



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

Pentecost Sunday 19 May 2024

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 celebration of Pentecost includes the celebration of the birth of the Holy Mother Catholic Church. Our own local church is much younger by comparison. In 1946 our parish was formally established when Fr William Evans was appointed Parish Priest. However, it was in 1954 - exactly 70 years ago - when the parish was born anew under the new name of Regina Coeli.

In the same year another church was born - a church of the domestic kind - when Bevan and Pam Kelly were joined by the bond of Holy Matrimony. They spent a week long honeymoon in Coolangatta, which had to be cut short when they were suddenly asked to pick up the keys to their first home in Beverly Hills. Being able to walk to church always meant a great deal to them.

But how did they meet? How did it all begin? Pentecost 2024 has been made extra special at Regina Coeli by its proximity to the 70th wedding anniversary of Bevan and Pam Kelly. Let us rejoice with them and pray for them. Here is their beautiful story, starting from 72 years ago, in February of 1952:

As some might be aware, there is a naval base in Jervais Bay. Now, for a brief period after the end of the Second World War, the base ceased to operate, during which time a guest house was established there and became a popular holiday destination for families and young people. The place was called 'Westwood Ho.'

As fate would have it, Bevan and Pam were both holidaying at Westwood Ho at the same time but in different friendship circles. Bevan belonged to a group of three blokes, amongst whom he was the driver. Another group of youngsters had brought with them a speed boat which became one of the main attractions. Other activities on offer included dancing, swimming, walking, tennis, etc.

Bevan and Pam both stayed at Westwood Ho for about 2 weeks but without any meaningful interaction. But all that changed when Pam became sick toward the end. She had boils and was unable to enjoy the little time which still remained. But something even better was waiting for her just around the corner!

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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 19 May Pentecost | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 20 May Mother of the Church | No Mass |
| Tue 21 May | 9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation 5B |
| Wed 22 May | 7.00am Mass 11.00am Funeral Mass for Florita Del Carmen |
| Thu 23 May | 9.15am Mass |
| Fri 23 May Our Lady Help of Christians | 9.15am Whole School Mass |
| Sat 24 May | 9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass |
| Sun 25 May Trinity Sunday | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass |

Walk with Christ Procession : Sunday 2 June

Join the complimentary bus leaving Regina Coeli Church at 1pm on Sunday 2 June. Please sign up using the QR code or by talking to Fr Peter.

We will travel together to Martin Place where there will be a Festival followed by procession to St Mary's Cathedral at 2:30pm to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi.

The Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney exists to make a joyful public proclamation and act of worship towards the person of Jesus Christ (as King), and to invoke His blessing upon the city.

The presence of Eucharist in this joyful liturgical act invokes the benevolent spiritual blessings of Christ onto the city and all who live there. The blessing is derived from He who has been "anointed to proclaim the good news to the poor ...to proclaim freedom for prisoners and sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." It is in this way that the Walk with Christ is part of the spiritual and civic life of the city and Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.



Recently Deceased

Florita Del Carmen, Mimma Vozzo, Pat McCoy, Frances Jones, Bill McGrath, Armando Alberici, Carmelina Sassano, Lucita Lucena, Tony Deng, Val Green, Rula Hanna, Terence Wall, Anton Mandich, Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson

In Loving Memory

Patricia Johnson, Theresa & Edward Cantwell, Margaret and Noel Staines, Keith Coyle, Kevin Weeks, Maria Debono, Michael Camporeale, Eddie Da Silva, Ugo Buracchi, Jusuf Oentojo, Carmelo Algozzino, Cono Reale, Peter Pezzutti, Donato Tozzi, Donato Carnevale, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Bob Henderson.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

David Kuk, Sr Patricia Nichols OP, Josephina Gayed, Betty Meaney, Monica Costa, Ronnie Gaudry, Steve Ghantons, Vincent Roberts, Lucy Blundell, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Damiano Serravalle, Mary Daniels, Anne Kensey, Geoff McDowell.

Correction from last week's parish bulletin:

Fr Evan's ship, HMAS Canberra was sunk in the Battle of Savo Island, Solomon Islands on 9 August 1942 NOT in the Battle of the Coral Sea, which took place from 4-8 May. Fr Evan's was very grateful to the Americans on USS Paterson who rescued the sailors on the sinking HMAS Canberra from the water.

HMAS Canberra was in Sydney Harbour from February to May 1942, being refitted and was the first Australian to be fitted with RADAR during this fitout. As a consequence, HMAS Canberra was not available to participate in the Battle of the Coral Sea.

Although the Battle of the Coral Sea was technically a draw based on tonnage of shipping sunk and lives lost, it was strategically a very important victory for the Allies as:

- 1. The Japanese amphibious invasion of Port Moresby and Southern Papua-New Guinea was thwarted. The Japanese Army wanted to use Port Moresby as a base for attacks on and possible invasion of Northern Australia.*
 - 2. The Japanese then had to invade PNG from the north and travel south over the Kokoda Track to attack Port Moresby, which gave the Australian Army time to inflict the first land defeats on the Japanese Army at the Battle of Milne Bay and on the Kokoda Track. Elizabeth's father, Robert Browne, was in the Australian Army in New Guinea from 1942-1945.*
 - 3. As Anne mentions in her article, the Japanese Navy want to isolate Australia from re-supply from the USA. Had the Japanese won the Battle of Coral Sea this would have succeeded and led to the planned invasion of Fiji, Samoa, Port Moresby and southern PNG taking place.*
- Michael Moore -**

Parish Rosary Statue

This week the parish Rosary statue will be welcomed into the home of Mr & Mrs M. Moore



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Last Weekend 12 May 2024

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| 2nd Collection | \$1916.25 |
| 1st Collection | \$1076.60 |
| Cashless Giving | \$460 |

Attendance

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| Vigil | 95 |
| 8.30AM | ~130 |
| 10AM | ~165 |
| Total | ~390 |

Continued from Page 1 At breakfast one day, one of Pam's friends called out and asked if anyone knew how to treat boils. No one did, including Bevan. But one of his mates had a cheeky idea and volunteered Bevan for the role of looking after Pam by pushing him forward and shouting, 'Yes, Bevan knows all about boils!'

