



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

4th Sunday of Easter
25 April 2021

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



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'I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.' (John 6:35)

The Gospel readings at Mass during the week have been absolutely beautiful. They were comprised of what is sometimes known as the 'bread of life discourse.' Jesus is the bread of life. Anyone who receives him receives eternal life. But what is eternal life?

I have just read a small book titled 'Leisure: the basis of culture' by Josef Pieper. It has been one of those books lying on my bookshelf for many years without being touched. It is a dense book written in a heavily philosophical language. But it is thankfully short.

Do we work to *live* or live to *work*? Productivity has become almost synonymous with happiness or meaning in modern times. To be productive is to lead a happy life or a meaningful life, so to speak. But there is a serious problem with the cult of work/productivity. It ignores another type of work which is not done by us. It fails to appreciate true productivity which is a gift rather than the fruit of pure effort.

For example, there are different types of knowing. We can know something (rationally) by inquiring, examining, reasoning, analysing, conjecturing, etc. In other words we can know something by our own effort. But there is another type of knowing which is more profound. We can know something (contemplatively) because it reveals itself to us. Think of the beauty of nature or art which captivates us. Think of a great teacher who can open up a whole new world to us and make it delightful - life-changing - rather than tedious. These are incredibly "productive" moments but not because of any mechanical efficiency. Great work has been done but not by us. We are, as it were, possessed by a reality which reveals itself to us, nourishing and transforming us in the process.

Eternal life, I think, is similar. Eternal life is not a form of life we accumulate by our own effort; rather, it is given to us as a pure grace. Therefore what is paramount is the manner in which we approach eternal life - not effortfully or impatiently but by way of trust and surrender, so as to soak ourselves in what is being offered to us, namely, eternal life. We do not need to wait to die in order to enjoy eternal life. As a matter of fact, it is essential that we get a taste of eternal life here and now because, otherwise, this life becomes too burdensome, exhausting and relentlessly monotonous. As Jesus put it, 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.' (John 6:63)

- Fr Peter -

The Week Ahead

Sun 25 April 4th Sunday Easter	8.30am 10.00am	No need to book for Mass
Mon 26 April St Mark		No Mass
Tue 27 April	9.15am 10.00am	School Mass 1 School Mass 2
Wed 28 April St Peter Chanel	7am	Mass
Thu 29 April Catherine of Sienna	9.15pm	Mass
Fri 30 April	9.15am	Mass
Sat 1 May	9.00am 9:25- 9:55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 2 May 5th Sunday Easter	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Thursday 2pm afternoon tea is back!

Recently Deceased

Madeleine Raftery

In Loving Memory

Gino Tullio Ronda, Nadia Hobeika, Joseph Ghibely, Ugo Buracchi, Mary Crawford, Pietro Banno, Edward Cantwell, Spiro & Josephine Bajada

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Mildred Petit, Glen Chater, James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Peter Peters, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann Mc Dowell, Christopher McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Pat Mortimer, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.

Rosary Statue

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St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive dates for 2021

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AUGUST 7

NOVEMBER 6

- 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.

Office of Children's Guardian Safeguarding WWC Number

NSW Office of Children's Guardian requires that the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office, ensure all parishioners volunteering in liturgical and/or child related ministries have a "Working With Children Check" WWC number. This includes readers, children's liturgy helpers, catechists, acolytes, youth ministers, ministers of Holy Communion, minister's to the homebound, and counters. If you haven't as yet provided your WWC number to the parish please do so immediately. When emailing your number, please also send your date of birth so the parish may verify your number. To obtain, or renew, your WWC number go to kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au (Office of the Children's Guardian). It is essential to hold a current WWC number to participate in the above ministries. Thank you.

Safeguarding and Sacristy

In the current climate - when the shadows of sexual abuse within the Church still loom large - we ought to minimize reasons for concern about children's safety. Accordingly, as a general principle, we would do well to ensure that there are at least two adult supervisors whenever children are on church premises. Therefore I ask that our readers, whenever physically possible, gather in the sacristy before and after Mass, for as long as children are still around, and be part of the procession and recession. Also, **a parent or two of our altar servers are encouraged to accompany the children in the sacristy before and after Mass in order to strengthen the safeguarding measures.** In my view the sacristy is an open space which anyone can approach at anytime respectfully. Thank you for your cooperation. Let us all become more conscious of the need for vigilance so that our parish can become a truly safe place for children and any unnecessary doubt can be dispelled.

