



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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Trinity Sunday 4 June 2023

A few months ago there was a clergy conference which focused on the topic of *family*: What is the contemporary context in which families exist? How can our works of evangelisation become more family-driven and family-focused? I could not attend at the time but have watched the recordings since then. And here are a few things from the conference which I thought might be worth sharing with you.

The issue of screen-time Many of our children (and even adults) wake up in the morning to a screen, which has come to be perceived as an essential tool of their learning. But even out of school hours the children can be on their screens for much of what remains of their day. A survey once found that 75% of Year 5-6 students admitted that they were still on their screens even after their parents thought that they had gone to sleep. To say that children's frequent exposure to adult content poses a serious danger would be an understatement.

The issue of gambling The problem of gambling has become so prevalent. There are numerous apps which make gambling easier and more readily accessible. **Australia has the biggest number of gambling machines in the world per capita!** The problem of gambling is often related to other issues such as domestic abuse and mental illness. There has been a spike in the rise of young gamblers, especially online. Those who have been exposed to gambling before the age of 15 are 80% more likely to develop gambling addictions.

The issue of family and evangelisation The church does not have a mission; rather, the mission has a church! The mission is the deepest identity of the church. One of the greatest challenges for the Church in Sydney, ironically, has to do with the past successes. For example, our plentiful institutions, which are a sign of our past successes, can be at times a liability because we can be too busy doing maintenance instead of evangelisation. But no one wins by playing defence only (something which tends to be characteristic of the church in the post-Christian era). What is *urgent* should always trump what is merely *important*.

A study once found that all successful companies operate out of 'why' more than out of 'how' or 'what.' Why does the Church exist? *In order to evangelise!* - a fact of which ought to inform what we do and how we do them, and not the other way round. Doing good works without allowing people to encounter Christ is insufficient - the Church then becomes like a fruitless fig tree which consumes resources while producing no fruit. Evangelisation is the 'why' of the Church and the hinge upon which all other meanings depend.

Family is the unique and distinct place where children can be raised in a school of love and mercy. Even when they fail they are loved; in other words, they are loved mercifully. Family is also a school of hope. Every family has dysfunction. But someone who comes from a family of dysfunction is much more likely to spend the rest of their lives trying to work through the family dysfunction. Human father tends to make easier relating to the Heavenly Father. Human marriage tends to make easier relating to Heavenly marriage. 73% of those who are between 18-60 years of age and still practice the faith tend to come from families which are intact.

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The Week Ahead

Sun 4 June Trinity Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 5 June St Boniface	No Mass
Tue 6 June	9.15am Mass with Year 3 10.30am Funeral for Josephine Darmanin
Wed 7 June	7.00am Mass
Thu 8 June	9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation with 4G
Fri 9 June	9.15am Mass
Sat 10 June	9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation 4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 11 June Corpus Christi	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass

Recently Deceased

Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardi-na Civitarese, Stefano Bila, Maria Bila, Alida Clemente, Maria Basile, Grazia Campagna, Eddie Da Silva, Mary Navan, Pauline Patti, John McCoy, June Coyle, Veronica Kellert, Francis Law, Therese Foster.

In Loving Memory

Jeanette Cardoz, Vincenzo Carnuccio, Gail Moore, Peter Peters Frank Capra, Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines, Thomas Ruju, Ugo Buracchi, Maria Debono, Carmelo Algozzino, Lucy Wong, Gennaro Sacco, Bob Henderson.

Please remember those who are in ill

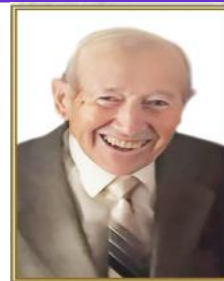
health especially: Lucy Blundell, Peter Raju, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Peter Phillips, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, Pat Mortimer, Mary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

Rosary Statue

Mrs. J. Vincent
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Words of Remembrance for Nicola Civitarese delivered by Luigi (Son)



96 years. Not a bad run. There's a lot to cover. I'm hoping this will be sweet because it won't be short. Born (1927) in Poggiofioritto, Chieti, Italy, the youngest of three, dad didn't talk much about his childhood years...the only mention of this time was only a few years ago...all he said was, 'I've never said anything about the war because I don't want to remember what we went through.'

...He immigrated to Australia in either 1947 or 48...started working in restaurants as a kitchen hand from there he became a warehouse assistant for a company called Scala Bros...he went on to be a cross between a delivery driver and a traveling salesman for the same company. This position led Dad to meet many other Italians from all walks of life right across the Sydney area...He gained admiration, respect and trust from all that came to know him...it was on one such day that he delivered to a private house where a young Italian girl called Gererdina caught his eye and a courtship ensued and we know where that led...In 1967 dad bought the house in Beverly Hills in which he remained in until he went into care in 2021 and in 1968 he bought the Valiant...Dad was a gentle soul, a kind caring compassionate generous and patient person. He was generous he gave to the church and for over 35 years donated regularly to the orphanage of St Anthony in Italy. The caring and compassion was never more evident than when...mum went into hospital in 2019 he would be there from morning till night. I remember walking out of the hospital with him after being told that mum would not be able to go home because of the level of care she needed, his exact words to me were, 'My life is finished.' From then slowly dementia became to creep up on him.

