



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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 October 2019

The following is one of the short essays written by our parishioners in preparation for the Archbishop's Pastoral Visitation in July/August:

Have nothing in your home that you do not know to be useful or

believe to be beautiful – William Morris

Does this spark joy? – Marie Kondo

The Minimalist Movement advocates the paring down of belongings. Not zero consumption, but mindful consumption – spend more but buy less. The end result being you are surrounded by nothing superfluous to your life – anything that is not important is discarded, or not brought into your life in the first place.

You can get an idea of what is important to a person by looking at the belongings displayed on their bedside table in a nursing home; usually a couple of ornaments, books and photos. Of course, the photos themselves are not important, it's the people in them – well you would hope it is.

So, while there is much in the way of religiosity around, at the centre of my faith, and the most important part of it, is my personal relationship with God. Everything else is just commentary. My relationship with God has been built on years of experiences, both religious and secular, just like everyone else. Sometimes I'm closer to Him and sometimes I'm not. And when I'm not, I'm under no illusions about who has moved!

The Church nurtures that relationship by being a conduit. The Sacraments can bring us closer to God, but surely only if they are approached with that end in mind. Receiving them without thought or consideration, because that's what is expected, is on par with thoughtless consumption.

Does God really come to me in the big things, the whirlwinds of ecstasy, or does He come to me in the gentle breezes? I don't want more or bigger religion, I want religion that speaks to me of important ideas, philosophies, and allows me to discover and talk about them without reserve. To explore them and let them open my mind to other ways of thinking. To see how much closer to God they lead me.

That's me; there are millions belonging to this faith, with millions of ideas of what a personal relationship with God is, and how to achieve it. The one size fits all is problematic, and sooner or later something gives. There are many, many people who no longer attend Mass, and you can bet that each of the "crises of faith" has a different root. To have a religion that is all things to all people is not a given, and to suggest solutions in less than 500 words would be minimalist indeed.

Raewyn Hayes

23 July 2019



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The Week Ahead

Sun 20 Oct 29th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 21 Oct	No Mass
Tues 22 Oct St John Paul II pope	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Year 4 10:00am Reconciliation with Year 6
Wed 23 Oct St John of Capistrano, priest	9.15am Mass
Thurs 24 Oct St Anthony Claret, bishop	9:15am Mass
Fri 25 Oct	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 26 Oct	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 27 Oct 30th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass with Stage 2

Dear Parishioners,

I hope all has been well with everyone. I am back from a three and a half week break, which I am truly grateful for. At the start, time seemed to move slowly for me but then it raced by in the last few weeks. For a moment there, the thought of coming back "so soon" to a life which seemed a world away was almost a little frightening (I must still be getting used to being a priest!). Fortunately though, the break ended on a hopeful note, with me wanting to find my true home by learning to be a better priest. Thank you to all those who, as always, cared for the parish, especially during my absence. Please don't hesitate to let me know if there has been any concern or issue. May the rest of 2019 be a blessed time for us all! - Fr Peter -

Life Ascending Meetings

Third Thursday at 7:30pm
Second and fourth Fridays after the 9.15Mass.

New members are most welcome.

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Antonio Rositano, John Wallices, Al Hubert Lague, Carlos Tuano

In Loving Memory

Rebecca Phibbs, Romeo Vassallo, James Roebuck, Donato Tozzi, Angelo Porcu, Angelo Mascolo, Maria Debono, Tony Shiner, Maroun Shiner, Hamman Shiner, Maurice Haddad, Anita Abbey, Bob Hollingsworth, Donato Tozzi, Cono Reale, Colleen Brennan, Patricia Atkins, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Marc David Solazzo, Damia & Assia Dagher, Bartolo Tesoriero

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Michelle Makin, Pat Johnson, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Genevieve Shedden, Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Mary Emery, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti,

As part of Australia Needs Fatima's nationwide Public Square Rosary campaign during the month of October you are invited to:

Public Square Rosary

When: Thursday 24th October

Time: 7pm

Where: Hurstville Plaza (opposite Club Central Hurstville)

Come pray for Australia!