— Fr Peter —



**ANZAC Day Special:
Late Paul Kensey's
(a beloved parishioner)
Passion for the Army**

From the age of 5 years my husband was mad about the army. He was very lucky to have one sister a dressmaker who made him an army outfit, an older brother who got him a slouch hat and his father made him a wooden rifle. He also had his own fortress up the backyard. He joined the cubs and then the scouts. On leaving school he had his heart set on going to Duntroon Military College but his mother stepped in and said, 'No you need to get a trade.' He became a carpenter with the Maritime Services Board. He joined the SMF (?) and was called up for National Service in 1951.

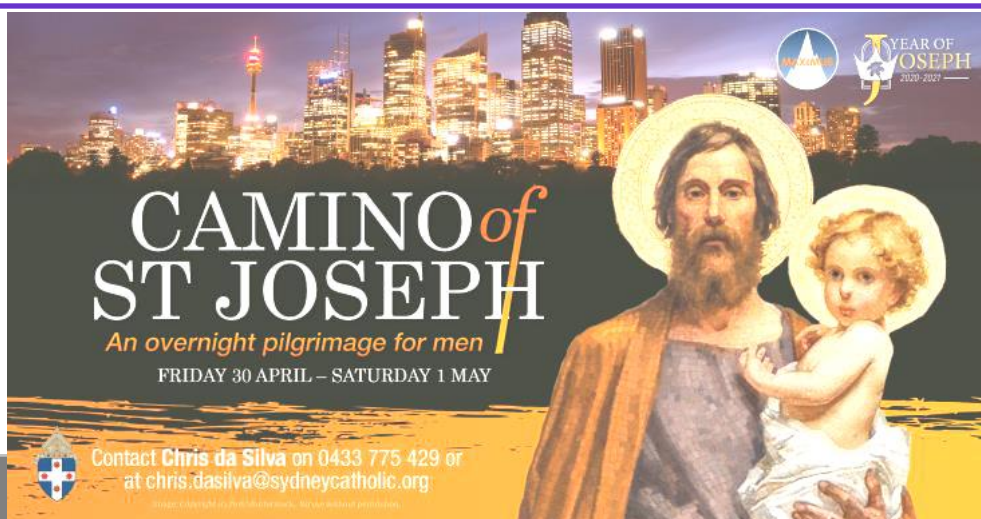
In 1954 he went on his annual camp to Singleton for 2 weeks but was there for 5 weeks because Singleton had the worst floods ever and the soldiers stayed to mop up. We had just started going together before he went and when I look back now I realise what a strange courtship we had up until we got married in May 1957. He was hardly ever around. I cannot remember him being home on a Mother's Day. The army always seemed to have something on, but then he attended every course I think that the army ever ran.

A big disappointment was not being able to go to Vietnam, but as a carpenter he had a nasty fall and damaged his knee, so he was declared medically unfit. For one of his promotion exams, he took military history (being the American Civil War). He did all the study and asked all the questions. Needless to say he topped the exam so we then went on a tour of all the battlefields including Gettysburg and Appomattox Courthouse where it was finally signed and over. He then became a tour leader and took 2 tours over to the US. He was then made Chairman of the American Civil War Round Table Group in Australia. The patron of that was Bob Carr.

He was also very interested in the First World War because his uncle Richard had been killed at Lone Pine. We did a tour of all the battlefields and when we got to Lone Pine the tour leader allowed him to lay the wreath from the Australian Government and then he gave a talk on what happened there. Being at Gallipoli for the dawn service was a most memorable experience. We also did a tour of the Second World War battlefields. On missing out on Vietnam he was made Commander of all the school cadet units, including Scots College, Cranbrook, Riverview, St Joseph's College Hunters Hill, Barker College and many more. It kept him very busy and away a lot attending their annual camps and taking the salute at their graduations. A very exciting time, the best part being picked up the door in a Commonwealth car and being driven on to the parade ground and then being driven home (not having to worry about finding a parking spot).

I can remember one time when he was away for 6 months having lunch with mum & dad and saying how he was never around. My mother's response was 'you knew that when you married him.' My dad's response was 'If you can't beat him join him.' My response to that was 'you have got to be joking!'

Submitted (anonymously) by an army officer's wife of 57 years.



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.

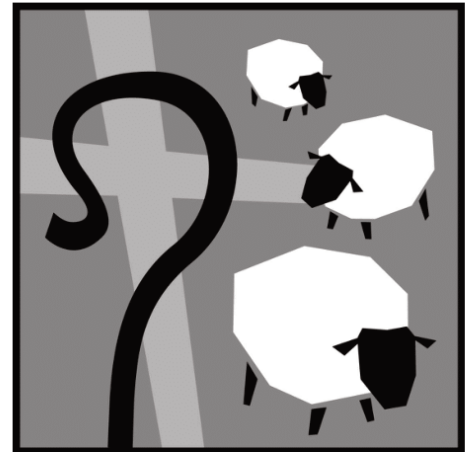
Alleluia!

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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