



# 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 12 August 2018

Poor teachers. Apparently, their dropout rate within first five years into the profession is around 50%. That, according to an episode from last Sunday's *60 Minutes*. What is happening to our teachers? The claim is that they are overworked and undervalued. One of the culprits behind their increasingly unsustainable working environment has been named as the National Assessment Program (a.k.a. NAPLAN). From what I can remember, three main problems were identified in reference to NAPLAN:

- One size doesn't fit all! Its hyper-standardised testing on literary and numeracy fails to accommodate not an insignificant number of the students and does not follow the spirit of true education.
- Teachers, under systemic pressure to prepare students for the "narrow" skills accessed by NAPLAN, feel unable to be the educators they ought to be.  
Students suffer from excessive anxiety.

I seem to see interesting parallels here to something I was beginning to touch upon last week, namely, corporate governance. For all its merits, there appear to be certain weaknesses in the corporate model of governance, the effects of which our teachers might be suffering from, at least to some extent. For example, as far as I can tell:

- Corporate governance seems to be characterised by having hyper-standardised policies which are implemented across the board, at times indiscriminately. The downside to this, of course, is that we can find ourselves in situations of 'bureaucracy gone mad!'
- Those who work within corporate structures can be at the risk of being shaped, even dictated, by bureaucratic power dynamics, to the neglect of authentic personal development.  
Those at the grassroots - at the lower levels of the corporate hierarchy - can become increasingly burdened with more stress and less options; hence the implosion and/or exodus.

Some people might argue that none of this is a systemic problem; that it is up to individual teachers and students to realise that, for example, something like NAPLAN is not their 'be all and end all.' That may be so. Nevertheless, it is hard to deny that the "corporate air" which we breathe in tends to inculcate in us the false idea that the path toward happiness looks like a corporate ladder; hence the pressure everyone feels to reach...the mountain of CEO. The question is, Where do we go from here? Surely, something like a true reform can start to overcome the limits of corporate governance and bring balance when the words of today's responsorial psalm are heeded: 'Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!'

Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 12 Aug</b> 19th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am 4:00pm	Mass Mass Confirmation Lesson Group A
<b>Mon 13 Aug</b> St Pontian		OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Tues 14 Aug</b> St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	8:30am 9.15am 10:00am 7:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Reconciliation Confirmation Lesson Group B
<b>Wed 15 Aug</b> Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.00am 9:15am	Mass Mass—Whole school Mass
<b>Thurs 16 Aug</b> St Stephen of Hungary	9.15am 7:00pm	Mass Mass Funeral Akuila Semi Part 1
<b>Fri 17 Aug</b>	7:00am 8:30am 9:15am	Mass Funeral Akuila Semi Part 2 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
<b>Sat 18 Aug</b>	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 19 Aug</b> 20th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Akuila Semi, Lorna Samuelson

### In Loving Memory

Fulvia Tonitto, Peter Repole, Alfio Stagnitta & family, Donato Tozzie, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Maria Porcu, Connie Fedele, Irene Hall, Anna & Joseph Pham, Elisabeth Dang, Mark Phillips, Vito Maida, Carmelo Algozzino, Giovanni Battiato, Francesca Spinella, Norm Coleman, Georgia & Philip Spiteri, Bernie Crawford, Santo Ilardo, Francesco & Salvatore Cocilovo, Mary Dovile, Catherine Lin Siew Ngik, Ita Phillips, Gail Moore, Cono Reale, James & Eileen Donlan, Dikran, Angela, Boudi, Nicola Repole, Angela Maria Pinto, Mary Croke, Pat Smith, Gertrude Smith, Margaret Roche, Mollie Lazzarini, Assia & Damia Dagher, Antonio Mattiussi, Iris Smith, Theresa Sui Tiong, 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 Algozzino, Joe Costa, Onofrio Tesoriero, Fintan Lawlor, Sam Xerri, Francis Son H Tran, Antonino Puglia, Adel Hakim, 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, Dan Hall, Maria Mandich, Anthony Nguyen, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Bartolo Tesoriero, Stephen Xuereb, Marc David Sollazzo, Edmund Banfield, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Connie Fedele, Darren Seymour, Frances Spinella, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, 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

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

Andrew Towle, 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

### Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady  
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### Sacramental Coordinator

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### Business Manager

Mr Peter Crawford

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Mr Chris Egan  
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Mr Peter Busch

### REC

Mrs Elizabeth Webster

## Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit Saturday 25 August 2018

New choir members required to help our parish children celebrate in song as they receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 25 August 2018.

Rehearsals for this celebration will take place in our Church over the next two weeks.

Please contact Herman for rehearsal details.

