



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 June 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



The long season of Easter was followed by a series of feasts, the last of which was the back-to-back celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (last Friday and Saturday). The feast of the Sacred Heart must be one of my favourites and not just because it is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. I tend to think that the image of the Sacred Heart is the best representation of what the Eucharist is - the gentle fire of divine love as a fruit of the Paschal Mystery. The love of God is infinite - 'beyond all knowledge' (Ephesians 3:19). But, in the Sacred Heart, the infinite of love of God has become something concrete - something which we can truly access and eternally benefit from. The significance of this is mind-blowing: God loves us with a *human heart* which has become the supreme means by which the inextinguishable fire of infinite love has been revealed. This means that the love of God is not only powerful but also *heartfelt*. God loves us with perfect tenderness!

This means that when we suffer God shares in our suffering. Through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, God shares in our suffering. A few years ago I asked the school children at a Mother's Day Mass, 'Why do mothers feel the pain of their children?' There was total silence and a multitude of mothers all hushed and eager to hear the answer, any answer. One boy in kindergarten put his hand up and said, 'Because they love us!' Yes, love makes us vulnerable to the pain of those whom we love. Through the Sacred Heart God has become vulnerable to our suffering, hence the reason why we find in the image of the Sacred Heart a wounded heart - crowned with thorns and with blood still dripping from its pierced side. And yet the wounded heart is radiant with eternal light and afire with divine love. Jesus rose from the dead and showed us that divine love is more powerful than anything else, even death itself. Therefore the Sacred Heart, although a wounded heart, is invincible, not because it is incapable of feeling pain, but because it is filled with the utter fullness of new life - a new form of life which has worked through and gone past (transcended) death itself.

Someone who was so attuned to the Sacred Heart that her own heart was in a perfect state was Mary. There is a Gospel passage in which Jesus speaks about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. (c.f. Luke 18:1) We lose heart because of *heartbreaks* which are either self-induced or caused by others. But losing heart only worsens the problem by allowing it to go uncared for and develop into a monstrosity which frightens us into further escapism. Mary's heart was broken (or pierced) multiple times, the worst of which was at the foot of the cross where her beautiful heart was crushed by the sorrow of her Son's death. But even then Mary's heart remained humble and open toward the merciful Lord. Therefore Mary became the first to bask in the glory of Christ's resurrection, thereby showing us that it is possible for us to pray continually and never lose heart, so as to be sustained by the love of the sacred heart, no matter what heartbreaking challenges come our way. As a matter of fact it is in being broken and raised up that we become not only stronger but also capable of truly helping others. - *Fr Peter* -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 13 June 11th Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	
Mon 14 June	7.30pm	Anniversary Mass for Frank Capra
Tue 15 June	9.15am 9.50am	Mass with Year 3 Reconciliation with Year 4
Wed 16 June	7am	Mass
Thu 17 June	9.15am	Mass
Fri 18 June	9.15am	Mass
Sat 19 June	9.00am 9.25- 9.55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4.15- 4.45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 20 June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Recently Deceased

John Harnett, Patricia Hay, Luigia Zegarelli, Sr Janet Ryan, Peter Peters, Christopher McDowell, Frank Capra

In Loving Memory

Fouad Attia, Santo Ilardo, Jeanette Cardoz, Gino Tullio Ronda

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Mildred Petit, James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozina, 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

Mr & Mrs Moore
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COME, FOLLOW ME



Discipleship Retreat Days with
the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia

**Sunday
13th June**
St Mary's
Cathedral, Sydney

**Saturday
26th June**
Regina Coeli,
Beverly Hills

**Saturday
17th July**
Our Lady of the
Rosary, Fairfield

All welcome!
\$10 per person
Light lunch included.

Registration essential at
www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus and how can I grow as a disciple?

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia are working with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to offer three **one-day retreats**. Come and experience the love and mercy of Jesus, and enter more deeply into your own experience of being His disciple. The talks include: *Making the most out of Mass*, *Prayer: How to Grow in your Relationship with Jesus*, *Breaking open Scripture* and *A Cloud of Witnesses: Growing closer to Mary and the Saints*. There will also be time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession.

Date and locations:

13 June, St Mary's Cathedral
26 June, Regina Coeli Parish, Beverly Hills
17 July, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield

To sign up:

Either sign up now using the sign up sheet at the door
Or

Register online at

www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/

Cost: \$10 per person, with light lunch included.
All welcome!

St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal

Donations toward the Winter Appeal can still be given either directly to a member of Vinnies in the parish or indirectly to one of the collection boxes, in an envelope, so that it can be passed on.

I wish to thank the parish members of St Vincent de Paul Society for their ceaseless and generous work!

