



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 11 June 2023 (Corpus Christi)

#### 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

During the week I watched 'What is a woman?' - a documentary which has been produced by Daily Wire (to which I currently subscribe). Apparently, the document was recently made available for free viewing on Twitter for 24 hours, during which period it was watched more than 170 million times. Since being released about a year ago, 'What is a woman?' has become the most watched and most consequential documentary in recent years. But for some strange reason most of the mainstream media outlets refuse to even refer to it by its proper title, other than to label it as a "transphobic video."

'What is a woman?' follows the narrator (Matt Walsh) who sets out on a search for some satisfactory answers to the simple question of 'What is a woman?' The documentary is satirical in style but deadly serious in what it communicates - a powerful message about the transgender movement whose great danger is revealed, inadvertently, by the transgender activists themselves. So, what is a woman? This is how the activists answer that question time and time again:

Questioner: What is a woman?

Activist: A woman is anyone who identifies as a woman.

Questioner: But what is that? What are they identifying as?

Activist: They are identifying as a woman.

Questioner: But *what* is a woman???

What is a Woman?



In short, there is an elephant in the room which the activists never address, namely, the truth about what a woman actually is (i.e. an adult female). As a matter of fact, one so-called professor even goes on to say that the word 'truth' is harmful and transphobic! Another common tactic is to gaslight the questioner by asking, 'Why do you care? How does this affect you?' Of course, there are real life consequences which are playing out even as we speak, for example, transgender athletes dominating women's sports, perverse men using female bathrooms, etc.

The most concerning aspect has to do with impressionable young people being told that gender can be changed at whim without irreversible damage. Take, for example, Lupron, a hormone-blocker, which is claimed to be safe, but is also administered to violent sex offenders as a form of chemical castration. In the meanwhile, parents of confused teenagers are emotionally blackmailed: 'Would you rather have a dead (suicided) daughter or a transgender son?' A Canadian father was jailed for refusing to participate in his teenage daughter's desire to undergo a medical transition; but, in reality, he might have been laying down his life for her!

Everyone is desperate for *meaning* in their lives, especially the young. But where does meaning come from? Is it autonomously produced between me, myself and I, or is it a fruit of being in authentic communion? St Augustine famously said, 'My heart is restless, O Lord, until it rests in you.' But what happens to the *restlessness* when the possibility of being in communion with God is no longer even considered, or communion with others is reduced to the shallowness of the virtual world? What great harm is done when our young people, instead of being rescued, are thrown deeper into the darkness of chaos and spiritual isolation?

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 11 June</b> Corpus Christi	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 12 June</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 13 June</b> St Anthony	9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 14 June</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thu 15 June</b>	9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation with 4G
<b>Fri 16 June</b> Sacred Heart	9.15am Mass with school 7.00pm Night of Prayer
<b>Sat 17 June</b>	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 18 June</b> 11th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Betty McInerney, Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardina Civitarese, Stefano Bila, Maria Bila, Alida Clemente, Maria Basile, Grazia Campagna, Eddie Da Silva, Mary Navan, Pauline Patti, John McCoy, June Coyle, Francis Law

### In Loving Memory

Fouad Attia, Francesca & Salvatore Cocilov, Santo Thards, Jeanette Cardoz, Vincenzo Carnuccio, Gail Moore, Peter Peters Frank Capra, Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines, Thomas Ruj, Ugo Buracchi, Maria Debono, Carmelo Algozzino, Lucy Wong, Gennaro Sacco, Bob Henderson.

**Please remember those who are in ill health especially:** Lucy Blundell, Peter Raju, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Peter Phillips, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, Pat Mortimer, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Mr TD (Terry) Wall.

### Rosary Statue

**Mr & Mrs P. Vafo'ou**  
**73 Ponyara Road**  
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JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>  
Friday

# Night of Prayer

## Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Friday 16 June 7pm

# 95<sup>th</sup>

## Happy Birthday!

### JOAN HARVEY

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&  
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Ms Lisa Scott

### Last Weekend 4 June 2023

<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1559.30</b>
1st Collection	\$829.60
Cashless Giving	\$315

### Attendance

5PM	108
8.30AM	101
10AM	~150
<b>Total</b>	<b>~359</b>



# WALK *WITH* CHRIST

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SUNDAY 11 JUNE

FESTIVAL:

Martin Place from 1:00PM

PROCESSION:

Begins at 2:30PM sharp.  
Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St



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## Pope Francis on *Jesus breaking the bread*:

This is the Eucharistic gesture *par excellence*. It is the distinctive sign of our faith and the place where we encounter the Lord who offers himself so that we can be reborn to new life. This gesture also challenges us. Up to that point, lambs were sacrificed and offered to God. Now Jesus becomes the lamb, offering himself in sacrifice in order to give us life. In the Eucharist, we contemplate and worship the God of love. The Lord who breaks no one, yet allows himself to be broken. The Lord who does not demand sacrifices, but sacrifices himself. The Lord who asks nothing but gives everything. In celebrating and experiencing the Eucharist, we too are called to share in this love. For we cannot break bread on Sunday if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters...We cannot share that Bread unless we share the sufferings of our brothers and sisters in need...

By humble servant of God: Josephine Bridge 23rd May 2023

## Miracles of Mother Mary in my family

My dad shared a miracle our lady performed in his life. On this one day, he was running late for his train that would take him to the suburb where he taught at a school. He was running towards the last passenger train, as the train had started moving. The next two coaches were carrying goods. My dad had a bag in one hand, leaving the other to catch the train. He lost his grip, fell between the train and the platform. The Station Master blew his whistle to alert the train driver to stop for this emergency. My dad knew the Station Master personally, as they both belonged to the same parish. My dad was a volunteer Adult Catechism teacher at the same parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Station Master came running towards my dad, saying, "are you alright?" My dad kept asking the Station Master repeatedly, "where is the lady in white?" She carried me and placed me on the platform". The Station Master did not understand right away, only later understood. If our Lady hadn't saved my dad on that day, the Goods Train would have gone over him and he would have lost his life.

Even before this miracle, my dad had named my eldest sister Mary of the Immaculate Heart. My next sibling was named Mary Lourdes. I was named after St Joseph, thus Josephine. The above said miracle, my dad experienced, happened after my birth. In gratitude to our Lady, and in honour of Her, my parents decided, children that will be born after this miracle, will be named after the children in Fatima apparition. The next two female siblings born after me were named, Lucy and Jecyntha. Another wonder is, I have four brothers, and all of them unintentionally chose wives named after Mother Mary!! Their names are Marie of Immaculate Heart, Mary Matilda, Mary Perpetua and Mary Ann.

As per the lyrics of a song, I pray, COME WITH US MARY ALONG THE WAY, GUIDE EVERY STEP WE TAKE. LEAD US TO JESUS YOUR ONLY SON. COME WITH US MARY COME.



## The Graces of Pilgrimage: A Night of Prayer and Testimony

More and more people are travelling on pilgrimage. Fr Andrew Grace and Juliana Elarde give witness about the opportunities for faith encounters and physical and spiritual healing on a sacred journey. Many graces and blessings come about by visiting the holy places. Join us for a night of prayer and testimony, hosted by Harvest Journeys. **DETAILS:**

**Date and Time:** Friday 24 June 2022, 7pm – 9pm

**Venue:** St Dominic's Catholic Church, Flemington

## First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12**

**(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

or

**(R.) Alleluia!**

- O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)
- He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
- He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

## 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 Jn 6:51-58

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his

flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.  
As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

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