



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



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Corpus Christi 6 June 2021

You may have heard about it. You may have seen the booklets. 'Go Make Disciples' (c.f. Matthew 28:19) is the title of the *mission plan* launched by the Archdiocese of Sydney. What is a mission plan and why do we need it? Jesus commanded the disciples *go* and make disciples of all nations. He did not ask them to attend to only those who would *come* of their own accord. In other words, *mission* is an essential aspect of what the Church does and is.



Our faith is meant to nourish us truly and substantially. Therefore the desire to share with others what we have received - the desire to *evangelise* - ought to be in us as the rule rather than as the exception. The prophet Jeremiah said, 'If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.' (Jeremiah 20:9)

What does it mean for us to become *missionary* not just as individual Christians but also as a parish community? Every person is different. Every parish is different. But there are enough common grounds such that a particular person or a particular mission plan can serve as a helpful point of reference for others. It is hoped that 'Go Make Disciples' will shed some light on how the parish of Regina Coeli can better participate in the divinely mandated mission of the Church.

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation (SCE) is an agency within the Archdiocese of Sydney which oversees the promotion & implementation of 'Go Make Disciples' (the mission plan). Showing that they not only talk the talk but also walk the walk, a team from SCE intends to go out to parishes and run retreat days. Quite fortunately, the parish of Regina Coeli has been chosen as one of the venues for these one day retreats.

It so happens that, just prior to the onset of the pandemic, the parish pastoral council was contemplating the possibility of organising annual retreat days for the whole parish. Needless to say, the small dream was somewhat quickly dispersed by the storm which was 2020. So it is rather providential that helpers, including the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia, are being sent to hold a day of spiritual nourishment here at Regina Coeli. Everyone is welcome, please sign up now! (There is more detail about this on page 2)

Something else which has been curtailed by the pandemic is 'Family Mass.' For the first time in more than a year an invitation to Sunday Mass has gone out through the school, this time to all the kindergarten families. This is so that more and more families might come to find in the parish their spiritual home and form with others faith-based and lasting friendships. There is to be BBQ brunch after the 10am Mass. Again, everyone is welcome!

- Fr Peter -

Welcome to Regina Coeli Catholic Church

The Week Ahead

Sun 6 June Corpus Christi	8.30am 10.00am	
Mon 7 June		
Tue 8 June	9.15am 9:50am	Mass Reconciliation with Year 3
Wed 9 June	7am	Mass
Thu 10 June	9.15am 11:30am	Mass Funeral Mass for John Harnett & Patricia Hay
Fri 11 June Sacred Heart	9.15am 11:30am	School Mass School Liturgy
Sat 12 June Immaculate Heart	9.00am 9:25- 9:55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 13 June 11th 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

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 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.

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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 are to be collected over this weekend by volunteers at the doors. Your contribution will go directly toward giving relief to those who are struggling in our own area. Envelopes are still available if you wish to give.

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

**Excerpts from *Consecration to St Joseph*
by Father Donald Calloway (pg 108-110):**

“If you want to be close to Christ, we again repeat, “Go to Joseph.” Venerable Pope Pius XII

What is the closest possible union you can have with Jesus in this life? The answer is easy: your reception of Jesus in Holy Communion. There is no greater intimacy with Jesus possible in this life than when you receive Eucharist at Holy Mass. The Blessed Sacrament is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

Did you know that, without St Joseph’s earthly paternity of Jesus, you would not now be able to receive the Bread of Life? Saint Joseph was given the role of maintaining and protecting the sacred bread for you. Let me explain.


You are probably familiar with the story from the Book of Genesis about the sons of Israel selling one of their brothers into slavery. The brother sold into slavery was named Joseph. Joseph ended up being taken by his owners into Egypt, far away from all his other kin. What the men did to their brother was horrible and shameful. But God had a plan.

Incredibly, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, adopted Joseph into his own family... Joseph was given great authority; Pharaoh placed him in charge of all the granaries of Egypt... Joseph did an incredible job of storing up grain...

Though Joseph’s brothers had sold him into slavery, God had wonderful plans for Joseph... a severe famine broke out in Egypt and surrounding territories,... The famine was so extreme that Joseph’s own brothers, the ones who sold him into slavery, journeyed to Egypt in search of food...

And when the brothers met the man in charge of the granaries... they did not realise they were standing in the presence of their own brother... but Joseph recognised them... and extended forgiveness to them... Thanks to Joseph and his role as keeper of the grain, countless lives were saved from famine and death. The story related in the Old Testament is true and is a pre-figuration of a much greater Joseph who would bring his Son, (Jesus) the Bread from Heaven, to safety in Egypt. St Joseph safeguarded a food capable of saving the entire world!

...God sent St Joseph to Egypt so that, out of Egypt, St Joseph could bring the Bread of Life to the nations. St Joseph saved our Bread from Herod; he protected and preserved him in Egypt and now desires we receive the Bread of Life in Holy Mass. Unlike the Joseph of the Old Testament, St Joseph’s Heavenly Bread is more numerous than the sands of the sea. This Heavenly Bread is able to feed all the multitudes and satisfy every soul.



Cemetery management will now be handed over to a costly, Government bureaucracy, with no sympathy for the mission of caring for the dead and no experience in care for graves. It is a shocking decision.

ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP

SAVE OUR GRAVES

SIGN THE PETITION AT WWW.SAVEOURGRAVES.COM.AU

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked for your support in signing an e-petition on this issue to be presented to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, since the government’s decision amounts to an attack on religious freedom in NSW.

For more than 150 years in NSW, Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (CMCT) has been trusted not only by Catholics, but by the Islamic and Jewish communities and other people of faith to bury the dead, maintain their graves respectfully and comfort grieving families.

A Government review found that the non-Catholic operators were flawed. They did not have the capacity to take on new burials, they had not built up funds for the care of existing graves and were being managed inefficiently. Among them, there was a \$300 million shortfall in funds.

This wasn’t true for CMCT, which had, for the past 8 years, submitted and achieved development application consent for 2 new cemeteries in Varroville and Wallacia that would be able to look after the number of people wanting to be buried for 50 years or more. It had saved enough funds to build these cemeteries and care for all existing graves. It was also identified as offering the most affordable burials.

Instead of dealing with the problems of the non-Catholic operators, problems with which CMCT was willing to assist and allowing CMCT to continue its good work, the Government has decided to abolish all operators, and create a new Government operator called One Crown. Here is why this matters to your family:

- * Cost of burials will go up. Because CMCT was a registered charity, it was able to keep the price of burials down. This will no longer be the case.
- * Burials will likely be priced higher to push people towards cremation, or the use of short-term, grave “leasing” arrangements.
- * No assurance that the graves of loved ones will be maintained long into the future, because a government bureaucracy does not have the same understanding of the need to care for the deceased.
- * A secular operator with no experience in burials does not have the same understanding of religious sensitivities around burial that CMCT has, due to its Catholic nature and also its 153-year history in burial management.

Sign the e-petition here: <http://saveourgraves.com.au/> You can also write to your local State MP to voice your concern about this proposal. Please also share the attached tile on your parish social media platforms.

First Reading Ex 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

*(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.
or*

(R.) Alleluia!

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 9:11-15

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal

redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the living bread from heaven, says
the Lord;*

*whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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