



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 5 May 2019

About a week ago I saw three men with sledgehammers who were smashing the cemented ground in front of the house where I reside. It was a surreal sight I had not been prepared for. I thought to myself, 'I deserve some kind of explanation, surely?' So I cautiously approached the sledgehammer-wielding-trio and asked, somewhat timidly, 'Excuse me, would you be able to tell me what is going on here?' The one who was bearded (then again, it is quite possible that they were all bearded) turned around, smiled and said, 'Hey, Pastor, we are installing NBN!'

Ah! National Broadband Network, finally at my doorstep (took a while!), supposedly to enable me to enjoy an even faster internet speed. But what would I do with super-fast internet, where could I *travel* to? After all, even light-speed travel would be useless if there was no escaping from the emptiness of infinite space.

Claustrophobia is the 'fear of being in a small space or room and unable to escape or get out.' (Google, thank you) We can travel the vast, seemingly infinite space of *World Wide Web* and still feel, deep within us, the pain of claustrophobia which only gets worse the longer we stay. It is as though there is a person trapped inside - someone we faintly remember - who is dying to get out and *live*.

There is a kind of travel that gives life rather than drain it, because it always runs through the core of the heart and never around it or away from it. This travel is better than "light-speed," being able to transport us even across time and space. For example, we can return to the Battle of the Coral Sea around this time in 1942, to the very moment when Fr Evans, in an hour of darkness, found hope and was inspired with the resolution to build a war memorial church - if he ever got the chance - and to dedicate it to Our Lady. Or we can reach out to our fellow Catholics in Sri Lanka who were killed in the terrorist attack when they had gathered for Mass on Easter Sunday [it turns out that they were even closer to us than we probably thought, with a few of the victims actually being relatives of a family in our own parish; may they rest in peace].

There is a kind of network - *Cosmic* Broadband Network - the reach of which is as unlimited as the pervasive presence of the risen Christ. Not even "sky is the limit." No matter when or where, if he can travel there, then, we can too. When we are wired to the network of his love, especially at celebration of the Eucharist, we *remember* who we are and become truly connected with whomever we hold dearly in our hearts; we become capable of traveling freely beyond our dreams.

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 5 May 3rd Sunday of Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 6 May	No Mass
Tues 7 May	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
Wed 8 May	7.00am Mass
Thurs 9 May	9:15am Mass
Fri 10 May	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Whole School Mass—Mothers Day
Sat 11 May	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 12 May 4th Sunday of Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Carolyn Ruth McCoy, Maria De Bono, Mary Crawford, Antonia Falzon, Sam Xerri, Edward Cantwell, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Ovens, Carl John Sollazzo, Irene Hall, Neville Gittany, Margherita Campisi, Jim Campisi, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Cocco, Giuseppa Leotta, Rossa Leotta, Donato Tozzi, Angela Maria Pinto, Nicola Repole, Peter Repole, Doris Micallef, Judith Partlin, Annamaria Cicuto, Vicko Hrdalo, Kate Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Patricia Freeman, Henry Walter Bullock, Christopher Pezzuti, Tony Tesoriero.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

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.

Life Ascending Meeting times are:

Third Thursday at 7:30pm
Second and fourth Fridays after the 9.15Mass.

Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady
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School Principal

Mr Chris Egan
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Charitable Works Fund 2019 Pastoral Appeal

For the CWF Pastoral Appeal, *Regina Coeli* has been asked by the head office to raise \$1825. As usual these donations will be 100% tax deductible.

The collection will take place at all Masses this weekend.

The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion (visit www.cwf.org.au to find our more), giving your gift the power to change lives for the better.

You will find special envelopes in the Church pews for your use or alternatively, visit the CWF website to donate securely by credit card (please remember to include your nominated parish as this helps them too).

To find out more, phone 1800 753 959 or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

At next weekend's Masses, 11/12 May, we will celebrate Mother's Day, to show our appreciation for our mothers and also appreciation for mother figures in our lives including stepmothers, grandmothers, relatives, guardians, close family friends and those about to become mothers. Parishioners are welcome to bring a flower with your mother's name attached, and place it on the altar of Our Lady.

Morning tea will be available after Sunday morning Masses this weekend, 5/6 May.

