



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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 September 2018

We need strong fathers. By 'strong' I do not mean 'authoritarian, abrasive or merciless'; instead, I mean 'principled, gentle but firm and steadfast in tenderness.' There are times in all our lives when we wistfully think to ourselves, 'If only I knew then what I know now!' In other words, we are humbled to the point of admitting that we do not always know what is truly good for us. In the movie the Shawshank Redemption, an old prisoner played by Morgan Freeman says, 'There's not a day goes by I don't feel regret...I look back on the way I was then: a young, stupid kid who committed that terrible crime. I want to talk to him. I want to try to talk some sense to him, tell him the way things are. But I can't. That kid's long gone, and this old man is all that's left. I got to live with that.'

We all need the presence of a strong father. Sometimes we may listen; other times not. Either way, we come to appreciate a good father, even if it takes us a lifetime to do so. I once heard of a parish - an ostensibly massive parish - where there was a problem of lack of financial transparency within certain groups which used to raise significant amounts of fund. A new parish priest came and made the necessary reforms. He became public enemy number one. Some of the key figures in these groups, who until then had enjoyed the "freedom" of zero scrutiny, started a vicious campaign against him. Their aim was to have him removed; their tactic, well, whatever it took. As a consequence the parish priest had to suffer humiliations hitherto unimagined, and this, at least for several disheartening years. Eventually, the majority of parishioners rose up in support of the parish priest and non-violently dispelled the toxic milieu. [In my "humble" opinion, I suspect something similar is happening in relation to Pope Francis (a.k.a. Holy 'Father'), although for a complex array of reasons. I fully support his call for patient reflection. I believe he is offering a constructive way forward instead of playing the same game of the fickle mob. He said he might finally respond when time is right.]

What does it feel like to be misunderstood? To be resented for trying to do what is right? To be not only resisted but also slandered? It is one thing to be doubted by others; it is quite another thing to start doubting oneself, under relentless pressure from the cynical world. This must feel isolating, tormenting and even despairing, like walking the lonely path of fatherhood in tumultuous times of thin hope. But fathers have to keep carrying the fire of righteousness. If they don't who will? Who will prepare the children for when they must face the real challenges of their time as the false securities fall away? Ultimately, fathers are not concerned about becoming popular. They simply want to get the job done - to ensure that others can live on and enjoy the precious gifts of life. For this, they are willing to suffer in silence, for brief moments of relieved smile in the background, because, knowing the infinite love of our Heavenly Father, our earthly fathers are strong enough to take it.

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The Week Ahead

Sun 2 Sept 22nd Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	
Mon 3 Sept St Gregory the Great		No Mass
Tues 4 Sept	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wed 5 Sept	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 6 Sept	9.15am	Mass
Fri 7 Sept	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Grandparents Day Mass
Sat 8 Sept Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 9 Sept 23rd Sun in OT	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Merv Evers, Giglio Scalzo

In Loving Memory

Vito Maida Carmelo Algozzino, Nancy Mitchell, Donato Tozzi, Orazio Giannau-la, Sr Mary Frances Murphy, Emile Succar, Holy Souls, Theresa & Edward Cantwell, Marie Patricia Doherty, Anthony Nguyen, Bartolo Tesoriero, Marc David Sollazzo, Roy Mitchell, Doreen Simmons, Ivan Matek, Fulvia Tonitto, Peter Repole, Alfio Stagnitta & family, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Maria Porcu, Connie Fedele, Irene Hall, Anna & Joseph Pham, Elisabeth Dang, Mark Phillips, Giovanni Battiato, Francesca Spinella, Norm Coleman, Georgia & Philip Spiteri, Bernie Crawford, Santo Ilardo, Francesco & Salvatore Cocilovo, Mary Dovile, Catherine Lin Siew Ngik, Ita Phillips, Gail Moore, Cono Reale, James & Eileen Donlan, Dikran, Angela, Boudi, Nicola Repole, Angela Maria Pinto, Mary Croke, Pat Smith, Gertrude Smith, Margaret Roche, Mollie Lazzarini, Assia & Damia Dagher, Antonio Mattiussi, Iris Smith, Theresa Sui Tiong, Ugo Buracchi, Steven Mortimer, Judith Partlin, 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, Joe Costa, Onofrio Tesoriero, Fintan Lawlor, Sam Xerri, Francis Son H Tran, Antonino Puglia, Adel Hakim, 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, Dan Hall, Maria Mandich, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Stephen Xuereb, Edmund Banfield, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Darren Seymour, Frances Spinella, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna -Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Thomas Tran, Carl John Sollazzo, Joseph Owens, Thomas Mendes

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Carmen Aquilina, Andrew Towle, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Mary Emery, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic

Parish Secretary

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Our Lady's Birthday—Next Saturday: 8 September 2018.

As a "thank you" to Our Blessed Mother, we will pray Rosaries throughout the day. To participate, please sign the commitment sheet at the side door where you can choose a time slot.

