



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

5th Sunday of Easter 2 May 2021

The feast of St Joseph the Worker occurs on the first day of May every year. This is an optional memorial feast which is so “minor” in terms of solemnity (at least for now) that it is superseded by a mere weekday during the Easter season. But, of course, we are currently in the Year of St Joseph and so the aspect of the worker might deserve some special attention. Pope Francis wrote, ‘Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one’s own labour.’ (*Patris Corde*, 6)

Work is character-building, dignifying and rewarding. St Pope John Paul II wrote, ‘Man’s life is built up every day from work, from work it derives its specific dignity...’ (*Laborem Exercens*, 1) But just because work is essential does not mean that its importance ought to be absolutized, as though, work, understood in a superficial sense, was the entire purpose of human existence. After all, workaholicism is a problem, not a virtue. Now, I cannot claim to have any expertise whatsoever in workaholicism, not even in my wildest imagination! But I do feel confident that I know something about idleness. Interestingly, after reading ‘Leisure: the basis of culture’ which I mentioned last week, I am beginning to see that there is a strong connection between fanaticism (“working too hard”) and idleness. Both come from the same cause, namely, *acedia* (or sloth).

Acedia (or sloth) might sound no different from idleness to our contemporary sensibilities. But there is an importance distinction which needs to be noted. *Acedia* is the cause; idleness is the symptom. But a person suffering from *acedia* can also express a very different symptom, namely, fanaticism! How come? Because *acedia* (or sloth) is a deep-seated problem of not being at peace with oneself. A philosopher by the name of Kierkegaard called *acedia*, the ‘despairing refusal to be oneself.’ I think of the movie title, ‘What’s Eating Gilbert Grape?’ Something is wrong within and we are not quite sure what; we feel imprisoned in anxiety and restlessness which are then followed by sadness, even despair. And so we try to find an escape by “working like crazy” or falling into endless lethargy.

There is one thing that workaholics and idlers have in common: they struggle to enjoy true leisure. They are frightened or paralyzed by the prospective of being quiet and still so as to allow themselves to be drawn into a commitment of love. They fret about many things, including the most ephemeral or frivolous, except the one thing necessary. They are constantly running from that which can save them – a love that transcends the one-dimensional world in which they have become trapped or a vision which provides the context for who they are and what their mission is – which tends to reveal itself to us in moments of true leisure, in particular when we contemplate, pray and/or worship! **Continued on Page 3**

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The Week Ahead

Sun 2 May 5th Sunday Easter	8.30am 10.00am	No need to book for Mass
Mon 3 May Sts Philip & James	11.30am	Funeral Mass for Rosetta Tesoriero
Tue 3 May	9.15am 9.50am	Mass with Year 2 Reconciliation with Year 3
Wed 4 May	7am	Mass
Thu 5 April	9.15pm 2pm	Mass Afternoon tea @ the parish centre
Fri 6 May	9.15am	Mass
Sat 7 May	9.00am 9.25- 9.55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 8 May 6th Sunday Easter	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Recently Deceased

Rosetta Tesoriero, Anthony Rodriguez, 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, 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 Camellotti.

Rosary Statue

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CWF May Parish Appeal

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal*** is happening this weekend and we need your help. COVID-19 has taken an especial toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney – including those now facing homelessness, single mothers, those struggling with mental health, and our local Aboriginal communities.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

**The amount in need of being raised here at Regina Coeli is currently \$3105.00*

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.



A reminder for Mother's Day

On Mother's Day we have a beautiful tradition here of placing flowers on the altar of Our Lady for Mary (our spiritual mother) as well as for the deceased mothers. A simple flower will do. Please keep this in mind for next week!

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Here is what Josef Pieper, the author of the aforementioned book, wrote:

‘Leisure...is an attitude of mind, a condition of the soul...Leisure is a form of silence...only the silent hear and those who do not remain silent do not hear...Leisure is not the attitude of mind of those who actively intervene, but of those who are open to everything; not of those who grab and grab hold, but of those who leave the reins loose and who are free and easy themselves – almost like a man falling asleep, for one can only sleep by “letting oneself go.”...Because Wholeness is what man strives for, the power to achieve leisure is one of the fundamental powers of the human soul. Like the gift for contemplative absorption in the things that are, and like the capacity of the spirit to soar in festive celebration, the power to know leisure is the power to overstep the boundaries of the workaday world and reach out to superhuman, life-giving existential forces that refresh and renew us before we turn back to our daily work. Only in genuine leisure does a “gate to freedom” open.’

- Fr Peter -



Our Marriage Journey

Discover anew Christ's plan for your marriage.

- Talks
- Testimonies
- Prayer
- Sharing
- Couple time
- Mass

Saturday June 26 at 9am to
Sunday June 27 at 3pm

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
247 St Andrew's Rd, Varrowville

\$200 per couple
(includes overnight
accommodation & meals)

For more information:
Contact Bernadette on 0423102066 or
at emmanuelasydneyevents@gmail.com

Please register by 12th June 2021 to
<https://www.trybooking.com/BQDLQ>

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www.emmanuelaustralia.com.au

Bicentenary Mass to honour arrival of first priests in Australia

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is celebrating a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, 9 May 2021 at 10.30am** to mark the 200th Anniversary of the arrival of the first official Priests to Australia, Fr John Joseph Therry and Fr Philip Conolly.

If you have any questions, please contact Kym Newman on 9390 5992 or

kym.newman@sydneycatholic.org.

The World Apostolate of Fatima (Sydney Archdiocesan Committee), invite you to our **May Celebration in honour of Our Lady of Fatima, interceding for Peace in the World and the Welfare of Australia. It will take place in St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday May 15th commencing at 11.30 am with entrance procession in the Cathedral. Programme includes, Litany of Loreto, Consecration, Rosary, concluding with Holy Mass.**

For further enquiries call us on 9984-8988 or Mob. 0403478994.

Mass Attendance Count in May 2021*

Australia's Catholic parishes and dioceses are being invited to undertake the five-yearly National Count of Attendance next month, albeit with some changes to reflect the COVID-19 pandemic. Held every five years since 2001, the project is a simple head count of all attenders at all parishes and other Mass centres across Australia over the four weekends of May. The count takes in Masses as well as Sunday assemblies in the absence of a priest.

Statistics from this year's count are expected to be released in 2022, meaning they can be assessed alongside the Census population data. According to the most recent 2016 National Count of Attendance, 11.8 per cent of Australia's Catholic population, or 623,400 people, attended Mass or another Sunday assembly each weekend.

*The entire article has been sourced from Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Media Blog



First Reading Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience
and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,
we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;

my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit
he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he
prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to
you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in
you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on
the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should
bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

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