Also required are power point operators. If you can offer your help and expertise in this area, please contact:

**Herman 9580 5002 or Office: 9544 8155**

## CONFIRMATION

Being "Confirmed" is another stage in each child's faith journey and indicates a willingness to be a responsible member of the Catholic community. The concept that Confirmation makes us "Adult Christians" needs to be understood within the context of our whole life. Confirmation does not produce instant witness. In and through Confirmation the Holy Spirit calls, helps and cooperates with people in their efforts to become mature witnesses to Christ. The Sacrament, of course, is not magical. It is a sign of God's presence and activity and is most effective when it has the cooperation of an open, ready heart and mind. Confirmation is a sacrament of process, of change and growth; it is internalised and developed by the way a person, with the help of the Holy Spirit, tries to overcome the negative influences that enter daily into our lives.

We pray that the strengthening gift of the Holy Spirit will always be available in the lives of our newest parishioners. As the World Youth Day song proclaims, "May they receive the power from the Holy Spirit and be a light unto the world."

JANIS WHITE (Parish News Vol 239, October 2009)

## Life Ascending Meetings

Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass

Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

## Rosary Statue

Mrs Joy Vincent  
14 Warrawee Place

Ph: 9150 4996



## Last Weekend 5 Aug 2018

**2nd Collection \$2,005.75**

1st Collection \$1,310.00

## 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.

For this Charitable Works Fund collection the Archdiocese has set a quota of \$1,340.05

## To Oppose Euthanasia

Write To Senators To Oppose Euthanasia.

The Senate will this week vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message <http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

## Memorial Mass for the Unborn

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual *Memorial Mass for the Unborn* on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 74 candles will be bought forward in remembrance of the 74 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8400 or [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org)

## Catechists Required

We are in need of catechists to teach the following classes-

- Year 2 at Narwee Public School Thursday 9.30am-10.00am
- Year 6 at Narwee Public School Thursday 10.05am-10.35am
- Year 5 at Beverly Hills Nth Public School Wednesday 11.50am-12.20pm

All training and teaching material is supplied. If you are interested in sharing your faith with the children in these classes, please phone the Parish office on 95548155.

**Elizabeth Gooley—95548155**  
**Sacramental Coordinator**



Registrations for Beverly Hills Eagles Cricket & Sports Club Inc. have begun. For information, please **visit** Facebook; [www.bheaglescc.nsw.cricket.com.au](http://www.bheaglescc.nsw.cricket.com.au) or



playcricket. The Eagles the Original Sports Club from Regina Coeli Parish starting 50 years ago.

## FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT

Believe that the Spirit dwells in you (Eph. i. 13). What is "the seal" there spoken of? Some think Baptism, others Confirmation, perhaps both. For at your Baptism you entered into an unconscious and unrealised relationship with the Blessed Spirit, Who has been blessing your life from the start – *even though you did not realise He was at work*; and at your Confirmation you *ought* to have entered into a conscious and realised *fellowship* with the Spirit. Did you? For God meant the Sacrament and the laying on of hands to be a sign and *seal* to you of the Spirit's *indwelling*. If you have not understood this before, it is not too late *now*. Claim your inheritance. It is a *fact* – a *fact* to be believed, not a *feeling* to work yourself up into. Remember your life of prayer *depends* on this.

*From "The Obligation of Prayer" by Bishop Cecil Henry Druitt (1913)*

## Plenary Council

*Why not be involved?* The 2020 Plenary Council is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. You are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda, by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. To be involved, visit <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> Become an Ambassador, facilitating listening and dialogue groups in your parish. If you want to know more, please speak with your Parish Priest, contact 9390 5100 or email [plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org)



**First Reading 1 Kgs 19:4-8**

*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9**

*(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its  
boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all his terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard  
him  
and rescued him from all his distress.  
(R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to  
rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.  
(R.)

**Second Reading Eph 4:30-5:2**

*Walk in love, just as Christ.*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another,

and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the living bread from heaven, says  
the Lord;*

*whoever eats this bread will live for ever.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Jn 6:41-51**

*I am the living bread come down from heaven.*

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me  
unless he is drawn by the Father who  
sent me,

and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,  
and to hear the teaching of the Father,  
and learn from it,

is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,  
except the one who comes from God:  
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,  
everybody who believes has eternal life.  
I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert  
and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down  
from heaven,

so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come  
down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for  
ever;

and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

There are times God seems to ask too much of us. We labour for others, but do not see the fruits of our labour. Our families take us for granted, and we are exploited at work. This is particularly trying when we only wanted to be of service to others, to help them wherever we could. What's the point of giving of oneself when it only seems to be futile? In this we are like Elijah.

There are other times when we are challenged to change our way of thinking and to accept what seems to make extraordinary demands on us. A new way of understanding church may call us to be open to the cultural diversity within the community. Or it might claim that we have a responsibility toward the poor and homeless in our midst. New biblical insights make us question our familiar understanding of God or of Jesus or of ourselves. In this we might be like the Jews who murmured against Jesus.

We want evidence to substantiate these radical new claims. But the evidence that Jesus offered could only be accepted in faith. And so it is with us. When we ask God for some kind of sign that will assure us that this new challenge is really what God wants, the answers received must themselves be accepted and understood in faith. The only assurance we have is rooted in faith, and those who are not open in faith will not understand. God does indeed ask a great deal from us.

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