



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 January 2019

School is back! I guess this means the holiday season is officially over. So, are we now supposed to toil away for the remainder of the year, as though we were slugging it out over five-setters in extreme heat? What if we felt, as I tend to do, exhausted by the end of the first set, let alone the fifth? A good coach might be able to help us get back into the game by finding our rhythm, game plan, etc. About four centuries ago, there lived a great coach for the most important of all "sports", namely, spiritual life, and his name was Francis de Sales (whose feast day was last Thursday). For him the key to success in life was...true devotion!

'Devotion' could be defined as *the means by which we let God love us*; in other words, it has a great deal to do with how we pray and how we live prayerfully. Prayer life is critically important because we are never more truly recharged than when we allow ourselves to be loved by God. But we often go wrong by trying to find repose in meaningless distractions, especially as we start to feel the quiet pain of fatigue and emptiness within. Turning to distractions in this way portends the fact that we are going to end up worse off than before; it also reveals the fact that there is a part of us that actually fears devotion, seeing it as a burden to be avoided rather than as a fountain that gives life. Here are two key insights from St Francis de Sales:

I. True devotion looks different for different people, depending on their character, station, calling, strength, occupation, duties, etc. Therefore we need to do more than merely mimic another person's devotion or crave an ambitious outcome by forcefully self-imposing, as it were, "a magic formula." True devotion, according to St Francis de Sales, does not destroy the integrity of a person's life; 'on the contrary, it perfects and fulfils all things. In fact if it ever works against, or is inimical to, anyone's legitimate station and calling, then it is very definitely false devotion.'

II. True devotion is not yet another burden hanging over us; instead, it is a rich fountain of regeneration, creativity, wisdom, fortitude, etc. If only we could take the risk of depending wholly on the power of true devotion...what could we be! St Francis said, 'just as every sort of gem, cast in honey, becomes brighter and more sparkling, each according to its colour, so each person becomes more acceptable and fitting in his own vocation when he sets his vocation in the context of devotion. Through devotion your family cares become more peaceful, mutual love between husband and wife becomes more sincere...and our work, no matter what it is, becomes more pleasant and agreeable...Therefore, in whatever situations we happen to be, we can and we must aspire to the life of perfection.'

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 27 Jan 3rd Sunday in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas	No Mass
Tues 29 Jan in OT	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass - joined by all school staff
Wed 30 Jan in OT	7.00am Mass
Thur 31 Jan St John Bosco	9.15am Mass
Fri 1 Feb in OT	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
Sat 2 Feb Presentation of the Lord	9.00am Mass 9.30am Adoration & Reconciliation 4.25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 3 Feb 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive dates for 2019

FEBRUARY 9
MAY 4
AUGUST 3
NOVEMBER 2

Please ensure bags are placed outside by 8:00am on the Saturday of collection.

Bags should be visible from the street this will assist collectors which will be most appreciated.

Please do not leave clothing bags at the Church or Parish Centre they will be collected from your home.

Youth Group dates for Term 1 2019

2 Feb

16 Feb

2 March

16 March

30 March

@ the Parish Hall
after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Sr Dorothea Meney, Shane William Beaumont, Francisco Marino, Gianni Andreutti, Margaret Car-rager.

In Loving Memory

Joe Costa, Bob Pettit, Donato Tozzi, Sam Xerri, Rosario Bombaci,

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

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 Thompson, Anne Maree Mi-

Can you provide short-term help for long-term memories?

As a new agency combining the strengths of Mar-ist180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care.

To learn more, come to our information night on Tuesday 5th February 2019, 5.30-8pm. Family Spirit, Level 3, 2-14 Meredith St Bankstown
Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs B Murray
4 Leon Avenue

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School Principal

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Mr Peter Busch
REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 13 January 2019

2nd Collection \$1547.60

1st Collection \$1171.25

Attendance

5PM	?
8.30AM	128
10AM	168
Total	?

POPE TO PRAY WITH NEW DIGITAL PLATFORM

January 23, 2019

Pope Francis helped launch a new mobile app and online platform connecting people around the world in prayer. The Pope presented “the official platform of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network: Click To Pray”, 20 January after praying the Angelus with visitors gathered in St Peter’s Square. Joined by Jesuit Father Frederic Fornos, head of the international prayer network, holding a tablet displaying the platform, the Pope said it would be “here that I add my intentions and prayer requests for the Church’s mission.” The prayer network, formerly called the Apostleship of Prayer, is a Jesuit-run outreach that has given Catholics the pope’s monthly prayer intentions since 1890. The global prayer network started offering the prayer intentions on video over social media in 2016. “I above all invite you, young people, to download the app, Click To Pray,” the Pope said, asking them to keep “praying together with me the rosary for peace, especially during World Youth Day in Panama” held from 22-27 January. “Internet and social media are a resource in our era, a chance to stay in touch with others, to share values and plans and to express the desire to be a community. The web can also help us pray as a community, to pray together,” he said. The website www.clicktopray.org and the mobile app — available for Android and iOS — are offered in six languages: Spanish, English, Italian, French, Portuguese and German. A version will soon be available in Vietnamese and Chinese, the site said. Users are invited to “pray with the Pope” using his monthly prayer intentions, to “pray every day” by receiving notifications and inspirational thoughts for prayer or reflection three times a day and to “pray with the network” where users, including Pope Francis, can share their prayers with others.

Source: Catholic News Service is an American news agency that reports on the Roman Catholic Church. CNS was established in 1920 as the National Catholic Welfare Council Press Department

St Vincent de Paul Society (Men’s conference, Beverly Hills) Annual Report 2018

NO OF CLIENT VISITS 2018	212
NO OF CLIENT VISITS 2017	232
INCREASE/DECREASE	-20

CONFERENCE COSTS IN SERVICING CLIENTS

FOOD CARDS	\$16080
WHITE GOODS	1066
OTHER	2233
TOTAL	\$19379
AVERAGE COST IN SERVICING CLIENTS \$91.00 PER VISIT	

NOT A COST TO CONFERENCE

DONATED ITEMS (APPROX VALUE)	100
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EAPA ELECT/GAS **	2300
OTHER ASSIST**	343

** Vouchers etc provided by Regional Office no cost to Conference

VOUCHERS ISSUED FOR CLOTHING / FURNITURE / supplied by Vinnies Stores.

Conference members also participate in the following activities:

- 4 clothing drives per year
- Maternal Heart of Mary Conference in the city helping the poor & homeless of Sydney

The Men’s Conference always welcome new members to enable us to ensure we continue our work well into the future.

The amount of time spent is left up to the individual, any help large or small is always appreciated.

We meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. No particular skills are required just a willingness to help those in need within our Parish area, training is provided by our Conference.

For further information please contact Paul Morris (President) Mobile 0438 225 120.

First Reading Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 (shorter form)

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would

you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'

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