



# 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

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 November 2018

It has been itching to get out, some thought on the movie *Bad Times at the El Royale*. [Spoiler alert!] I was intrigued upon finding out that Jeff Bridges was playing a "priest". Once a friend whose opinions I tend to respect couldn't stop singing its praises, there was no going back for me; I had to watch it. Please be warned that this movie is not for the faint-hearted (or minors); thick blood is spilt from the very first scene and then it is blood all the way.

A few general comments before getting to the heart of the movie. So refreshingly original! Minimal reliance on special effects. Defining itself instead with theatrical style and clever storytelling. A mundane premise (four strangers checking into the El Royale Hotel in 1970s) bursting into a thrilling story. Just a handful of characters. Each handled with great care. Never quite what they initially appear to be.

The first revelations about the characters are rather frightening, as the audience forebode their possible involvement with some unspeakable evil. Indeed, evil of unfathomable depth does become at least hinted at, if not explored. Fortunately, it turns out that all of the main characters except one have redeeming qualities, with not a small desire to do the right thing within the fallenness of their situation.

Two villains. A yuppie and a hippie. The yuppie (a very minor role but still symbolically significant) idolises wealth and this allows him to justify all kinds of evil. As long as he is facilitating another person to get one step closer to the god of worldly success, he is perfectly entitled to use and abuse them in the process. The hippie (played by Chris Hemsworth) idolises himself. As a "free spirit" only he can decree what the moral limits of his actions are, if there are any, all the while feeling all the more supercilious for it.

By contrast, there are two God-fearing characters who, against all odds, demonstrate that, in the end, grace prevails over the plague of evil. One is a Christian, for whom prayer is a living reality. Her perceptive gaze cuts through the bravado of evil and sees it for what it really is - internal fragility and emptiness. The other is a lapsed Catholic who can accept dying but not dying without going to confession first, in the hope that his soul will be saved. His name is Miles Miller and the following takes place in his dying moment:

*Miles: I've killed so many people, I've lied, I've stolen.*

*Priest: Do you seek absolution for your sins?*

*[Miles nods]*

*Priest: Do you give him the time you have remaining?*

*Miles: It's too late.*

*Priest: No, It's never too late.*

*Miles: I'll try to be better.*

*Priest: Miles Miller, you are forgiven.*

- Fr Peter -



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 4 Nov</b> 31st Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
<b>Mon 5 Nov</b>		No Mass
<b>Tues 6 Nov</b>	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
<b>Wed 7 Nov</b>	7.00am	Mass
<b>Thurs 8 Nov</b>	9.15am	Mass
<b>Fri 9 Nov</b> Dedication of Lateran Basilica	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
<b>Sat 10 Nov</b> St Leo the Great	9.00am 1.00pm 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Requiem Mass-Latin Mass Society Reconciliation Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 11 Nov</b> 32nd Sun in OT	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Maurice Haddad

### In Loving Memory

All Holy Souls, especially those noted in our November Book of Remembrance

### Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Peter Campbell, Greg Daniels, Elena Mura, Carmen Aquilina, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Mary Emery, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic

### Mass for Pregnant Mothers

Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Most Rev Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, at St Mary's Cathedral of Sunday 18 November at 10:30am.

RSVP and enquiries can be directed to [LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFevents@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8401

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#### Last Weekend 28 Oct 2018

**2nd Collection \$2,063.20**

1st Collection \$1,114.95

Dear Parishioners of Regina Coeli Beverly Hills  
Three weeks ago I moved from Croydon to my new residence at Daceyville. It is with sad regret that I will no longer be able to be involved in the running of the RCIA program here at Regina Coeli.

I became involved in this program by the invitation of Fr Tu who in 2009 asked if I could help with instructing my first candidate, Kris to be received into the Catholic faith the following Easter. This I found was a wonderful experience hence I have conducted the program each year since.

During the following years I have journeyed with 49 wonderful people who have joined us at the Eucharistic table. It has been my privilege to walk with them and to share my faith handed on to me by my parents in this wonderful parish of Beverly Hills. It has been a real growth time for me as I shared with these people wanting to know, love and follow Jesus in their own journey in life.

I hold each one of these people in a special place in my heart and pray for them daily along with all the families of Regina Coeli.

This parish will always be "my parish" as it was here that I was baptised and grew in love of our God. It was in this beautiful church that I answered His call to follow Him in the wonderful ceremony of my final profession in 1983. Also the beautiful window of Mary MacKillop mum donated reminds me of my parents - please pray for them each time you look at the window.

At the beginning of next year I will begin my new ministry in the Parishes of Sydney South: Roseberry, Waterloo and Redfern working with and supporting Fr Paul Smithers & Fr Gerard. Please keep us in your prayers.

Thank you for your prayerful support for all the RCIA candidates over the years!  
God Bless!

