



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 August 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

The final number for the parish dinner is set to be 285. Doors open at 6:30pm. Parking at Westfield, which is free/unlimited after 6pm, and just across the road from Club Central, is highly recommended.

At the start of 2022 I was out of action for more than a week due to the coronavirus. Since then, I have not been unwell enough to be out of action, a fact of which would seem a rarity in my medical history. But my unbelievably good run was interrupted this past week. I had clear symptoms by Monday, which I hoped would go away without escalating but seemed destined to run their course. The trouble was that Tuesday was also the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, which meant that a whole school Mass had been scheduled. So, when that didn't eventuate, a few announcements went out through the school. So, when I finally re-emerged a few days later, virtually everyone who saw me asked me, 'Are you ok?'

Here is the gist of the homily I might have given had I been well enough:

Never see a need without doing something about it. This is probably the most well-known saying of St Mary MacKillop, who had to put it into practice from a young age because, on account of relative poverty, her parents both had to work and she had to become like a second mother to her younger siblings, even to the point of supporting the family financially while still a teenager. In other words, what she had to undergo was nothing less than a baptism of fire! Nevertheless, the fact that she had to learn to give of herself so generously from a young age, far from stunting her growth, accelerated and amplified her human development and set the foundation for the kind of saint she would be moulded into.

Mary had the courage to give of herself so generously because she trusted that God is infinitely generous and provides for our deepest needs. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus pointed to the birds of the air and the flowers in the field and highlighted the fact that these have no money, no internet, no system of economics or politics, etc. And yet they are able to thrive and marvellously so, but how? Because God provides for their essential needs, especially through nature. If this is the case, then, how much more will God look after the deepest needs of human beings who are, as it were, at the very heart of His creation? Mary's trust in God's providence gave her the courage to give of herself, and she was joyfully surprised to discover that the more she gave, the more she received - what a paradox!

God's greatest gift to us, of course, is the gift of the Son who, in turn, has given us everything by loving us to the end, to the point of sacrificing Himself for us on the cross. This is the reason why Mary loved the cross and chose, as her religious name, 'Mary of the Cross.' She must have experienced an abundance of God's love through the paradox of the cross! What about us? Do we feel the utmost need for the love of God? Do we believe that the cross is the privileged means by which the love of God is poured out on us and paradoxically so? Could the love of God be a need which is so profound and constant that, all too often we don't even recognise it and remain perennially "under the weather"? When we finally do come to recognise the need, the big question is, will we do something about it?

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 13 August 19th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 14 August Maximilian Kolbe	No Mass
Tue 15 August Assumption	9.15am Mass with school 7.00pm Mass
Wed 16 August	7.00am Mass
Thu 17 August	9.15am Mass 9.50am Mass
Fri 18 August	9.15am Mass 6:30pm Parish Dinner@Club Central
Sat 19 August	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 20 August 20th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

First Holy Communion Program 2023

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on the weekends of 9/10 & 16/17 September. Parents of children in Year Three or above, who have made their First Reconciliation, are invited to enrol their child in the program. The lessons are to commence on Thursday 17 August at 5.00pm *or* 6.30pm in the church. The Information and Enrolment letter has been sent home through the Parish school and State schools. Thank you.



Recently Deceased

Graeme Bull, Kim May, Anne Kellert, Geoffrey Connolly, Derek de Voss, Peter Phillips, Mary Ghosn, Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardina Civitarese, Stefano Bila, Maria Bila, Alida Clemente, Maria Basile, John McCoy

In Loving Memory

Myriam Barbe, Mark Alexander, Donato Tozzi, Mark Phillips, John Bridge, Vanessa Succar, Emile Succar, Giovanni Battiato, Donato Carnevale, Fouad Attia, Jeanette Cardoz, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Bob Henderson.

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Lucy Blundell, Peter Raju, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, 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. R. Carnevale
20 Mayfair Crescent
Ph: 0401 934 348



Parent Pilgrimage
Mary Mackillop's Place



Date: Friday 18th Aug
Time: 8:45am to 2:45pm
(bus service from school)
RSVP: Click [here](#)

**All costs (entry ticket, picnic lunch and transport to and from North Sydney) will be covered by Regina Coeli school.*

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REC
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Last Weekend 6 August 2023

2nd Collection	\$1436.00
1st Collection	\$985.60
Cashless Giving	\$466

Attendance

5PM	114
8.30AM	122
10AM	~165
Total	~401

National Vocations Awareness Week is annual celebration dedicated to Promoting vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live your own vocation more deeply.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD of the Harvest, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

+ Pope Francis



“the Church is a vocational ‘symphony’ with every vocation united yet distinct, in harmony and joined together in ‘going forth’ to radiate throughout the world the new life of the kingdom of God.”
MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
6 - 13 AUGUST 2023

PRIESTHOOD MARRIED LIFE CONSECRATED LIFE

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After sending the crowds away [Jesus] went up in the hills by himself to pray. (Matthew 14:23)

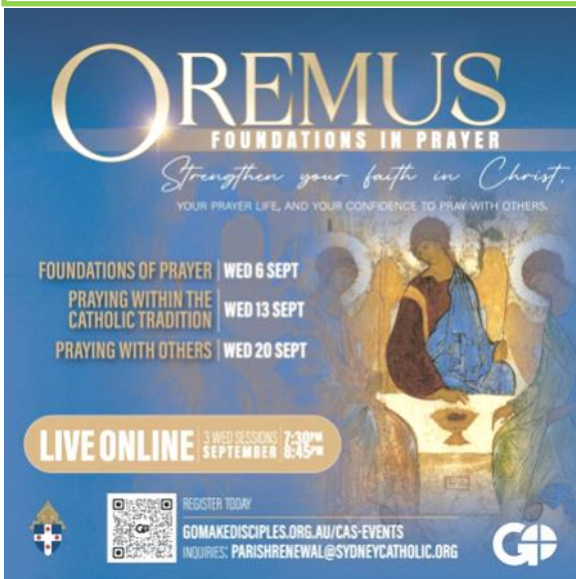
For what purpose does Jesus go up into the mountain? To teach us that loneliness and retirement are good when we pray to God. He is continually withdrawing into the wilderness, and there he often spends the whole night in prayer, teaching us earnestly to seek such quietness in our prayers, as time and place may confer. For the wilderness is the mother of quiet; it is a calm and a harbour, delivering us from all turmoils.

- St John Chrysostom -

But as soon as [Peter] felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said, ‘why did you doubt?’ (Matthew 14:30-31)

Why did Peter sink? Because he took account of the winds; because he trusted not in the power of the Master and failed to keep his eyes on him...But this was not the only time that poor Peter would doubt the Master whom he loved so well. He who then asked to walk upon the waters in order to come quickly to the Lord was the one who would later swear that he was ready to go to prison and even to death for him. Courageous in the boat but timid in the waters, he would later on be bold at the Last Supper, but cowardly the night of the trial. The scene at the lake was a rehearsal for another fall of Peter.

- Bishop Fulton Sheen -



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PRAYING WITHIN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION | WED 13 SEPT
PRAYING WITH OTHERS | WED 20 SEPT

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Oremus: Online Prayer Series

Strengthen your faith in Christ, your prayer life, and your confidence to pray with others. Join us online for this 3-week series on the Foundations of Prayer:

When: Wednesdays 6, 13 and 20 September 2023

Time: 7:30 – 8:45 pm.

Cost: Free

Optional in-person retreat to follow on Saturday, 28 October, at St Martha's Leichhardt, 10 am – 4 pm, \$28.50 (+booking fees).

Register for either or both opportunities at
www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events.

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were

made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

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