



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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4th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day & Coral Sea Sunday

8 May 2022

'They will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.' (John 10:28)

It seems to be a rule that one who loves more suffers more. One of the reasons for the suffering of the lover has to do with *losing* or fear of losing. Mothers specialise in the art of dedicated love. Their close identification with the children makes them expert and selfless nurturers. But the same quality also leaves them vulnerable to the heartaches which are bound to come.

I have more than a few times come across traces of unspoken sadness in the hearts of mothers who feel a sense of loss in relation to their children who have long grown up. The mothers are still proud of them and could never stop loving them. And yet they cannot help but notice the underperformance of their sons and daughters whose filial devotion seems to fall short of what justice demands, especially given the entire history of dedicated love. In a sense mothers are almost destined to suffer the condition of losing or feeling as though their most precious treasures have been, as it were, stolen from them, at least to some degree.

What does all this mean? Firstly, it isn't easy to be a mother! The responsibility of forming another human being is truly a form of holy art. This might be the legitimate justification of those who claim that being a mother has been the most difficult thing they ever had to do! Secondly, mothers cannot do everything. Free will is the condition of love and, as the children grow older, they need to be allowed to be free - free to be drawn, not manipulated or pressured, to the way of love. Thirdly, mothers need divine assistance or inspiration from above!

Jesus said, 'I have come from heaven, not to do my own will, but to do the will of the one who sent me. Now the will of him who sent me is that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me.' (John 6:38-39) Isn't this the kind of love that we all want? A love which loses nothing of what is truly precious? May our mothers come to embrace the *way of trust* which Jesus himself enshrined as the way of invincible love whose efficacy is guaranteed by Him who said, 'they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.' Happy Mother's Day!



Fr William Evans was the first parish priest of Regina Coeli. He also happened to be a local boy whose family, from as early as 1899, had already made significant contributions to the development of the district, a part of which would eventually come to be known as 'Beverly Hills.'

Fr Evans was ordained in 1930 and served in a number of parishes before becoming a chaplain in the Royal Australian Navy. One fateful night in 1942, Fr Evans was on a warship by the name of *HMAS Canberra* when it became involved in a navy battle with the Imperial Japanese Navy. Unfortunately, *HMAS Canberra* became one of the first casualties of the battle, catching fire and sustaining irreparable damage:

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The Week Ahead

Sun 8 May 4th Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 9 May	No Mass
Tue 10 May	9.15am Mass with Year 5 & 6 9.45am Reconciliation with Yr 3B
Wed 11 May	7am Mass
Thu 12 May	9.15am Mass
Fri 13 May	9.15am Mass
Sat 14 May St Matthias	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 15 May 5th Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

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

Frank Capra, Caterina Costa, Ugo Burracchi, Tabita Lindarti, Irene Hall, Ariel Fiorini, Tarcisius Sujono Setio Kuncoro, Mary Crawford, 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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REGINA COELI Playgroup

**For all children
0-pre
Kindergarten**

**Get ready to play,
learn & connect
together**

**Every Thursday
(during the school term)**
Parish Hall
(across from Regina Coeli church)
Ponyara Road Beverly Hills
from 9am - 10.30am
Gold coin donation for coffee
and tea.

Please pack:
• Healthy morning tea
• bottle of water

**All children
need to be
accompanied
by an adult**

For any questions please contact
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Family Educator at Regina Coeli

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 -

Last Weekend 1 May 2022

2nd Collection \$1688.70

1st Collection \$628.55

Attendance

5PM	106
8.30AM	119
10AM	~125
Total	~340

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Early hits killed her gunnery officer, mortally wounded Getting [who was the captain of HMAS Canberra], and destroyed both boiler rooms, knocking out power to the entire ship before Canberra could fire any of her guns or communicate a warning to other Allied ships. The cruiser glided to a stop, on fire, with a 5- to 10-degree list to starboard, and unable to fight the fires or pump out flooded compartments because of lack of power. (Sourced from Wikipedia)

A few hours later the survivors of HMAS Canberra, including Fr Evans, were assisted and rescued by those on *USS Patterson* - a destroyer belonging to the United States Navy. The story goes that, during what must have felt like a hellish nightmare, Fr Evans thought to himself, 'If I survive this and go on to build a church someday, I will dedicate it to Our Lady and also commemorate the friendship between Australia and the United States.' The rest, as they say, is history!

The inspiration behind Regina Coeli War Memorial Church certainly comes from the near-death wartime experience of Fr Evans, the first parish priest. But, strictly speaking, this happened not at the Battle of the Coral Sea (4-8 May 1942) but at the Battle of Savo Island (8-9 August 1942). However, Coral Sea Sunday became significant for the parish because the day on which the newly built church of Regina Coeli was officially opened coincided with Coral Sea Sunday on 5 May 1963 and not by total accident.

This year (2022) marks the 80th anniversary of both the Battle of the Coral Sea and the Battle of Savo Island. One could argue that, symbolically speaking, the significance of the former encompasses the significance of the latter. This means that Coral Sea Sunday 2022 might be a very appropriate occasion to remember all those who served in the battles of 1942, in particular Fr Evans, whose survival of an inferno and lifelong dedication have made possible so much of what we are currently able to enjoy in the parish of Regina Coeli! - **Fr Peter** -



**H.M.A.S
Canberra**



**Fr William
Evans**



**Regina Coeli
In 1963**

Journeying towards Synod 2023 - Invitation to Pre-Synodal Meeting

You are invited to join Bishop Terry Brady and Bishop Richard Umbers at the pre-synodal meeting for the Archdiocese to be held on May 14 at Mary MacKillop Place, Mount Street, North Sydney at 10am. The meeting will provide an outline of the diocesan report and conclude with Mass, followed by a light lunch. Please RSVP to Sr Jo Brady jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org. Please advise of any dietary requirements.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal is being held this weekend. Your generosity will benefit the good works of the Good Shepherd Seminary, our chaplaincies, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, CatholicCare, the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, and so much more. Appeal envelopes can be found at every door. You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

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 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends
of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

*(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
or
(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. *(R.)*
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *(R.)*
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

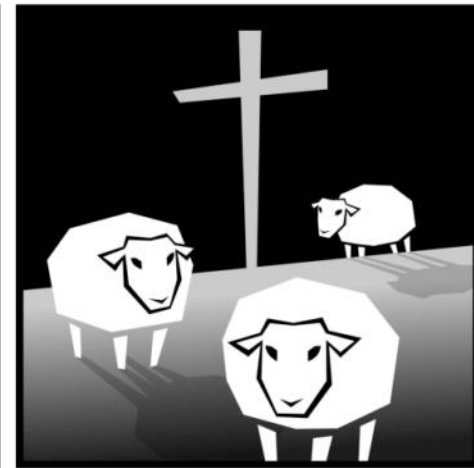
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is
greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

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