



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

6th Sunday of Easter 9 May 2021



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
A blessing comes to you
on this your special day.

*When the truth is found to be lies
And all the joy within you dies
...You better find somebody to love*

While pondering over Mother's Day, I came upon the above verse, which is from a song called 'Somebody To Love' by Jeffery Airplane (1967). Untruth has consequences, one of which is that 'all the joy within you dies.' Truth matters because it is our contact with reality. Without that contact we cannot be nourished by anything of substance. Without

proper nourishment joy withers and dies within us. Therefore the truth must always be treated with reverence and never be allowed to become a cover for lies.

Unfortunately, the "truth" is found to be lies all too often. Words are used carelessly, not to bring us into contact with reality, but to create an expedient narrative. But just because careless words and false narratives are propagated by the powerful does not mean that reality is altered, at least not in any fundamental sense. Reality is reality. Sooner or later the discrepancy between reality and propaganda will become glaringly obvious. Then the truth will be found to be false and joy long gone. Only love will save us from the quiet despair of untruth.

One propaganda which has been promoted for quite some time now is the notion that motherhood is not worth pursuing, at least not with all of one's heart: being a mother is good for a woman, supposedly, as long as she has numerous other things going for her at the same time. But a dedicated mother whose primary passion in life is for motherhood? That woman is to be pitied, supposedly, if not denigrated, even ridiculed. They claim that such a woman leads an unfulfilled life - an inconsequential life - but just doesn't know it yet, on account of which she must be re-educated by the "enlightened."

But what if the so-called new "truth" is found to be lies? How many souls would have suffered from the epidemic of joylessness as a result? It seems to me that those who treat motherhood as merely one value of among many which a woman ought to consider have one of two problems: either they have never experienced profound motherly love, or they have forgotten its power. What could be more consequential than a love which instils in the hearts of the young the certainty that they are loved and brings out the best in them?

Nothing anchors us in reality like a palpable presence of motherly love. Even the most cynical amongst us must eventually let go of false ideologies and surrender to reality when consistently exposed to the real presence of motherly love. Then the truth will become trustworthy again and joy abound. Mothers are on the mission to find somebody (vulnerable) to love so as to protect them from a world of falsehood which lurks to steal their soul. Happy Mother's Day! - Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 9 May 6th Sunday Easter	8.30am 10.00am	No need to book for Mass
Mon 10 May		No Mass
Tue 11 May	9.15am 9.50am	Reconciliation with Year 4
Wed 12 May	7am	Mass
Thu 13 April	9.15pm 2pm	Mass Afternoon tea @ the parish centre
Fri 14 May St Matthias	9.15am	Mass
Sat 15 May	9.00am 9:25- 9:55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 16 May Ascension of the Lord	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

The Men's Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting their Winter Appeal at the end of this month after missing last year due to Covid.

Weekend 29/30 May address to Parishioners & handing out of envelopes.

Weekend 5 / 6 June collection to be taken up. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible please mark the envelope accordingly to receive a receipt after the end of the financial year.

All money donated is used to support the poor & needy within our Parish area. With Winter just around the corner the colder weather places greater stress on those who have difficulty supporting themselves & often their families.

Providing warm clothing & bedding, additional food & managing the increase in electricity, gas etc can be quite challenging for those struggling to make ends meet.

Your support will as always be greatly appreciated & make those struggling in life happier knowing that someone really cares.

Recently Deceased

Frank Capra, 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 (again) this weekend and we need your help.

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*



Remembering this time last year... Thank you, Joan, for what you did last year as well as this year!

Pope Francis in *Amoris Laetitia*
Post-synodal apostolic exhortation on Love of the Family

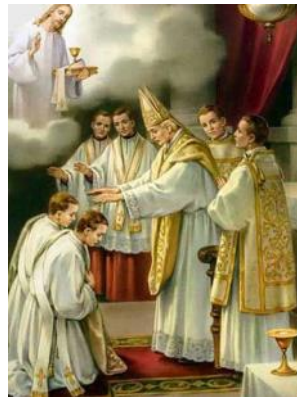
With great affection I urge all future mothers: keep happy and let nothing rob you of the interior joy of motherhood. Your child deserves your happiness. Don't let fears, worries, other people's comments or problems lessen your joy at being God's means of bringing a new life to the world. Prepare yourself for the birth of your child, but without obsessing, and join in Mary's song of joy: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant" (Lk 1:46-48). Try to experience this serene excitement amid all your many concerns, and ask the Lord to preserve your joy, so that you can pass it on to your child. (171) ...The sense of being orphaned that affects many children and young people today is much deeper than we think. Nowadays we acknowledge as legitimate and indeed desirable that women wish to study, work, develop their skills and have personal goals. At the same time, we cannot ignore the need that children have for a mother's presence, especially in the first months of life. Indeed, the woman stands before the man as a mother, the subject of the new human life that is conceived and develops in her, and from her is born into the world. The weakening of this maternal presence with its feminine qualities poses a grave risk to our world. I certainly value feminism, but one that does not demand uniformity or negate motherhood. For the grandeur of women includes all the rights derived from their inalienable human dignity but also from their feminine genius, which is essential to society. Their specifically feminine abilities – motherhood in particular – also grant duties, because womanhood also entails a specific mission in this world, a mission that society needs to protect and preserve for the good of all. (173)



Multiplication of flowers!

There was a wedding for a lovely couple on Friday which was potentially threatened by the last minute changes to the corona-restrictions. But, thanks be to God, the wedding was able to proceed as planned with hardly any disturbance. The couple kindly left the flowers behind for parishioners, in time for Mother's Day! Please say a prayer for Margaret and Enrique.

10 YEARS ON...



Jeremiah 3:15 ~ Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. ~

Join us for a BBQ to celebrate the 10 year anniversary of Fr Peter's ordination.

Sunday 23rd May after 10am mass.

Lunch, drinks and good company provided.

There will be a jumping castle and music set up for the kids so please bring the whole family along.

If you would like to, feel welcome to bring a dessert plate to share.

Wear something red for Pentecost.

Please note that there will be no parking on the school grounds on this day and that the event will be subject to restrictions at the time.

For any queries please contact Sally. 0411 288 243

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his
salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have
known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's
commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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