



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

1st Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 March 2019

When in darkness do not make an important decision. This is age-old spiritual wisdom. Not sure if it pre-dates St Ignatius of Loyola - a master of spiritual discernment - but its merit seems self-evident enough, especially given what we heard Jesus say last Sunday: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit?' In other words, when our own vision has been darkened by desolation it would be unwise for us to make "big decisions" for ourselves. No doubt, this is easier said than done. After all, the pressure can be enormous - the impulse to do something, anything in the hope of alleviating the pain. Unfortunately the pain tends to become exacerbated in the long-run when we act in the absence of inner peace. Well, by what then should we be guided when times are bleak? I think that 'patience' is would be a good bet. In his homily last Sunday Archbishop Anthony Fisher said:

As the Cardinal's matter is ongoing in the courts, I cannot comment on the substance; others have done so, and some have raised serious questions for the appellate court to examine. If we are too quick to judge, we can end up joining the demonisers or the apologists, those baying for blood or those in denial. Our readings remind us that things are not always what they seem; that we must look beneath the surface and allow truth and justice to unfold in God's good time.

One of the most important lessons I hope to learn from Pope Francis is the vital importance of patience in dealing with complicated matters (a relevant extract from his writing can be found on page 3). We live in an age when our strength has also become our flaw: our amazing advancement in communications technology has unwittingly brought with it the utterly foolish notion that important statements must always be made 'immediately' so as to bear meaning and relevance. But the human mind requires time and maturing processes in order to grasp profound truths - the ones that matter the most. So, why then would we risk rushing headlong into error by neglecting the virtue of patience? The appeal in relation to Cardinal Pell's conviction is due to be held on 4-5 June 2019. That's just a few days before Pentecost and only one day before Confirmation at Regina Coeli. In the meantime let us exercise patience and discernment by ensuring that we are not choosing media over prayer!

On a different note, I am delighted to announce that a number of catechumens and candidates from our parish will be attending Mass at St Mary's Cathedral for the Rite of Election this weekend. This is our first year without Sr Rosemary, which means that these poor souls are stuck with me through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (a.k.a. RCIA). They need your prayers and ongoing support. Over the coming weeks they will be introduced one by one via parish bulletins. So, please stay tuned!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 10 Mar 1st Sunday in Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 11 Mar	No Mass
Tues 12 Mar	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Yr 10.00am Reconciliation with Yr
Wed 13 Mar	7.00am Mass
Thurs 14 Mar	9.15am Mass
Fri 15 Mar	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
Sat 16 Mar	9.00am Mass 9.30am Adoration and Reconciliation 4.25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 17 Mar 2nd Sun of Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Judith Partlin, Annamaria Cicuto, Vicko Hrdalo, Kate Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Donato Tozzi, Patricia Freeman, Jim Campisi, Henry Walter Bullock, Christopher Pezzuti, Tony Tesoriero.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, 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 Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic.

Life Ascending Meeting Times

This is the 20th year of life Ascending which commenced in this parish. Thank you for your support over the years.

Meeting times are:

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

Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady
9554 8155
Tues, Wed, 8.30-3.30
Fri 8.30am-2.30pm
Business Manager
Mr Peter Crawford

Sacramental Coordinator/ PSSO

Mrs Elizabeth Gooley
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Tuesday and Thursday from
11.30am - 3.30pm

School Principal

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

Catechist Required

Presently, the Parish is in need of catechists for the following classes-

Year 1 Beverly Hills North Public School on
Wednesday at 10.30am.

Year 5 Beverly Hills North Public School on
Wednesday at 11.50am.

If you have a little time and are interested in becoming a catechist or a catechist helper, please speak to Fr. Peter or contact the Parish office. Also, if you have a WWC Number, you are most welcome to attend and observe a class with another catechist to see if this ministry may be for you! All courses and teaching materials provided by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

First Reconciliation Program 2019

First Reconciliation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Thursday 4 April 2019 during two sessions, 5.30pm-6.30pm or 7.30pm-8.30pm. Parents of baptised Catholic children in Year Three or above are invited to enrol their child in the Parish based First Reconciliation Program. The Information and Enrolment letter has been sent home through the parish school and is also available from the parish office and parish website.

Seeking - Singers & Musicians to join the musical ministry at Regina Coeli Parish

Rehearsals - Take place every Tuesday night in the church 6pm to 7:30pm - **next rehearsal is 12th of March 2019**

Singing - The choir sings at 8:30am mass and other masses such as Christmas and Easter as requested.

The choir is currently preparing for the season of Lent leading up to Easter and would love to encourage parishoners to join one of the musical ministries at Regina Coeli.

If you would like to be part of this ministry please come along to a rehearsal on Tuesday night.

