



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 June 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



While I was under the weather and out of action, I missed two parish outings. The first was a pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney, by some of the seniors from the parish. The plan was to make time for prayerful reflection upon the life of St Mary MacKillop, under the strict condition that there was also time for tea/coffee. By all accounts everyone seems to have enjoyed what has been the third pilgrimage made by our seniors in three years. They might be senior in age but they are second to none in the youthfulness of their spirit!

The other parish outing was 'Walk with Christ' - a Eucharistic procession through Sydney CBD to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. I intended to book a bus and thought I had, but it turned out that the booking was yet to be confirmed from the bus company's perspective. So, no bus turned up when our parishioners gathered outside the church. But, like true pilgrims, they intensified their pilgrimage by adapting to the unexpected situation and travelling by public transport.

The Friday following Corpus Christi was the feast of the Sacred Heart, which has emerged as my favourite of all feasts (apart from Easter and Christmas). I cannot help but see that the mystery of the Sacred Heart reveals so much of the "heart" of the Christian faith - as well as of life itself - far more than I could ever understand or explain. So, I was genuinely elated during the week when I heard the news that Pope Francis is currently working on another papal document, that's right, on the very topic of the Sacred Heart. I cannot wait for its publication in September!

However, not all news has been good. This weekend John and Sybil Sydes who have been faithful parishioners at Regina Coeli are with us for the last time before they move into their new home for retirement. I cannot thank them enough. They will be missed. But I still thank the Lord for the blessing they have been at Regina Coeli over all these years. Please join me in thanking them, praying for them and wishing them well for this new chapter in their lives. Here is a reflection by John:

My Spiritual Journey to becoming an Acolyte - By John Sydes -

When I married Sybil, the girl of my dreams, in March 1983 little did I know it would be the beginning of a remarkable Spiritual Journey. I was raised in the Anglican Church & was a practicing Anglican for many years before unfortunately becoming a lapsed Anglican. My faith in God always remained & I prayed each day. Most Sundays I drove Sybil to Mass & collected her afterwards. A few years later I was encouraged by my good wife to start attending the Anglican Church in Shorter Avenue. I must admit I was not particularly keen so Sybil said she would accompany me. As it turned out the Anglican Service commenced at 11:00am so I was able to collect Sybil after Mass & just about make it to church.

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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 9 June 10th Sunday OT | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 10 June | No Mass |
| Tue 11 June | 9.15am Mass with Year 2 9.50am Reconciliation 5W |
| Wed 12 June | 7.00am Mass |
| Thu 13 June St Anthony | 9.15am Mass with Year 4 |
| Fri 14 June | 9.15am Mass |
| Sat 15 June | 9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass |
| Sun 16 June 11th Sunday OT | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |

Recently Deceased

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

In Loving Memory

John Voon, Jeanette Cardoz, Vlado Trempus, Gail Moore, Patricia Johnson, Theresa & Edward Cantwell, Margaret and Noel Staines, Keith Coyle, Kevin Weeks, Maria Debono, Assia & Damian Dagher, 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.

Parish Rosary Statue

This week the parish Rosary statue will be welcomed into the home of Mrs T. Pezzutti



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| Parish Secretary 9554 8155 Tuesday & Friday 10.30am-4.00pm | Sacramental Coordinator/ PSSO Mrs Elizabeth Gooley 9554 8155 reginasacramental@gmail.com Tuesday & Friday from 10.30am - 4.00pm | School Principal Mrs Lee Scola Asst. Principal Mr Peter Busch REC Ms Lisa Scott |
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Report on visit by Regina Coeli Parishioners to Mary MacKillop Place on 29/5/2024 - By Kay Peters -

Where in Australia can you go to the tomb of a canonised Saint? Father Peter was able to book a small bus and approximately 21 lucky parishioners set off after mass to the shrine of Saint Mary MacKillop at North Sydney. Imagine, not having to fly overseas or make a long arduous journey, just a simple bus ride then arrive about forty minutes later.

Unfortunately Father Peter and Anne Kensey were unable to come and they were sorely missed. Reliable Regina took us “under her wing” and looked after the group extremely well.

We were welcomed by Sr. Annie Bond, an articulate modern Josephite Nun. Whilst we were given coffee/tea and biscuits Sr Annie detailed Mary MacKillop’s upbringing, her education, her religious vocation, and her love for the poor and unfortunate. A brochure on the significant dates in the life & Sainthood of Mary MacKillop was handed out.

