



# 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

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 August 2019

**The Archbishop's Pastoral Visitation, Part Two:** Driving the Archbishop to Club Rivers, I sought guaranteed parking by calling and asking the parish priest of Riverwood if we could park in his driveway. 'Of course!' he said but also wanted us to drop in at the end of the night. Then the dinner *happened*, inducing the Archbishop's whole-hearted assent that, yes, the night was quite special! Nevertheless, he carried a great weight of responsibility and had to retire before too late. But alas, the Riverwood presbytery awaited us with an open door! By the time we finally returned to the Beverly Hills "presbytery", it was around 10:30pm and no words were needed for me to understand that the night had to end with the briefest of goodnights.

Breakfast was made wonderfully easy by kind parishioners who offered to prepare it the night before; I only had to set the table and throw in a little extra - café coffee from down the road. Next was Mass with school, at which, no doubt, the Archbishop's heart was touched by the effortlessly beautiful singing of the children as mine was. Then the Archbishop visited the school, had morning tea with staff and held a private meeting with the leadership team. Always running slightly behind schedule, I drove him to a luncheon with our catechists at the Lantern Club where we got to find out some of the reasons for a very curious (and very edifying) phenomenon, namely, how some mothers who have sent their children to Catholic schools go out of their way to provide religious education to the children in state schools! Then, finally, what was possibly the biggest-ever-Thursday-afternoon-tea commenced at the parish centre where the Archbishop nearly cracked and complained of the "hardship" of being fed every hour, non-stop!

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time was no ordinary day here at Regina Coeli. Around 9:50am the Archbishop was greeted at the church door and ushered in, according to what was presumably an ancient custom. He then knelt at the foot of the altar as the congregating worshippers prayed for him. Given that the other two Masses had only slightly less than usual numbers, I was not expecting an overly large crowd at the 10am Mass. So, I was surprised yet again to see a full church - almost as full as at Easter/Christmas! And then came the bombshell announcement: without any prior discussion with me, the Archbishop publicly declared his intention to appoint me parish priest (a letter of appointment was to be sent out). Many approached me afterward to congratulate me; I should have offered them commiseration in return, but I was still in a daze. What are we to make of all this? I think that the pastoral visitation has left the Archbishop with possibly the most *optimal* (under the current circumstances) impression of the parish. This has been almost entirely due to the fact that a surprising number of parishioners responded and rose to the occasion with zeal, which then made room for even more surprising joy! It is as though something *perfect* has emerged out of a very imperfect (and somewhat disorganised, at least on my part) process. As one of the side effects of all this, you might have put up with me for a term of six years, thank you! - Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

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| <b>Sun 11 Aug</b><br>19th Sunday<br>in Ordinary<br>Time | 8.30am Mass<br>10.00am Mass   |
| <b>Mon 12 Aug</b>                                       | 7:00pm Anniversary Mass<br>For Charlie Lo Russo   |
| <b>Tues 13 Aug</b><br>Transfigura-<br>tion              | 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9.15am Mass<br>10:30am Funeral Mass for Hernan Diaz |
| <b>Wed 14 Aug</b><br>St Maximilian<br>Kolbe             | 7.00am Mass   |
| <b>Thurs 15 Aug</b><br>The<br>Assumption                | 7.00am Mass<br>9:15am Mass with School  |
| <b>Fri 16 Aug</b>                                       | 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament<br>9:15am Mass   |
| <b>Sat 17 Aug</b>                                       | 9.00am Mass<br>4:25pm Reconciliation<br>5:00pm Vigil Mass   |
| <b>Sun 18 Aug</b><br>20th Sun in<br>Ordinary<br>Time    | 8.30am Mass<br>10.00am Mass   |

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Peter Campbell, Ron Daniels, Carmen Aquilina, Zach & Josh, Neil Kirkness, Fouad Attia, Jeanette Cardoz, Kerry Elhourani

### In Loving Memory

Charlie Lo Russo, Joe Poolice, Ivan & Mara Puljic, Vicko & Kate Hrdalo, Maurice Haddad, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo  
Amy Kathlee Caren, Elizabeth Dang, Bernie Crawford, Anna Maria Cicuto, Patricia Gates, Viet Dinh, Pio Gonano, Donato Tozzi, Damia & Assia Dagher.