Cornered into a challenging situation on the basis of false information, Bevan could have backed out and without any real shame. But he was inspired to act. He went to the one and only corner shop in the area and asked a very sophisticated question: 'Do you have anything for boils?'

As though by some miracle, the small shop actually had a tube of medicine whose sole purpose was to treat boils! [Pam has kept the historic tube even to this day.] And so Bevan and Pam ended up sharing some intimate moments together just before their time at Westwood Ho came to an end.

What Bevan did not know at the time was that Pam, in spite of being unwell, was measuring him up with remarkable efficiency and precision. Pam's mother had been telling her all her life that she must marry a Catholic. So, Pam, whilst beholding Bevan who was caring for her, quietly thought to herself, 'Bevan is a Catholic. He is kind. He would make a good husband!'

Apparently there had been another girl Bevan had been linking up with during the two weeks. Even Pam was aware of this. But it was Pam's number Bevan ended up asking for, not the other girl's (Pam verified this with the other girl later, following her female instinct). Bevan must have had an inkling that fate might bind them together.

Pam's family had a phone. Bevan's didn't. He still found ways to call her a few weeks later. They met once a week, on Saturday evenings, except during cricket seasons when Bevan's availability noticeably declined. They were engaged in Oct 1952 which was 8 months after they first met. But they still had to be patient as they were saving up for their first home together, in Beverly Hills! And so it was on 15 May 1954 that they were married, after which they moved into their home where they still reside 70 years on.

Pam claims that Bevan would not have remembered half the details of how they met if she had not been reminding him from time to time throughout their married life. Bevan does not dispute the claim. Instead he exclaims, 'What better example of God's grace working in us than the fact that the two of us have been brought together. I could not be more grateful!'

The 70 years of marriage has been a wonderful journey. They have been blessed with five children. They are still here together, still loving one another unreservedly. What is their secret? They said, 'prayer has always been our crutch all throughout.' They also said, 'never do anything without discussing with one another.' - *Fr Peter* -

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, COMFORTER AND COUNCILLOR

By humble servant of God : Josephine Bridge - 10th May 2024

This Sunday, we will have much to celebrate. It is the birthday of the Catholic Church. Many empires rose to glory and now are no more but the Catholic Church has stood the test of time, because Jesus had promised, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I once heard someone compare the Catholic Church to a ship. A ship where we all feel safe. Jesus as our Captain, ship powered by the Holy Spirit, and we as Catholics, its passengers, and here I might add, all those in service within the church ministries as crew on this ship, priests, to provide the priestly service of spiritual cleansing and provide bread for the journey, until we reach the heavenly shores. This feast day provides for us a new opportunity, specially to pray to God the Holy Spirit to "fan into flame" all the gifts, fruits and graces we have received in the Sacrament of Confirmation so we may love and serve God and man. Oftentimes we find ourselves feeling depleted of Holy Spirit power. Feeling we have lost the zeal for our Father's House and our Christian responsibilities to our family and community etc. All this is because the efforts could have been based on human effort alone. There is a great opportunity for hope. There is a calling for all of us today to gather in the upper room, with Mother Mary and the disciples, and with expectant faith, united in prayer, and wait on God the Father and Jesus for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Luke 11:11-13 "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask ." It is God the Holy Spirit who will help establish for us to have a **living relationship with God**. It is He who will create a zeal for all that is holy and righteous. Let us all pray to God the Holy Spirit, for fresh outpouring today and all the days. **I quote St. Pope John Paul II, "I hope the spirituality of Pentecost will spread in the church, as a renewed incentive, to prayer, holiness, communion and proclamation. Also to bring to life the culture of Pentecost."** The church believes all Christians have received the Holy Spirit in baptism, and yet in her prayers she teaches to always to implore the Holy Spirit anew. David greatly sinned in taking Bethsheba, another man's wife and having her husband murdered. When prophet Nathan, with much wisdom pointed out to him, he truly repented. In Psalm 51:11 David implored, "Cast me not away from your presence, and take not the Holy Spirit from me. This indicated that the presence of God's Spirit was a continuous reality in King David's life. God called him, "a man after my own heart." David also had a heart for God, for he had collected tons of gold, silver and all material needed to build God's temple, but God told him it is his son Solomon who must build the first temple in Jerusalem.

Dear God the Father, our Lord Jesus, we too implore that you will not take away the Holy Spirit's presence from us. Move us to true repentance, We too like David fall occasionally. May we like David, return to you with since repented heart, as soon as possible, and ask for the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit, so God may always call us sons, and daughters after His own heart. In Jesus Name we pray. AMEN AMEN AMEN.

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. or (R.) Alleluia.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

or Ad libitum for Year B

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will be my witness.
And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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