Any questions or enquiries, please contact

Natasha - nat_demel@live.com.au or

Wendy - wendyp013@gmail.com

Rosary Statue

Mrs J Vincent
14 Warrawee Place

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Last Weekend
3 Mar 2019

2nd Collection \$2392.15

1st Collection \$947.25

Attendance

5PM

8.30AM

10AM

Total

Lives change when you give 100%. Hope starts with your support.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Give Lent 100%"**. This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

For Lent, you are invited to donate by taking home a donation box or packet of envelopes, both available at all church doors and to return these to the parish office during Easter week.

or you may donate by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or ph1800 024 413.

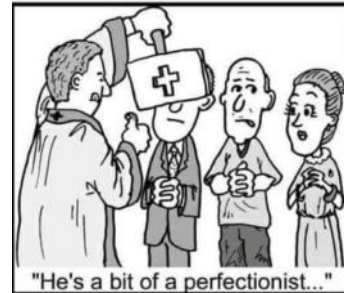
A **Lenten programme** commencing on March 12th will take place in the parish centre after the 9.15 Tuesday masses. If you wish to attend please let Margaret know, thank you. Sr Pat.

RCIA Profile: Pat McCoy

THE STORY OF A NEW RECRUIT

I was raised an Anglican and attended Sunday School and Church. After marrying my husband, John, and I took the children to Church and Sunday School.

Sometime later we became disappointed with the Church. We were unhappy with the way the services were conducted. Also some of the elders were changing their views on Anglicanism. We had a lapse of some years attendance but never failed in our faith. About 10yrs ago John commenced Biblical Studies at Catholic Institute Sydney. During that time he became friends with one of the Seminarians - now Father Lewi Barracat. This was a friendship we both shared. When John went into Narwee Nursing Home, Father Gerard Woo Ling, who also knew Father Lewi, visited John frequently. Thence I came to attend services at Regina Coeli Parish. During that time, I have enjoyed the services and fellowship of the congregation and have been welcomed into the Parish in a loving way. After some thought and prayer, I have decided to make my commitment to the Catholic Faith and look forward to learning more. Thank you to all for your kindness and support. God Bless.



Join the **Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Sisterhood Catholic Women's Movement** for a Lenten Retreat Day. This retreat will be hosted in Sydney and in Melbourne on **30 March**. The day will focus on the theme, "Nature, Grace and Glory: *Imago Dei* Revealed in Us." The retreat will **begin at 10AM** with talks, discussion opportunities, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, morning tea and lunch, and more. An optional Vigil Mass at the location will follow.

For more information : To register in Sydney: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBEQA>
email sydney@op-tn.org **Location:** St. Peter Chanel Parish Hall, 60 Kingsland Road, Berala
Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/273338730230446/>

Wanted—Volunteers to help with the 1st Sunday of the month morning tea at the Parish Centre, following 8:30am Mass. Teams of three are required four times per year. The months of April, May, August, September and December require volunteers. Your help would be most welcome. All supplies are provided by the parish. No costs will be incurred by any volunteer. Please contact Anne Kensey on 9759 2357.

In our own day, dominated by stress and rapid technological advances, one of the most important tasks of families is to provide an education in hope. This does not mean preventing children from playing with electronic devices, but rather finding ways to help them develop their critical abilities and not to think that digital speed can apply to everything in life. Postponing desires does not mean denying them but simply deferring their fulfilment. When children or adolescents are not helped to realize that some things have to be waited for, they can become obsessed with satisfying their immediate needs and develop the vice of "wanting it all now". This is a grand illusion which does not favour freedom but weakens it. On the other hand, when we are taught to postpone some things until the right moment, we learn self-mastery and detachment from our impulses. When children realize that they have to be responsible for themselves, their self-esteem is enriched. This in turn teaches them to respect the freedom of others. Obviously this does not mean expecting children to act like adults, but neither does it mean underestimating their ability to grow in responsible freedom. In a healthy family, this learning process usually takes place through the demands made by life in common.

- Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* 275 -

First Reading Dt 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe

in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

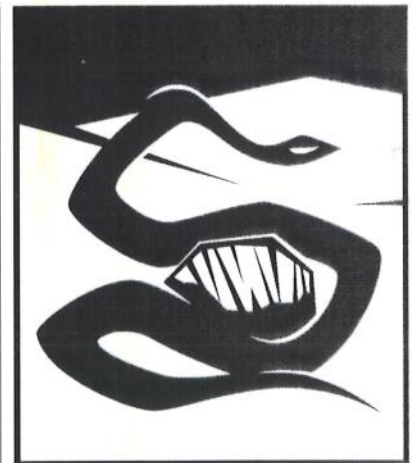
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

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