A Father's Fulfilment

Each week at Mass when reciting the Gloria we learn that Christ alone is the holy one. In living out the vocation of fatherhood, a man is called to imitate the holiness that led Christ to give His entire self for the love of His brothers and sisters. At its root, then, fatherhood is a call to holiness. The example of Christ shows that holiness consists in the radical gift of oneself for the sake of others. Fatherhood is the mission that allows a man to give of himself unreservedly. Thus, it is through fatherhood that most men will find their greatest happiness. To avoid fatherhood for the sake of that dream car, or that special summer home, is to cheat yourself out of one of life's most rewarding experiences. By calling them to make a gift of themselves to others, God calls fathers to a life of remarkable holiness, indescribable happiness, and true fulfillment.

By Joseph McInerney in *Shalom Tidings* July/August 2018 Edition

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

Life Ascending Meetings

Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass
Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs R Xuereb
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Last Weekend 26 Aug 2018

2nd Collection \$1,859.90

1st Collection \$1,090.95

Sacrament Of Confirmation.

Fr Kelvin Lovegrove, Episcopal Vicar for the Clergy, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on fifty-five young people from our Parish community during a beautiful Mass last Saturday 25 August. We were very blessed to have Herman Tay's choir lead the congregation in uplifting singing, and we thank them for coming together and giving of their time and talents. During the Sacramental preparation program, the children and their parents attended three group lessons led by Fr Peter, Thomas and Adriana Hunter, our youth group leaders Stephanie Boccanfuso and Gillian D'Souza, and myself. We are very grateful to Thomas, Adriana, Stephanie and Gillian for generously sharing their time and faith with the families. Grateful appreciation also goes to Carmel Woodford who assisted during the program and at the Confirmation Mass. Thank you also to Mr Chris Egan and the staff of our Regina Coeli School and the catechists who attend our State Schools, for their constant support. Of course, many thanks to the parents who supported their children by attending the Sacramental lessons and encouraging them to listen and participate. We pray that these young people and their parents will always call on the Holy Spirit to help and guide them through life.

Elizabeth Gooley, Sacramental Coordinator.

T.S Eliot's MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL:

Artes Christi presents T.S Eliot's play of St Thomas Becket directed by internationally acclaimed actor & writer Donald Macdonald.

The play is being staged to coincide with the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero who was the first Archbishop since Becket to be martyred at the altar. The play is also supporting persecuted people today via *Aid to the Church in Need*.

Shows: 27 Sep-14 Oct:
Venue: 1880 Hall, St Peter's Surry Hills at
235 Devonshire St. Surry Hills

Group Tix from \$30 & Bookings Essential via
www.theword.org.au or Ph CAN 1800101201

**For performance days and times plus cost,
please see poster on notice board at Yarallah
Place Church entrance**



Registrations for Beverly Hills Eagles Cricket & Sports Club Inc. have begun. For information, please **visit** Facebook; www.bheaglescc.nsw.cricket.com.au or



playcricket. The Eagles the
Original Sports Club from Regina Coeli Parish
starting 50 years ago.

THE BASIS OF CHEERFULNESS

The true basis of cheerfulness is love, hope and patience. Love evokes love, and begets loving kindness. Love cherishes hopeful and generous thoughts of others. It is charitable, gentle, and truthful. It is a discerner of good. It turns to the brightest side of things, and its face is ever directed towards happiness. It sees "the glory in the grass, the sunshine on the flower." It encourages happy thoughts, and lives in an atmosphere of cheerfulness. It costs nothing, and is invaluable; for it blesses its possessor, and grows up in abundant happiness in the bosoms of others. Even its sorrows are linked with pleasures, and its very tears are sweet. The secret of calm cheerfulness is kindness; no person can be consistently cheerful and calm who does not consistently think kind thoughts.

From: In His Strength, by Constance M. Whishaw

Full Tuition Scholarships to St Mary's Cathedral College

Boys currently in year 2 are invited to audition as members of the prestigious St. Mary's Cathedral Choir to begin in 2019.

All students receive full-tuition scholarships to St Mary's Cathedral College when placed as Cathedral Choristers.

Please contact our Music Administrator to arrange an audition or for more information at music@stmaryscathedral.org.au or by visiting <https://cathedralchoir.sydney/about/choristers/>

Check Out The Archdiocese Of Sydney's New Website

The Archdiocese has launched a fresh new-look website with all the latest news and information from across the archdiocese and the Church in Australia.

The new site incorporates a number of new features and has been designed with the user experience firmly in mind to provide a more intuitive and efficient navigation.

From video to podcasts to links to social media where you can have your say on Catholic issues and share richer online content with friends and family, the new site also promotes major events across the archdiocese, regular updates from Archbishop Anthony Fisher as well as providing practical information for Catholics on Mass times, the sacraments and locating clergy and Catholic schools.

Visit the new-look site at <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>

First Reading Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. *(R.)*
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. *(R.)*
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

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