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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Sixth Sunday of Easter
6 May 2018

History is one of my weak points; hence the knack for repeating classic mistakes. Be that as it may, I have been informed by those more knowledgeable about history than I am that, apart from being the 6th Sunday of Easter, it is also 'The Battle of the Coral Sea Sunday' which holds particular significance for the parish. In short, it explains the peculiar presence of American flags in our church. Having watched the movie 'Dunkirk' not so long ago, my respect goes out to Fr Evans who, as a navy chaplain, survived a sinking ship during the Battle of the Coral Sea. Apparently, if it weren't for the joint Australian-American victory which emerged at that historic juncture, it is possible that Australia would not have blossomed into what it is today; the same could be said of our parish, especially on the account of Fr Evans who, after the war, went on to become our first parish priest (who was also responsible for the building of our beautiful church).

We could say that Fr Evans, along with many other soldiers and parishioners, was on a mission from God, and thanks to his acceptance of it, well, here we are. Now, we too have a mission, each and every one of us. Apart from the mission we could not make sense of who we were or why we were here. According to *Gaudete et Exsultate* (the pope's latest writing on Christian holiness), the mission is also the path to holiness; there is no better way - if there is any other way at all - for us to become 'spiritually complete' than by faithfully accepting the mission. Of course, ours is never a solo mission; it can only be accomplished through, with and in Jesus, sustained and propelled by the love that exudes from his death and resurrection. On a slightly different note, Pope Francis makes a very interesting point in regard to the saints: we would do well to contemplate not so much the details (for each person has a unique path) but the 'totality of their life, their entire journey of growth in holiness, the reflection of Jesus Christ that emerges when we grasp their overall meaning as a person.' He continues:

This is a powerful summons to all of us. You need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognising the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world. May you realise what the word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life...The Lord will bring [your mission] to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens.

- Fr Peter -

The Week Ahead

Sun 6 May 6th Sun Easter	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass Followed by morning tea to commemorate The Battle of the Coral Sea. All very welcome to attend in the Parish Centre 5 Tarrilli St
Mon 7 May Eastertide		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 8 May Eastertide	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wed 9 May Eastertide	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 10 May Eastertide	9.15am	Mass (Whole School Mothers Day Mass)
Fri 11 May Eastertide	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 12 May Eastertide	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 13 May Ascension of the Lord	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass Mother's Day

Please pray for...

Recently deceased

Marisa Allara, Joan Shirley Dennis, Laurie Greening, recently deceased,

In Loving Memory

Fr William Evans, Mary Croke, Assia & Damia Dagher, Donato Tozzi, Antonio Mattiussi, Irene Hall, Iris Smith, Theresa Sui Tiong, Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines, Ugo Buracchi, Steven Mortimer, Judith Partlin, Kate & Vicko Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Margherita Falsone, Matt Taglini, Josephine Agius, Lambert Glaudemans & Vicky Brown, Alfia Coco, Jimmy Simmons, Florence Mitchell, Nicola Kohen, John Souter, Gary Collins, Anna Motisi, Anna Puglia, Marie Therese Rierchy, John Trisley, Jim Campisi, Frederika Streiff & Buyung Elias, Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Pauline Elias, Tony Tesoriero, Gino Morassut, Anna Maria Cicuto, Carmelo Alggozzino, Joe Costa, Onofrio Tesoriero, Fintan Lawlor, Sam Xerri, Angelina Tozzi, Francis Son H Tran, Antonino Puglia, Adel Hakim, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Laspina Giuseppa Leotta, Rosa Ferlito, Frank Meaney Snr., Frank Meaney Jnr, Lina Paolercio, Margaret Wilkie, Maria Dos Santos, Tereza Dos Santos, Manuel Vieira, Gloria Vieira, Bernard John Mortimer, Pat Smith, Dan Hall, Maria Mandich, Anthony Nguyen, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Bartolo Tesoriero, Stephen Xuereb, Marc David Sollazzo, Edmund Banfield, Anna & Joseph Pham, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Connie Fedele, Darren Seymour, Mark Phillips, Frances Spinella, Catherine Lin Siew Ngiik, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Gail Moore, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Thomas Tran, Edward Cantwell, Carl John Sollazzo. Joseph Ovens, Thomas Mendes, Salvatore Licari,

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Ada Reiger, Mary Emery, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Dr Slavica Markotic

Culture Project Australia—Speaker at all Masses

Representatives from The Culture Project, a new missionary organisation of young people who believe in restoring our society to one where every human being is treated with the love and dignity they deserve, will be speaking at all Masses this weekend.

Sharing the beauty and truth of sexual integrity and human dignity with over 5000 young people per year, they are the hands and feet of our Church in the world. Your financial and prayerful support are much appreciated and essential to their mission to restore culture. They look forward to meeting you after Mass on the 5th-6th May!

To find out more about the Culture Project check out the website: www.theculturepproject.com.au and Facebook @Culture Project Australia

Mother's Day 13 May 2018

On Mother's Day, in keeping with tradition here at Regina Coeli Parish, before or after Mass, we invite family members to bring to the altar of Our Lady, a flower attached with the name of the person they wish to celebrate.