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs R Sakr
8 Stoddart Street

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11.30am - 3.30pm

School Principal

Mr Chris Egan
Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch
REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 13 October 2019		Attendance	
		5PM	
		8.30AM	
2nd Collection \$1,883.00		10AM	188
1st Collection	\$1206.45	Total	?

The following is a further of the short essays written by our parishioners in preparation for the Archbishop's Pastoral Visitation in July/August:

Dear Archbishop,

My name is Mildred (unfortunately) Pettit. My dad James Donlan born in 1906 grew up with Fr. Bill Evans in Camperdown NSW. They were mates and played cricket together in the streets of Camperdown. They also went to school together at St. Benedicts. Over the years their lives took a different turn, Dad got married and had us 3 children. Father Evans meanwhile joined the priesthood and later became Chaplain to the Navy on the ship "The Canberra" during World War II. His ship was blown up by the Japanese Navy in the battle of the Coral Sea. Sometime after he and his mates were rescued by the American Navy.

In 1946 my family had to leave our rented house and move to Herne Bay (now Riverwood) into housing commission flats which were ex-army huts used during the war. Mass was celebrated in one of these huts, and guess who was the Parish Priest. Yes! Fr. Bill Evans. As you can imagine my dad was beside himself with delight.

Later Fr. Evans was moved to Beverly Hills where he started saying Mass in what is now the Parish Hall. He never forgot the Kindness shown to him by the American Navy during the war. He got the chance to repay that kindness when he built what is now our magnificent church of Regina Coeli and dedicated it to the Australian and American Navies. We had the American chapel with the American flag and the Aussie chapel and flag on either side of the main altar. Often on Coral Sea Sunday American sailors would come and visit us and some Parishioners would entertain them. My family did so once and we took them for a drive to the South Coast for the day.

Sadly, my dad died quite early (1959) and didn't live to see our beautiful church. But I'm sure Fr. Evans has told dad all about it, during their cricket games in Heaven.

Yours sincerely,

Mildred Pettit

Kylie Cullen fmvd from the international Catholic aid organisation, Aid to the Church in Need, will speak briefly at each Mass on the 19th and 20th October. ACN was founded in 1947 by Dutch priest Father Werenfried to alleviate the sufferings of the millions of displaced persons after World War II. Today ACN is the only International Catholic Organization that focuses on the spiritual and pastoral support of suffering Christians.

HSC Exams

For the next few weeks, we keep our parish HSC students in our thoughts as they sit the HSC exams.

May they know that we care and that the Lord is with them during these days.

We also pray for their families and friends accompanying them during this time.

ACU Centre for Liturgy: "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing"

What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick?

These questions will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day called: "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing" at ACU Strathfield 25A Barker Road, Strathfield on Saturday 9 November from 9am to 4.45pm (registration from 8.30am). Cost is \$60 and registration (including lunch) is essential at: http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral_formation_days. All are welcome. For more information phone 9701 4751.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2018-2019

There are many Planned Giving Envelopes for the new period - October 2019 to October 2020, remaining in the foyer at the back of the Church. The commencement date for these envelopes was 7 October 2019.

Kindly let us know if you have made other arrangements regarding planned giving and may not require your designated envelope.

First Reading Ex 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

**(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and
coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by

God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives
of our heart.**

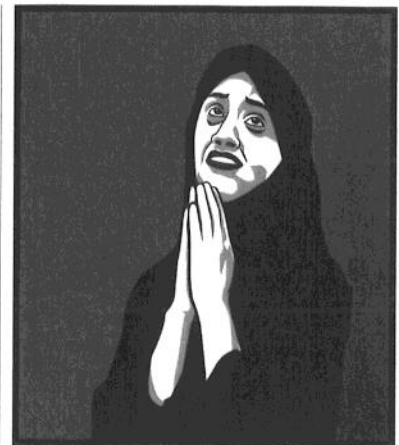
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

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