



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

Ascension of the Lord

2 June 2019

On Friday forty nine candidates will be confirmed by Bishop Richard Umbers. They have “survived” three lessons during which it was hoped that something like the following would be conveyed:

Why be confirmed? The best answer (and also one of the shortest) is *Jesus* in whom humanity is reconciled to God. Coming-of-age tends to open our eyes to painful struggles within as we oscillate between hope and despair, good and evil, love and selfishness, etc. Just when our awareness of the noblest aspirations within us begins to be heightened, the disheartening realisation about our own finitude and sinfulness deepens.

St Paul wrote, ‘I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate... Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ!’

If human beings are creatures who suffer the torment of being torn from within, then, God is the creator who offers them the perfect medicine of healing by himself descending to unfathomable depths - even to death on a cross. Jesus is the mercy of God in person for whose redemptive touch no human misery is out of reach. What would be an appropriate response to the good news about Jesus? To let out a heartfelt cry, ‘I want to be baptised!’

The baptism into Christ (or the immersion in him) is not merely a sentimental or psychological phenomenon; instead, it is a substantial reality which pertains to our entire being. How so? Because of the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit not only unpacks for us who Jesus is but also makes him truly present to us in ways that matter the most - from the quiet of the inner sanctuary of our soul to the communal/climatic moments when the sacraments are celebrated by the Church. To love the Holy Spirit is to love Jesus, and to love Jesus is to love the Father who draws us to himself through all these wonderful mysteries.

The Sacrament of Confirmation takes the love-story with Jesus begun at baptism into the next chapter: we are upgraded, as it were, in our capacity to become his *beloved*, including in the missionary orientation of our being. A grace received is never for ourselves alone; instead, it is always for others also. To live *for* Jesus is to be sent *to* others in whom we discover the indispensable pieces of the puzzle which complete the interior map toward human perfection. To *go* where we are sent is to *grow* as who we truly are so that our entire life may become an instance of the God-given mission coming to be accomplished in this life and beyond.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 2 Jun Ascension of the Lord	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 3 Jun Charles Lwanga & companions	No Mass
Tues 4 Jun	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Yr 4
Wed 5 Jun St Boniface	7.00am Mass 9.30am Funeral Mass for Kerry Elhourani
Thurs 6 Jun St Norbert St Marcellin Champagnat	9:15am Mass
Fri 7 Jun	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass 7.00pm Confirmation Mass
Sat 8 Jun	9.00am Mass 11.00am Funeral Mass for Jeanette Cardoz 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 9 Jun Pentecost Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Jeanette Cardoz, Kerry Elhourani, Halim Kistrwani, Marie Kistrwani

In Loving Memory

Viet Dinh, Pio Gonano, Donato Tozzi, Damia & As-sia Dagher, Manuel & Gloria Vierira, Terzino Ventresca, Antonia Falzon, Sam Xerri, Edward Cantwell, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Ovens, Carl John Sol-lazzo, Irene Hall,

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Ron Daniels, Genevieve Shedden, Neil Kirkness, Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Peter Campbell, Greg Daniels, Elena Mura, Carmen Aquilina, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Mary Emery, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, Anne Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic.

The St Vincent de Paul Society Men's Conference will be conducting the annual Winter Appeal.

This is the main appeal the proceeds of which will be used to assist those struggling in our Parish area especially families with young children.

Envelopes were available last weekend.

A special collection will be taken after the Gospel at all the masses this weekend.

Amounts over \$2 are tax deductible & a receipt will be issued if requested and will be available in early July.

We thank you for the support you have given us over many years.

Youth Group dates for Term 2 2019

8 June

22 June

@ the Parish Hall

after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Life Ascending Meeting times are:

Third Thursday at 7:30pm

Second and fourth Fridays after the 9.15 Mass.

Rosary Statue

Mr Mrs R Henderson
3 Gungaroo Place

Ph: 9759 6403



Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret
Doherty-Brady
9554 8155
Tues, Wed, 8.30-3.30
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School Principal

Mr Chris Egan
Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch

REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 26 May 2019

2nd Collection \$1725.10

1st Collection	\$1062.35
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Attendance

5PM	?
8.30AM	146
10AM	175
Total	?

Retreat Day - The Holy Spirit

Father Hugh Thomas, Redemptorist

Date: Saturday 22nd June. **Start:** Hall open 0830am, **Mass:** 9am, **Finish:** 3pm

Location: Saint Raphael's Parish Hall, 84 George St, South Hurstville.

Theme: The Holy Spirit in the Sacred Scriptures, in the Church and in our lives.

Coffee and Tea provided. Please bring something to share for morning tea

and a sandwich for lunch. For further info please contact, Gary and Ronnie Cartmer

0418 781 777

All welcome!

Could you help a child in care?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night.

Tuesday 4th June 2019, 5:30pm - 8pm

CatholicCare 2C West Street (Cnr Thomas Street), Lewisham

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

Position Vacant – Surry Hills

We currently have a secretarial position available in Surry Hill Parish.

Days of work are negotiable. Need PACS and MYOB experience in addition to Administrative duties.

If you are interested, please send your updated resume and cover letter to parish.support@sydneycatholic.org

POSITION VACANT—Alpha Coordinator

Our Lady of Fatima, Peakhurst

One day per week—hours/day negotiable

More info on catholicjobsonline.com.au

or send an email to olfpeak@bigpond.com

Applications close 21 June 2019.



Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Outreaching to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Inquiries: 9307 8300 or email: admin@sydneytribunal.org.au

On the importance of community and “little” details

144. Let us not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details.

The little detail that wine was running out at a party.

The little detail that one sheep was missing.

The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins.

The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay.

The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had.

The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak.

145. A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan. There are times when, by a gift of the Lord's love, we are granted, amid these little details, consoling experiences of God. “One winter night I was carrying out my little duty as usual... Suddenly, I heard off in the distance the harmonious sound of a musical instrument. I then pictured a well-lighted drawing room, brilliantly gilded, filled with elegantly dressed young ladies conversing together and conferring upon each other all sorts of compliments and other worldly remarks. Then my glance fell upon the poor invalid whom I was supporting. Instead of the beautiful strains of music I heard only her occasional complaints... I cannot express in words what happened in my soul; what I know is that the Lord illumined it with rays of truth which so surpassed the dark brilliance of earthly feasts that I could not believe my happiness”.

146. Contrary to the growing consumerist individualism that tends to isolate us in a quest for well-being apart from others, our path to holiness can only make us identify all the more with Jesus' prayer “that all may be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you” (*Jn* 17:21).

(On Christian Holiness by Pope Francis)

Counselling available with no waitlist

Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have joined our CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell

from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

or Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

Christ has entered heaven.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

**I am with you always, until the end
of the world.**

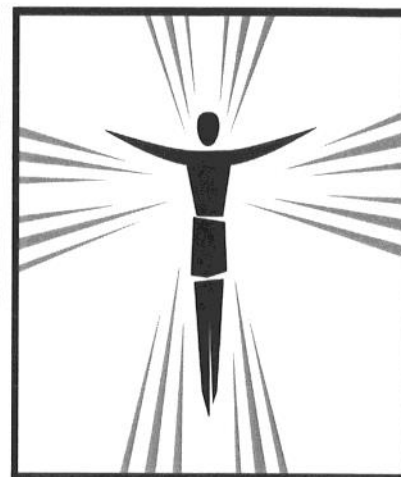
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.