Masses drew over 150 people in December 1978, although it had its lean times when not many more than the organisers would gather. Thankfully, there is now a well-organised rota of people to provide the necessary victuals to a goodly number of attendees.

The second lasting initiative was The Parish News. A monthly publication, it was intended to assist in the enrichment of community within the parish, by informing parishioners of parish happenings and reporting on their success, or otherwise. Sadly there is no copy of the first issue from January 1979 in the archives.

In 1990 it was reduced to bimonthly publication and by 1993 the editors were "seeking participation from the parish community for a wider variety of information and articles."

In 2007, in a very small edition, the plea was "tell us your news or we may have to cancel our paper." The writing was on the wall – it clearly wasn't in The Parish News.

The world has changed much since 1979, and while a good "cuppa" is much the same, the dissemination of news isn't. Notwithstanding that a fair proportion of our parishioners are aging, in this era of instant information/instant news, the relevance of The Parish News is questionable. As a publication about the parish, the last issue had less than half dedicated to parish matters.

So after 289 issues, publication of The Parish News will cease. Future reporting of events, open letters of thanks, notices of events, will be better served by the weekly bulletin.

The Parish News archive is a wonderful community record of all the hatched, matched and despatched; the balls, the picnics, the committee work, the youth groups, contentious issues, appreciations, poetry. Thanks are due to everyone who contributed, and helped write and compile it over its nearly 40 year history.

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Raewyn Hayes

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

The 2018 **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies** is scheduled for **4, 5 and 6 May**. Persons participating in this multinational 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/>

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

An appeal to the men of Regina Coeli Parish

The Beverly Hills Men's Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society urgently requires new members to enable us to continue our work in supporting the poor of our Parish. No experience required just the willingness to help those not as fortunate as ourselves. Training is provided by our Conference. The amount of time spent is up to the individual.

We meet at 7:30pm each Wednesday at the Parish Centre, 5 Tarrilli Street.

For further details come along one Wednesday evening or contact President Paul Morris on 0438 225 120.

You can be assured of a warm welcome in a friendly environment.

Our next Clothing Drive Saturday 5 May 2018

Please leave your bags of clothing outside your house in a place visible to our St Vincent de Paul van driver. Never leave bags in the Church foyer or at the parish office.

Helpers required for this clothing drive.

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

22 April 2018

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

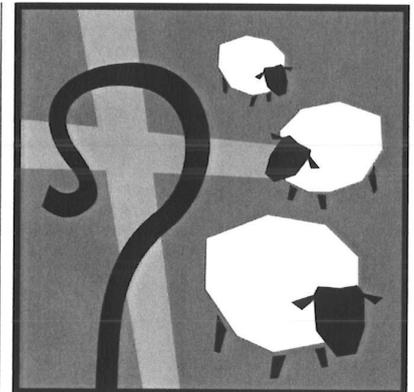
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

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