Pope Francis' Catechesis on prayer: *Perseverance in love*

Everything in the human being is "binary": our body is symmetrical, we have two arms, two eyes, two hands... And so, work and prayer are also complementary. Prayer - which is the "breath" of everything - remains as the living backdrop of work, even in moments in which this is not explicit. It is inhuman to be so absorbed by work that you can no longer find the time for prayer.

At the same time, a prayer that is alien from life is not healthy. A prayer that alienates itself from the concreteness of life becomes spiritualism, or worse, ritualism. Let us remember that Jesus, after showing the disciples His glory on Mount Tabor, did not want to prolong that moment of ecstasy, but instead came down from the mountain with them and resumed the daily journey. Because that experience had to remain in their hearts as the light and strength of their faith; also a light and strength for the days that were soon to come: those of the Passion. In this way, the time dedicated to staying with God revive faith, which helps us in the practicalities of living, and faith, in turn, nurtures prayer, without interruption. In this circularity between faith, life and prayer, one keeps alight that flame of Christian life that God expects of us.

And let us repeat the simple prayer that it is so good to repeat during the day. Let's see if you can still remember it. All together: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!". Saying this prayer continually will help you in the union with Jesus. Thank you.

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening – 30 June 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Pennant Hills

Join keynote speakers Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Dr. Robbie Lloyd and Ms Ashleigh Donnelly together with Catholics from the Archdiocese of Sydney, Parramatta Diocese and the Diocese of Broken Bay for a prayerful dinner event to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the themes of this year's Social Justice Statement "To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today." For more details please see the attached flyer.

Date: Wednesday 30th June 2021

Time: 6.00 – 8.30 pm

Venue: Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hills.

Please register your attendance here: <https://form.jotform.com/211228078037048> or by emailing ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org or 0439 584 221.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care

More information and Applications Forms are available on our website

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

WANT TO BE A BETTER DAD?

RAISING EVENINGS FATHERS

21 JULY
OUR LADY
OF LOURDES,
EARLWOOD
7:30-8:30PM

22 JULY
ST MICHAEL,
LANE COVE
7:30-8:30PM

23 JULY
ST CHRISTOPHER,
PANANIA
7:30-8:30PM

ALL PARENTS
AND GUARDIANS
WELCOME



**DANIEL
ANG**



**ROBERT
FALZON**



**STUART
BRADY**



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Thank you, Adriani, for the beautiful flowers this week-end! At the end of a long novena, she has donated the flowers as a gift to Our Lady. Please say a prayer for her intentions.

First Reading Ez 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a
shoot
and plant it myself on a very high
mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of
Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade
of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that
I, the Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low
ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most
High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the
night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:6-10

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are
intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we
remember that to live in the body means
to be exiled from the Lord, going as we
do by faith and not by sight - we are full of
confidence, I say, and actually want to be
exiled from the body and make our home
with the Lord. Whether we are living in the
body or exiled from it, we are intent on
pleasing him. For all the truth about us will
be brought out in the law court of Christ,
and each of us will get what he deserves for
the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The seed is the word of God, Christ is the
sower;*

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 4:26-34

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into
the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the
kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed
on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps,
when he is awake, the seed is sprouting
and growing; how, he does not know. Of
its own accord the land produces first the
shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the
ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no
time; he starts to reap because the harvest
has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom
of God is like? What parable can we find for
it? It is like a mustard seed which at the
time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest
of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown
it grows into the biggest shrub of them all
and puts out big branches so that the birds
of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke
the word to them, so far as they were
capable of understanding it. He would not
speak to them except in parables, but he
explained everything to his disciples when
they were alone.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that
poetic imagery is an apt way of
describing the mysterious presence
of God in our midst. The cedar
began as a seedling that takes years
to grow into a magnificent tree. The
same is true of the mustard tree. It
too requires time to develop its
trunk and branches. The
development of moral integrity in a
human being is just as gradual.
Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's
presence and it produces fruit even
into old age. Although God is present
in all things, sustaining them and
allowing them to follow their natural
courses, God really transcends all
things. Metaphorical language may
be the best means for speaking
about God and the things of God. It
enables us to live in the tension that
both reveals something about God
and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very
ordinary circumstances, and it
matures gradually until it has spread
itself far and wide. Although the
mystery of the reign of God unfolds
within human history, we need eyes
of faith to recognise it. Like the
cedar and the mustard seed, it
grows within the concreteness of
human experience. Just as the life
force that thrusts the branches of
the trees further and further out
cannot itself be seen, so the reign of
God is mysterious, even
incomprehensible. Still, it is there,
inviting us, urging us to move
forward, transforming our world.