Looking back at my years at home dad would always be running around doing something for someone, an aunt, uncle family friends and neighbours...a few months ago...a close friend pointed out that my father was the go to when you needed help or advice...Now if I had to describe dad in three words...it would be 'He Helped People.' ...Anything from bringing peaceful resolutions to family friends to helping troubled teenagers when asked by parents who were at a wits end. Helping young immigrants not only find work but become established in business, buy a home and get ahead in life...When someone sought dad's advice it was heeded to the letter. People put a lot of faith and trust in dad.

If mum was his world his faith was his strength. His devotion to his faith was unwavering it was absolute...Dad was a humble man he did not aspire to wealth and riches his was a spiritual wealth. He was content with his lot, grateful for what he had and not interested in what others had or did.

In the last few weeks I'd sit by his bedside and just talk...When it looked like the time was getting close I pulled down my mask and I said to him, 'Dad, anytime you want to go mate you can, whenever you're ready, Nick we understand you've come a long way and you must be tired. Get some rest, you still have a little way to go but when you get there mum and all the family and friends that have gone before you will be waiting for you You'll be in good company.' And with that one single tear ran down his cheek and in his eyes I could see peace and serenity. Love you dad, safe passage.

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Last Weekend 28 May 2023

2nd Collection \$1376.95

1st Collection \$901.70

Cashless Giving \$210

Attendance

5PM	101
8.30AM	109
10AM	~155
Total	~365

Continued from Page 1 Marriage is the engine room of the family. A little bit of investment in marriage goes a long way to enhance family life. When couples fight the first ones to suffer the consequences tend to be the children. Family is the domestic church. Someone once said, 'the nearest field hospital is the intact Christian family.' When spouses encounter Christ through one another, when children and parents encounter Christ through one another, the community can encounter Christ through their love. Therefore, said the presenter, 'Don't give up on the Christian vision of marriage!'

- Fr Peter -



CONGRATULATIONS! Dempsey Award



Gloria Langridge's contribution to parish life:

- A long-time member of Vinnies: two terms as President and one term as Treasurer
- President of the Dominican Sisters Group at Santa Sabina College for many years
- Treasurer at St Luke's Revesby Seniors Club
- Volunteering one day a week for many years at Maternal Heart in the city looking after the homeless, the poor and needy, etc.
- Served as a sacristan for several years. She has looked after the piety stall for many years.

Gloria has led the parish by her example of constant and unreserved service in as many ways as she could reasonably have done. She has been blessed with good health and never ceases to surprise others when they find out that, even at her age, she still serves the parish community very generously. She is the opposite of what it means to be idle. The parish has been and still is so blessed to have her as a member of the community. Her stamina and consistency are truly awe-inspiring. She has been a key member of the parish over the past half-century.

Anne Kensey's contribution to parish life:

- Welcomer
- Choir
- Monthly morning tea after Mass
- Weekly afternoon tea on Thursdays
- Organiser of numerous parish functions
- Parishioner for 56 years
- Looking after the elderly
- President of Vinnies for 12 years
- A witness of faith and service

Anne brings people together and enlivens parish life quite significantly. She has done so for over five decades. She gets things done and is a real driver and leader, especially among the women of the parish. She has been behind countless parish functions over the past 50 years. She gives of herself tirelessly and does not complain about her currently ill health or other afflictions in life. She is a woman of faith and service - someone who will certainly be remembered with affection as one of the great parishioners.

The Dempsey Medal is awarded annually by the Archbishop of Sydney to members of the Catholic clergy and laity...James Dempsey was transported to Sydney in 1802 for his involvement in the Vinegar Hill rebellion in Co. Wexford. The home of this Carmelite tertiary was used to preserve the Blessed Sacrament and became a gathering place for Catholics with recitations of the Rosary each weekday and Vespers on Sundays during the period when the colony was without priests for almost a decade from 1810. Dempsey was an Irish stonemason who oversaw the building of the first bridge across the Tank Stream, the military barracks, the Rum Hospital, and the original St Mary's Cathedral. The Dempsey Medal seeks to encourage and to recognise outstanding contributions and service by members of the Sydney Archdiocesan community to the local Catholic Church or the wider society.

First Reading Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. (R.)
Blest your glorious holy name (R.)
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. (R.)
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. (R.)
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. (R.)
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glory to the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit:**

**to God who is, who was, and who
is to come.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it. Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us.

The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.

The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God.