This person can be living or deceased. This person can be their mother, adopted mother, stepmother, mother figure, guardian, relative, family friend and mothers who are waiting for the birth of their children,

The World Apostolate of Fatima Aust. Inc.
Sydney Archdiocese Committee invite you to attend our May Celebration in
St. Mary's Cathedral on the 12th of May.

To commence at 11.30am
with entrance procession (in the Cathedral) with the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima with the Immaculate Heart.
Fr. Peter Joseph will be Principal Celebrant.
Holy Mass will commence at 12 Noon.
Further enquiries please contact Rosetta on 0403578994 or Rosa on 9984-8988.

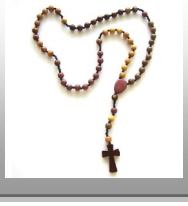
LIFE ASCENDING—COME AND SEE

There will be a gathering on TUESDAY 15 MAY after 9:30am Mass at the Parish Centre for present (afternoon) members AND interested others.
See you there.
Sr Patricia

Rosary Statue

Miss B Meaney

19 Bundara Street
Ph: 9150 8788



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Last Weekend 29 April 2018	
2nd Collection	**$1,749.95**
1st Collection	$1,436.35

THIS WEEKEND
CHARITABLE WORKS FUND WILL BE COLLECTED.

Each Parish in the Archdiocese is asked to contribute to the Charitable Works Fund which supports the Seminary, CatholicCare, Catechists in State schools, chaplaincies and other works of the Archdiocese. Pencils are available on the Church window sills. As always, we are grateful for your kind generosity.

God's Design For Marriage
Celebrating 50 years of Humane Vitae

Chris Gordon from the Life, Marriage and Family Centre will speak on this topic at various locations across Sydney. What did God intend for human sexuality? How have couples responded to the call in Paul VI's seminal encyclical Humane Vitae to be open to life? How can we change our cultural attitudes around sex? The transmission of life, marriage, providence and babies? All welcome. Plenty of time for questions. For dates and locations see the flyer at the back of the Church. More Info: Ph. 9307 8402, lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org

St Bernadette's Parish—Carlton

These interesting and thought provoking talks continue at St Bernadette's parish in Carlton.

Details of the full programme including those of the speakers can be found in the brochures available at the Church and on the Church notice boards. Please feel free to take one.

All welcome. Further information can be obtained via email: admin@carltonparish.org.au.

History of the Catholic Church in Australia

2018 marks the 200th Anniversary of a little known, but most heroic and faith-filled time in the history of the Australian Church.

In 1818, the Government forcibly removed the only Catholic priest in Australia, Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn, from Sydney. Fr O'Flynn's last pastoral act was to leave the Blessed Sacrament reserved in a faithful Catholic's home so that the colonists and prisoners could come to adore Christ present there. For two years, the Blessed Sacrament, in this lay Sydney home, was the source and centre of worship and consolation for the priest less Catholics of the Australian colony. These poignant events make 2018 the 200th Anniversary of Eucharistic Adoration in Australia.

I therefore offer a warm invitation to you and your parishioners to join us as we mark this occasion in a particular way with the *Walk With Christ* Eucharistic Procession on the **Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 3 June 2018**.

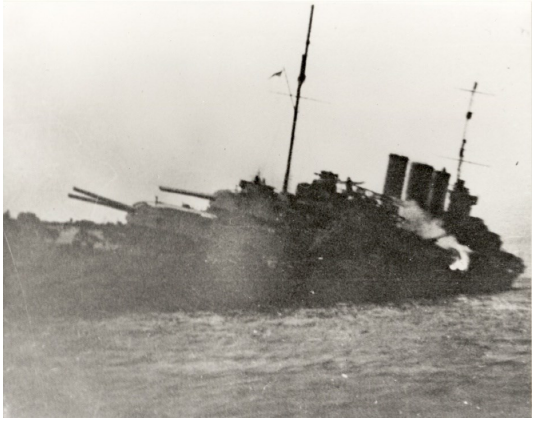
Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will conclude at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction by 4:30pm. Priests are invited to robe at the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt from 1pm - 2pm.

Piety Stall

In the Piety Stall this weekend and next;
Mothers' Day Gifts - $5
Handmade Mothers' Day cards - $2.50 each card

The Piety Stall is open after all weekend Masses

St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal—Address at all Masses on the weekend of 12-13 May 2018
A member of our St Vincent de Paul Men's Conference will address the congregation at all Masses on 12-13 May, regarding a collection to be taken up the following weekend, to enable our members to help the poor of our parish over the coming Winter.
This Collection will take place at all Masses the following weekend, 19-20 May 2018.



Battle of the Choral Sea—World War II.
Fr Williams Evans, our first Parish Priest, served on the "H.M.A.S. Canberra" and was rescued when it sunk in Aug 1942 off Savo Island. With love and respect, we remember him today along with the crews of the Canberra and their American rescue ship, U.S.S. Paterson.

Sunday Telegraph

ALLIED LOSSES LIGHT IN GREAT BATTLE OF CORAL SEA

Jap fleet repulsed with 11 ships sunk, 6 damaged; "our attacks to continue"

The Living Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B — 6 May 2018

First Reading
Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
   for he has worked wonders.
   His right hand and his holy arm
   have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
   has shown his justice to the nations.
   He has remembered his truth and love
   for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
   the salvation of our God.
   Shout to the Lord all the earth,
   ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God
and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

Reflection *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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