



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 15 May 2022

'In honour of Australian-American friendship in war and peace'

It was the dream of Fr William Evans - the first Parish Priest of Regina Coeli - to build a church which was dedicated to Our Lady and served as a war memorial in honour of Australian-American friendship in war and peace. Perhaps it was not an accident that the name of our suburb changed from 'Dumbleton' to 'Beverly Hills' in 1940, as if to anticipate the connection between the two nations through the iconic church of Regina Coeli. The importance of Australian-American friendship was self-evident during times of war. But what about now - a time of relative peace (at least for AUS & US), although the notion of peace seems increasingly illusory and far from guaranteed? Some say that Australia is about 10 years behind the US, by which they mean that the socio-political trends which we see over there are likely to manifest themselves here as well, albeit 10 years later. This is a worrying prospect, especially given the fact that what we are currently witnessing over there isn't pretty!

Nevertheless, there is a silver-lining. For example, the myth of progress seems to be crumbling. Under the guise of "progress," a long series of radical ideas have been promoted and propagated, in contradiction to the Christian faith, with promises of a better future. But the ensuing chaos is becoming evermore difficult to ignore. The fabrics of society are disintegrating and those with common sense can see the causal link between rejection of traditional values and decline of society. Now, a promising sign from the US has to do with 'Roe versus Wade' - a 1973 decision by the US Supreme Court which ruled that, supposedly, there was a constitutional right to abortion. 'Roe v. Wade' had the effect of legalising abortion nationwide as a blanket rule and, since then, it is estimated that over 65 million abortions have been performed under the auspices of the US Constitution.

Finally, it looks as though 'Roe versus Wade' might be overturned, although not without ferocious resistance. The so-called "constitutional right to abortion" is a false concept invented for the purpose of excusing what human beings, in the darkest and lowest regions of nature, desire to do. What has been the ghastly impact of legalising and justifying millions of abortion on the soul of a nation? What horrible traumas and deadly blind-spots have been caused by the lies? How can Australia and America learn from the fatal mistakes of one another and embark on the path of renewal? The overturning of 'Roe versus Wade' will not mean a nationwide ban on abortion. But it does mean that each state will be able to decide for themselves through more democratic processes. It is hoped that debates surrounding the issue of abortion will become fairer and more transparent than they have been over the past 50 years and contribute positively to the moral and spiritual rebuilding of society.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 15 May 5th Sunday Easter | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 16 May | No Mass |
| Tue 17 May | 9.15am Mass with Year 2 9.45am Reconciliation with Yr 3G |
| Wed 18 May | 7am Mass |
| Thu 19 May | 9.15am Mass |
| Fri 20 May | 9.15am Mass 1.30pm Funeral: Meret Cassimatis |
| Sat 21 May | 9.00am Mass 9.25- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Sun 22 May 6th Sunday Easter | |

Recently Deceased

Meret Cassimatis, Margaret Hernet, Carmel Bantoft, Biaggio Costa, Thomas Venket Raju, Maureen Stapleton Giuseppa Campagna, Patricia McMellon, Peter Lyle, Nea Gooley, Gloria Fisher, Gennaro Sacco

In Loving Memory

Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Luigia Zegarelli, Caterina Costa, Ugo Burracchi, Tabita Lindarti, Irene Hall, Ariel Fiorini, Tarcisius Sujono Setio Kuncoro, Jimmy Simmons, Giuseppe Graniero, The Hayes Family

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Mitchell Morris, Lucy Andaloro, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Mildred Petit, James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, 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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Fun (Inspirational) Fact

- Written by Jence Oesman -



Perhaps many people are familiar with WD-40 that can fix the squeaky door. Originally, it was developed for coating rocket missiles that prevented rust and corrosion. It took 40 attempts to develop the magical spray that worked. WD-40 (full name: Water Displacement, 40th formula) does not sponsor this content [although, maybe they should!] however it hopefully could inspire us to keep being positive whenever we face failure in life.

Our beliefs and thoughts would affect how we act and feel. Our feelings would affect how we think and act. Then, our behaviours would affect how we think and feel. A study from National Science Foundation in the US found that a human person has at least 12,000 to 60,000 thoughts per day. Of those thoughts, many are negative, can be as much as 80%! How we really need God's grace in our everyday life. When we choose to be positive, it would help us to face challenges in life and arrive at the place where God wants us to be.

Philippians 4:8: "And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."

2 Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind"


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Last Weekend 8 May 2022

2nd Collection \$1390.65

1st Collection \$492.35

Attendance

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| 5PM | 100 |
| 8.30AM | 104 |
| 10AM | ~150 |
| Total | ~354 |

St Augustine on the New Commandment

The Lord Jesus declares that he is giving his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another: *I give you a new commandment: love one another*. But wasn't this commandment already part of the ancient law of God, where it is written *You shall love your neighbour as yourself*? Why, then, is it called a new one by the Lord, when it is really so old? Is it new because he has divested us of our old humanity and clothed us with the new? It is true that love renews those who listen to it (or rather, those who act in obedience to it) but it is that particular love which the Lord distinguished from all carnal affection by adding *love one another as I have loved you*.

This is the love that renews us, making us new men, heirs of the New Testament, singers of the new song... This is the love that is now renewing the nations, and from among the universal race of man, which overspreads the whole world, is making and gathering together a new people, the body of the newly-married spouse of the only-begotten Son of God... Because of this, the members of the people of God have a mutual interest in one another; and if one member suffers then all the members suffer with it; and if one member is honoured then all the members rejoice with it... They share with each other the love with which he leads them to the end that will bring them fulfilment and the true satisfaction of their real desires. For when God is all in all, there is no desire that is unfulfilled.

YOUTH GROUP 2022 IS BACK!!! SATURDAY 21ST MAY @ 6pm

TRIVIA NIGHT

CELEBRATE WITH FRIENDS & LEARN ABOUT FAITH

DON'T FORGET TO RSVP

SEE YOU THEN !!!!!



Plenty of flowers for Our Lady
on Mother's Day!



For Families in Need

Are you experiencing difficulties in providing your family with those extra needs you hadn't expected, especially due to the current crisis relating to COVID-19? There are many ways in which we can help you, so please do not feel shy or embarrassed by your needs. We are just a phone call away, waiting to assist you. Confidentiality is guaranteed at all times. If you would like to chat with us just ring any of the telephone numbers listed below. God bless.

Anne 02 9759 2357 & Joy 02 9150 4996

- The Ladies Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Regina Coeli Parish -

Nominate your Parish Hero!*

For the past 100 years, our parishes have been the cornerstones of local Australian communities. It's those special people that help make our nation thrive. As we move into the 21st century, who are the people in your parish that stand out and make our community what it is today? Tell us their story and why they deserve to be recognized as a Parish Hero. Email: parishhero@catholicweekly.com.au

**This is a Catholic Weekly idea. But if you do decide to write about a parishioner, then, please share with the parish too! beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com*

First Reading Acts 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

*(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your
reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.