Youth Group dates for Term 2 2019

11 May

25 May

8 June

22 June

@ the Parish Hall

after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Rosary Statue

Mrs R Carnevale
20 Mayfair Crescent

Ph: 9584 2310



Last Weekend
28 April 2019

2nd Collection \$2170.60

1st Collection \$1136.95

Attendance

5PM ?

8.30AM ?

10AM 197

Total ?

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Friday 7 June 2019 at 7.00pm. Parents of baptised Roman Catholic children in Year Six or above are invited to enroll their child in the Parish based Confirmation Program. The Information and Enrolment letter has been sent home through the parish school and is also available from the parish office and parish website. If you have not already enrolled your child, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.
Elizabeth Gooley—Sacramental Coordinator

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

HOMILY BY ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER FOR MASS AND CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EASTER ATTACKS IN SRI LANKA

Easter morning Mass was nearly over at St Sebastian's Catholic Church in Katuwapitiya, Negombo. The congregation had heard the Gospel account of the first Easter, renewed their baptismal promises, been sprinkled with Easter water and received Holy Communion. Australians Manik Suriaaratchi and her 10-year-old daughter Alexendria were making their thanksgiving after Communion, when a 'young and innocent looking' suicide bomber entered the church and detonated his device. A now blood-bespeckled statue of Jesus survived the blast, but many worshippers were not so lucky. Manik and Alex are dead; their husband-father Sudesh Kolonne survived.

...Before they died, Manik and Alex heard the readings for Easter morning Mass. The *Acts of the Apostles* records St Peter's preaching about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 10:34-43). He explained that the apostles were witnesses to all this; the prophets also; and that God charges Christians with giving such witness too.

Three times Peter used the word *martis* μαρτυρ or witness, the word from which we get our word *martyr*. Ironically, Manik, Alex and the others at that Mass were being warned that Christian faith demands a certain seriousness, commitment, even heroism. That people can be persecuted for giving witness to their faith. That some might be called upon to give the witness of their blood.

...For Easter is the story of God seeking to halt the endless cycle of human violence and recrimination. By allowing Himself to be made a scapegoat and refusing to respond to evil with evil, Jesus assumed to Himself all sin and hatred, nailing them to the tree, and empowering His followers to break free of the spirit of revenge that eats away at the human soul, relationships and communities. Easter offers not just the promise of resurrection from the darkness of the tomb in the life to come, but resurrection even now for dark hearts entombed in anger and reprisal.

...Tonight Manik, Alex and the others cry out to us from their new-dug graves, and from God's right hand in heaven: no more violence in God's name or man's, no more hatred and reprisals. Let us affirm with these true martyrs that Easter is new life and hope for all.



Federal Election Guide 2019

For the first time, The Archdiocese invited political parties to provide responses to a series of questions about their stance on some of the most critical issues at stake at next weekend's election. These issues include religious freedom, education and care for the vulnerable. Their responses form the basis of the Federal Election Guide available at your parish, located at all Church doors

Pew Kneelers—Return to down position please

For safety reasons, please ensure that all pew kneelers are left in the down position.

First Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the
grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour
through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with
dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into
dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 5:11-14

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power,
wealth, glory, and blessing.*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 21:1-19

(or shorter form Jn 21:1-14)

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them,
and did the same with the fish.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

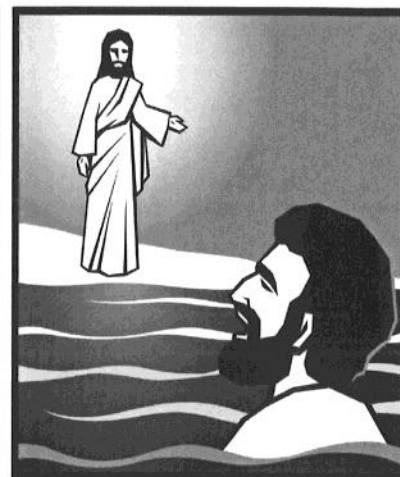
It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly,
when you were young
you put on your own belt
and walked where you liked;
but when you grow old
you will stretch out your hands,
and somebody else will put a belt round you
and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.

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