Next, we did a tour of the Museum, Shop with souvenirs. Then, the group were directed into the chapel built in 1913. Mary MacKillop died and was buried at Gore Hill in 1909. Her body was transferred from the Gore Hill Cemetery and re-interred in the Mary MacKillop chapel on the 29/1/1914. Mary’s tomb is in a separate serene area in the chapel where pilgrims can personally benefit from this unique experience. Mass is said every day and the chapel was occupied by our group, Catholics in their work lunch hour, and other visitors. A beautiful, meaningful mass.

More food. After Mass the group went back to the dining room for sandwiches, fruit platter and more tea and coffee. The bus driver did eventually get a parking spot to pick us up. Regina again led the group in the Hail Mary to give thanks for our wonderful holy day.

Thankyou Mary MacKillop for being our Australian Saint. Thankyou Father Peter for arranging our pilgrimage. Thankyou Regina for looking after us so well.



| Last Weekend 2 June 2024 | |
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| 2nd Collection | \$1720.50 |
| 1st Collection | \$1070.75 |
| Cashless Giving | \$280 |

| Attendance | |
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| Vigil | 89 |
| 8.30AM | 132 |
| 10AM | ? |
| Total | |

Continued from Page 1 This went on for some time but I became less & less interested in the service so I stopped attending. I started to accompany Sybil to Mass on odd occasions, especially Christmas & Easter. Eventually, it took some time I must admit, but I started going on a more regular basis but not every week.

The more I went the more I enjoyed the Mass and felt I was really getting something out of attending. Naturally I could not receive Communion but I understood why that was not possible. I then started attending each week & became even happier with the Mass. A good friend of mine had a Cousin Kevin who was a Catholic Priest. I said to Ian the next time Kevin comes to your place let me talk to him. A few weeks later I had the opportunity for discussion & Father Kevin answered all my questions & I answered his.

I had decided I wanted to become a Catholic. Sybil did not know of my intentions she had never put any pressure on me which was to her great credit. I waited until the following Sunday when we were lunching on the ferry "South Steyne" at Darling Harbour. The tears flowed and they had to man the pumps to keep the ferry afloat, only kidding thought I would add that for fun.

As it turned out Father Paul Hilder was to be our new Parish Priest replacing the long time serving Father Malone. Father Paul & Father Kevin were good friends I think they attended the Seminary together. When we introduced ourselves to Father Paul he said he had heard about us, I wonder who told Him! I had a good talk with Father Paul & became a Catholic on 15th September 1998, what a joy that was I was so happy and so was Sybil. Some time later we were asked to become Eucharistic Ministers. We did the training & started giving Holy Communion, what an honour & privilege. Towards the end of 2005 father asked me if I would like to become an Acolyte I replied, "thank you Father but I don't feel I am worthy for such an honour" Father replied "John don't you think I am the best judge of that" I replied "yes Father & I gratefully accept" I did the training along with several others and became an Acolyte in December 2005.

I have been an Acolyte for 19 wonderful years & I must say that this has been one of the most treasured times in my life. Serving the Lord in the Sanctuary and assisting the Priest in any way I can, what more would one ever want in life. But nothing lasts forever so with heavy heart my last day will be on Sunday 9th June at 10:00am Mass as we are downsizing and have purchased a Villa in a Retirement Village. The future will take care of itself I'm sure the Lord will guide us in our retirement. What a journey and I would not mind betting it is not over yet.



John's farewell with Vinnies



First Reading Gen 3:9-15

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied. 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, '

Because you have done this,
'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.
You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust
every day of your life.
I will make you enemies of each other:
you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.
It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7

*(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 4:13-5:1

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may

be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:31. 32

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 3:20-35

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'



Reflection

by Michael Tate

The first way to reject the real Jesus is to domesticate him, and that is what members of his blood family were trying to do. They thought he was 'out of his mind', madly putting himself [and them] in harm's way and he had to be restrained.

Have you or I tried to domesticate Jesus Christ, to reduce him to a non-threatening Jesus-meek-and-mild? If so, we are closer to the family of Nazareth standing just outside his circle, ready to run for cover, than to the new family seated around him, really listening to him and therefore vulnerable.

The second way is to misconstrue all the evidence of Jesus' mission on earth and to claim that he must be in league with the devil, 'He has an unclean spirit'.

If you do this publicly, as did these religious leaders, then you have deliberately put God's plan for the salvation of others at risk, and it is this which is unforgivable. This is real blasphemy.

We might pause for a moment, implore the grace of God, determine to really hear the Gospels, discern the will of God for our lives, and so come back within the ultimate family allegiance of those who dare to call God 'our Father'.

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