### Please remember those who are in ill health

**especially:** Josephina Algozzina, George Dagher, Genevieve Shedden, Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Greg Daniels, Elena Mura, 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.

### Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady  
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### Sacramental Coordinator/ PSSO

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### School Principal

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## First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is to be celebrated on Saturday 14 September 5.00pm Mass & Sunday 15 September 10.00am Mass.



Lessons commence this weekend, following the commitment Masses. Please keep our candidates for First Holy Communion and their families in your prayer.

## Catholic Works Fund Appeal - this weekend.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal, **on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**, (moved from 3rd and 4th on account of the Archbishop's pastoral visitation).

### Let's pray and sign a petition:

Ask Upper House members to vote against the bill that legalises abortion right up to birth. Please sign a petition on the forms available at each of our church doors. The forms will remain there until Sunday 18 August 2019, after which they will be collated across Sydney, counted and presented to the Legislative Council.

### Holy Father's Appeal 2019

The appeal ran for 6 weeks (SUN 30/6/19 - SUN 4/8/19). We collected \$1,037.15 (cash \$717.15 + Credit cards \$320.00) This compares to 2018 = \$1,008.20.

Thank you for your generous support!

## Rosary Statue

Jessica Markos  
18 Albion Street Roselands  
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### Last Weekend 4 August 2019

**2nd Collection \$2721.15**

1st Collection \$935.60

### Attendance

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| 5PM          | ?        |
| 8.30AM       | 110      |
| 10AM         | 453      |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>?</b> |





*The parish  
pastoral  
council (left)*

*Let the children come!  
@ the parish dinner*



*Archbishop's "exquisite" breakfast! (above)*



*Some of our "super" catechists! (above)*



*The "best" afternoon tea in Sydney! (above)*

## **Piety Stall**

The Piety stall is operated on a voluntary roster basis after all weekend masses. A good range of religious books, medals and memorabilia is always available, especially for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Need a greeting card in a hurry? The Piety Stall holds a range of cards for all occasions. This includes sympathy cards, birthday, thank you, get well, Baptism, Father's Day, Jubilees & Ordination, and in due season First Holy Communion & Confirmation. If you are looking for a special item you are most welcome to look through our supplier's catalogue and we will add your item to our next order or make other arrangements if your need is urgent.

### ***Archbishop Anthony Fisher in response to the passing of the abortion bill:***

*I am deeply saddened at the passing of the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 through the NSW Legislative Assembly this evening. If a civilisation is to be judged by how it treats its weakest members, New South Wales failed spectacularly today. The few amendments allowed by the House today hardly made this bad bill any better. It still allows abortion right up to birth. It conscripts all medical practitioners and institutions into the abortion industry by requiring them to perform abortions themselves or direct women to an abortion provider. It still does nothing to protect mothers or their unborn children or to give them real alternatives. The amendments passed today at most made this extreme law a little less bad. Better proposed amendments, such as one to require that a baby born alive after a failed abortion be given lifesaving care, were defeated. I urge the Members of the Legislative Council to vote against this abhorrent bill, and instead to direct the efforts of the parliament to the provision of meaningful support for women and children. I thank those Members who spoke against this bill, and those who proposed significant amendments, often in the face of hostility. I also thank the thousands of people who spoke up on behalf of the unborn and their mothers by contacting their MPs, by maintaining a consistent presence at Parliament House, and by praying for the defeat of this bill at round-the-clock vigils at St Mary's Cathedral and elsewhere. Please continue to pray for a civilisation of life and love, and to make your views known to the members of the Legislative Council, asking them to vote against this bill.*

# The Living Word

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**11 August 2019**

## **First Reading Wis 18:6-9**

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12**

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## **Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19** **(or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)**

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth.

People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## **Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Be watchful and ready:**

**You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**

## **Gospel Lk 12:32-48**

**(or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)**

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



## **Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

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