



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18 June 2023

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

Last Sunday I found myself joining the Eucharistic procession in the city (also known as 'Walk with Christ'). The weather was all but perfect. Volunteers were ready to welcome me when I entered Martin Place. This was the first time I could remember when the organisers had put on a festival prior to the procession itself. An impressive stage stood in the middle of Martin Place where singers, choirs and other presenters performed. I saw many families and parish groups around me. A mental note was made to myself to try to get a group together from Regina Coeli for next year's Walk with Christ. The procession ended at the courtyard of St Mary's Cathedral where Archbishop Anthony Fisher gave a homily which was followed by Benediction. A reliable source told me that over 10,000 people participated in the Eucharistic procession!



The feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is always celebrated on the first Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi. After all, what could be a better representation of the Eucharist than the image of the Sacred Heart? Pope Pius XII said that the image of the Sacred Heart is the 'summary of the whole mystery of our redemption.' In Jesus, God has a human heart. With this heart God loved us to the point of suffering and dying, and then proved, by rising from the dead, that his love is more powerful than anything else, including death itself. This is why the Sacred Heart is depicted as a heart on fire with love - a love which will never become extinguished. What is the Eucharist but the undying fire of God's love for us which comes through the wounded heart of Jesus, that is, the Sacred Heart?



In the body of Jesus Christ, divinity and humanity have truly come together. But the heart is the most important (or noble) member of the body. Therefore the Sacred Heart is the supreme location, within the body of Christ, where the fact of the union between divinity and humanity can be appreciated and pondered. God became human in order to assume our nature because *only that which has been assumed can be saved*, which is another way of saying that *the means by which we are saved must accord with our own nature*. St Damascene once wrote, 'Complete God assumed complete man...so that He might bring salvation to complete man. For what was not assumed could not be healed...He therefore assumed all that He might sanctify all.'

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The Week Ahead

Sun 18 June 11th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 19 June	No Mass
Tue 20 June	9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation 4W
Wed 21 June St Aloysius	7.00am Mass
Thu 22 June St John Fisher	9.15am Mass with Yr 6 & Kindergarten
Fri 23 June	9.15am Mass
Sat 24 June Nativity of John the Baptist	9.00am Mass 9.30- 9.55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4.15- 4.45pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Family Mass
Sun 25 June 12th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Quintino Atzeni, 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

Ita Phillips, Bernie Crawford, Fouad Attia, Francesca & Salvatore Cocilov, Santo Ilardo, Jeanette Cardoz, Vincenzo Carnuccio, Gail Moore, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, 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

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SAVE THE DATE

Parish Dinner

Friday 6:30pm for 7pm start

AUGUST | 18 | 2023

Club Central,
Hurstville

Youth Group Term 2 Dates!

24th June (Outing)

Don't forget to RSVP to
rcyg77@gmail.com for catering
purposes!



Sydney Homeless Memorial Service

Please join us for a special service

Commemorating the lives of all people
who have died while experiencing
homelessness in the past year

ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 6pm
Martin Place Amphitheatre

End Street Sleeping
Collaboration

CHOR

Justice

JUSTICE + PEACE OFFICE

Grief Care

Catholic
Cemeteries +
Crematoria

Justice

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&
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Last Weekend 11 June 2023

2nd Collection \$1810.55

1st Collection	\$1051.00
Cashless Giving	\$180

Attendance

5PM	95
8.30AM	120
10AM	~190
Total	~405

The Son of God suffered, died and rose from the dead in order to cover the entire spectrum of human existence, thereby becoming capable of redeeming what He has assumed, namely, everything truly human. Therefore there is a remedy for our suffering because God has assumed suffering humanity; our sadness can be consoled because God has assumed real sadness; as St Augustine put it, 'saddened or afflicted [we] should not therefore think that [we] are deprived of His grace. Nor should [we] consider this sorrow a sin, but a sign of human weakness. Like a choir singing in harmony with the note that has been sounded, so should His Body (that's *us*) learn from its Head (that's Jesus).'

If we were to be humbled and tested, all the way into the depth of our inmost heart, what would we discover there? What is our deepest and greatest need? What we really want is quite simple: to have the Sacred Heart - a heart on fire with endless love - which nourishes and sustains us for all eternity! This was why Pope Leo XIII called the devotion to the Sacred Heart, 'the most acceptable form of piety.' Pope Pius XII described the same devotion as being not only most important and necessary but also most 'excellent and attractive.' After all, what could be more attractive than to a devotion to the very *love* with which God, through Jesus, has loved us! For us to be devoted to the Sacred Heart is to adore it, be loved by it and be formed by it, so as to keep the commandment of Jesus who said, 'Love one another, as I have loved you.'

- Fr Peter -

A story of two best friends at Regina Coeli

Jenny and Anne-Maree were the best swimmers at Regina Coeli during their time! Apart from being healthy rivals they were also the best of friends. Jenny came first one year and Anne-Maree the next year. They continued to swim throughout high school at St Ursula's College. As Providence would have it, Jenny excelled in freestyle and Anne-Maree in breaststroke. They both set records in their respective races. Even to this day, Anne-Maree's record remains unbeaten. When Jenny was married Annemarie was her bridesmaid. When Jenny had her child Annemarie became the godmother.

Jenny's mum – Mary Sortwell (pictured) – was a swimming coach and coached Jenny's daughter and son to Youth Olympics and London and Rio Olympics. Even Jenny's daughter tried to beat Anne-Maree's record but she could not as Anne-Maree was the best breastroker of her time! Mary Sortwell could not be more proud of the two girls who have been swimming alongside one another in the ocean of life!



Evangelium Talks at St Peter's Surry Hills

Topic: The Spirituality of Saint Therese of Lisieux

Guest speaker: Fr Aloysius Rego OCD

Date and Time: Sunday, 18 June. 12:00-1:30pm (including 15 mins Q and A)

Venue: 1880 Parish Hall, 235-241 Devonshire St, Surry Hills NSW 2010 (50 metres west of Surry Hills Light Rail Stop.) **Free of Charge!**

The Living Word

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

18 June 2023

First Reading Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm

PPs 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

**(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry 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 Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the

death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

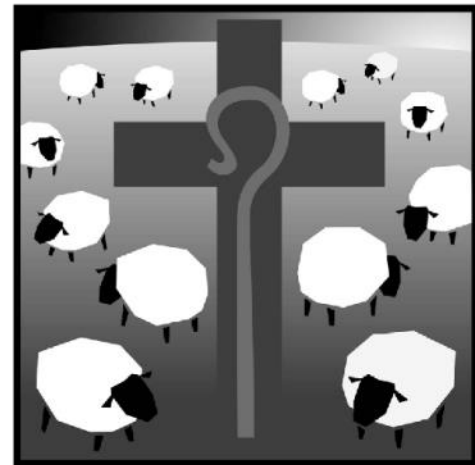
He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'



Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

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