- Sr Rosemary -

### WWI Centenary Solemn Requiem Mass @ Regina Coeli, 1PM on 10 November 2018.

The Latin Mass Society, Australia, has requested the use of our parish church - a war memorial church - for their WWI Centenary Requiem Mass. Music is expected to be superb. All are welcome. FYI, the Mass will be in Latin, obviously.

## Rosary Statue

Mrs V Kellert

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The **Cathedral of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist in the Lateran**, also known as the Papal Archbasilica of St. John [in] Lateran, St. John Lateran, or the Lateran Basilica – is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome in the city of Rome, Italy and therefore houses the ca-thedra, or ecclesiastical seat, of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope.

This church was the first one built after Constantine ceased the persecution of Christians in 313. For years, the Laterni family held the land where the church now stands, which gives the basilica its name. The basilica was dedicated in 324 and is where popes lived and presided until the 1300s. Four ecumenical councils of the magnitude of Vatican II were held there. The basilica was originally dedicated under the name of Most Holy Saviour, but in the sixth century took on the names of John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. Now it is known as the Basilica of St. John Lateran, which rolls all of this history together.

It is the oldest and highest ranking of the four papal major basilicas, giving it the unique title of "archbasilica". The current archpriest is Angelo De Donatis, Vicar General for the Diocese of Rome. The President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, is ex officio the "first and only honorary canon" of the archbasilica, a title that the heads of state of France have possessed since King Henry IV.

The wooden altar on which St. Peter celebrated Mass while in Rome is inside the main altar. The heads of Saints Peter and Paul were once believed to be inside busts above the main altar. Part of the table on which the Last Supper was celebrated is said to be behind a bronze depiction of the Last Supper. At one time the Holy Stairs from Pilate's house on which Jesus is said to have walked during his trial, and brought to Rome by Constantine's mother St. Helena, were also in the Lateran. The marble stairs are now covered with wood to protect them. Pilgrims ascend the stairs on their knees contemplating Jesus' Passion and on the way up drops of blood may be seen on the stairs beneath protective glass.

Celebrating the dedication of the Pope's cathedral shows our unity with the Pope and our love and respect for him; we are united with each other in the Church.

[http://www.frtoomylane.com/homilies/years\\_abc/dedication\\_basilica\\_john\\_lateran.htm](http://www.frtoomylane.com/homilies/years_abc/dedication_basilica_john_lateran.htm)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archbasilica\\_of\\_St.\\_John\\_Lateran](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archbasilica_of_St._John_Lateran)<http://faith.nd.edu/s/1210/faith/interior.aspx?pgid=11120>

- RW -

**Please note the following Saturdays for Youth Group gatherings.**

**10 November**, 24 November, 8 December 2018

### **Musicians & Singers For Christmas Masses**

All are welcome! For Midnight Mass and 8:30am Mass. Rehearsal will start on Tuesday 20 October 2018.

### **Be Awake National Catholic Men's Conference Father & Teenage Son Weekend**

When: 6:30pm, Fri 16 November 2018 until mid -afternoon Sun 18 November (Please ensure you have had your evening meal before arriving on Friday and we will make sure you're home in time for your evening meal on Sunday.) Where: 'Lutanda' Yarramundi 761 Springwood Rd, Yarramundi (15 mins South West of Richmond)

"Be Awake; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Cor 16:13-16

"Where are you men? Where are you men of God? Where will you be when the SON comes? Are you AWAKE?" MenAlive and the Young Men of God Movement (YMG) have united to host a life-changing event for the men of this nation. The conference will bring the very best of MenAlive's hugely successful MAX conference, and the unrivalled strength of the Young Men of God National Conference. There will be great speakers, worship, prayer, sacraments, sports and brotherhood time. It is a space, which will allow men to encounter Jesus Christ, be it the first time or a renewal. To register go to [menalive.org.au](http://menalive.org.au) or [ymgmovement.org](http://ymgmovement.org) Promotional Video Link: <https://youtu.be/e19HV5mUW2Q>

### **Sydney Catholic Men's Ministry Network Meeting**

Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other good men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in Sydney archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by Bishop Richard Umbers, hear from Tristan Ross, former lieutenant in the army on his experience of Catholic brotherhood. Ben Galea from Young Men of God will facilitate a discussion on growing new men's groups.

Friday night November 23, 6.30pm Mass, 7.30pm Dinner, 8.30pm Presentations. St. Paul of the Cross Parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill. Register: [www.trybooking.com/431767](http://www.trybooking.com/431767) More Info: [christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org)

**First Reading Dt 6:2-6**

*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2**

*(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.*

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes.  
(R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be to the God that saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

**Second Reading Heb 7:23-28**

*This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the

other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

**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 Mk 12:28-34**

*This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

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