



# 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

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

12 May 2019

To talk about *unrequited love* is to imply that love has first been given but not returned. Could we say that being a mother is to suffer the drama of unrequited love?

It is possible for a person to learn very little and still manage to obtain a university degree. But it would be impossible for mothers to walk the passage of motherhood without being impacted upon by the experience in some profound and permanent way. Perhaps mothers ought to be recognised as a new class of citizens or even as a new species; after all, they display the evolutionary marvel of being able to put their children first for a long and intense period of time.

But herein lies the trouble. How is the rest of humanity supposed to keep up with mothers who are, as it were, "built" to excel in their capacity for love? How does a tennis amateur, without proper training, play a doubles match alongside a world-class professional? The former is bound to make mistakes and let down the latter who will have to contend with not just the opponents but also the inner temptations to notice the teammate's poor performances, lose patience, complain and even throw the game in frustration.

Jesus healed ten lepers but only one came back and praised God (c.f. Luke 17:11-19). I imagine that the rate at which mothers find their love returned might be rather similar. No doubt, they would *notice* it too, like trained professionals who are burdened with the sharpened eye that can see more than what ordinary folks are able to. And so the drama of unrequited love (or ill-requested love) goes on in their heart, causing quiet pangs of heartache time after time. Has it all been worth it? Has being a mother been worth all the sacrifices of love?

Even in the worst moment of doubt many mothers choose Christian hope over sad cynicism, thereby preserving the shape of a motherly heart which is open and resilient with love. Even when they are most forgotten they leave behind welcoming signs for us to follow in the hope that in time we will come to discover the greatness of their love which is a reflection of God's unconditional love. In season and out of season they are steadfast labourers in the vineyard of the Lord, tilling with their love the soil of our psyche so as to make it ripe for authentic faith in God who is love. Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers.

- Fr Peter -



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 12 May</b> 4th Sunday of Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 13 May</b>	No Mass
<b>Tues 14 May</b>	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass 10:00am Reconciliation Yr 4
<b>Wed 15 May</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thurs 16 May</b>	9:15am Mass 7:00pm Confirmation Lesson
<b>Fri 17 May</b>	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Sat 18 May</b>	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 19 May</b> 5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Maria De Bono, Michael Camporeale,  
Nestor M Baldivia

### In Loving Memory

Antonia Falzon, Sam Xerri, Edward Cantwell, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Ovens, Carl John Sollazzo, Irene Hall, Neville Gittany, Margherita Campisi, Jim Campisi, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Cocco, Giuseppa Leotta, Rossa Leotta, Donato Tozzi, Angela Maria Pinto, Nicola Repole, Peter Repole, Doris Micallef, Judith Partlin, Annamaria Cicuto, Vicko Hrdalo, Kate Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Patricia Freeman, Henry Walter Bull-ock, Christopher Pezzuti, Tony Tesoriero.

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

Neil Kirkness, 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 are:

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

#### Parish Secretary

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

#### 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

## CWF Pastoral Appeal

Thank you for your generous contribution last weekend which collected \$1,300.65  
Our quota for the current appeal is \$1,825.00  
If you wish to make a contribution and have not yet done so, please use one of the envelopes and put it on one of the collection plates. Thank you.

- Fr Peter -

## Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering - 'Hot Topics'

Join us as we shed some light on the big social justice issues of today! Topics include: Domestic Violence; The Church and Mining - an Update from Rome; Post-Election Analysis on Housing, Climate, Wages and Labour, and Refugee and Asylum Seekers; and a parish-ioner panel and discussion on Developing an Archdiocesan Social Justice Coordination Team.

There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. There is plenty of street parking and the venue is easily accessible by public transport as well. All most welcome!

WHEN: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 10:30 for 11:00am-3:30pm

WHERE: St Columba's Parish Hall,  
213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North

COST: Free

RSVP: Essential for catering: email [jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpoinfo@sydneycatholic.org) | or call us 9307 8465

## Youth Group dates for Term 2 2019

25 May

8 June

22 June

@ the Parish Hall

after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass

## Rosary Statue

Mrs R Carnavale  
20 Mayfair Crescent  
Ph: 9584 2310  
(same address as last week)



**Last Weekend**  
**5 May 2019**

**2nd Collection \$2165.60**

1st Collection \$1118.00

#### Attendance

5PM	?
8.30AM	133
10AM	214
<b>Total</b>	<b>?</b>



This weekend, we celebrate Mother's Day, to show our appreciation for our mothers, and mother figures in our lives. On arrival at the Church, parishioners are welcome to bring a flower with your mother's name attached, and place it on the altar of Our Lady.

### Mother's Day Jokes

Q: Why is a computer so smart?

A: It listens to its motherboard.

Q: What did the waiter say to the mommy dog when he served Mother's Day dinner?

A: Bone-appetit!

Q: What did the Egyptian family do on Mother's Day?

A: Brought their mummy breakfast in bed.

Sunday school teacher: Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?

Johnny: No, ma'am, I don't have to. My mom's a good cook.

Baby snake: Mommy, are we poisonous?

Mother snake: Yes, son. Why?

Baby snake: I just bit my tongue!

### Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Friday 7 June 2019 at 7.00pm. Parents of baptised Roman Catholic children in Year Six or above are invited to enroll their child in the Parish based Confirmation 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. If you have not already enrolled your child, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.  
**Elizabeth Gooley—Sacramental Coordinator**

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**The Bishop's Blend:** Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday, 27 May 2019 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendeighthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)

To celebrate the month of Mary, St Bernadette's Parish, Carlton, has invited Dr Debra Snoddy, biblical scholar and lecturer of the Catholic Institute of Sydney, to give us a talk on

### Mary of Nazareth—what do we really know about her?

The canonical Gospels tell us very little about Mary. With this presentation, Dr Snoddy aims to provoke participants into a new deeper engagement with the very best of Christian tradition

Date: Tue 21 May 2019

Time: 7:30pm-9:00pm (after adoration from 6pm & Mass at 7:00pm)

Place: St Bernadette's Church, Carlton  
10 Argyle Street, Carlton NSW 2218

**Welcome all!**

### Federal Election Guide 2019

For the first time, The Archdiocese invited political parties to provide responses to a series of questions about their stance on some of the most critical issues at stake at next weekend's election. These issues include religious freedom, education and care for the vulnerable. Their responses form the basis of the Federal Election Guide available at your parish, located at all Church doors

### Pew Kneelers—Return to down position please

For safety reasons, please ensure that all pew kneelers are left in the down position.



**First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52**

*We are now turning to the gentiles.*

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach the ends  
of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3**

*(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.  
or*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

**Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17**

*The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;**

**I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

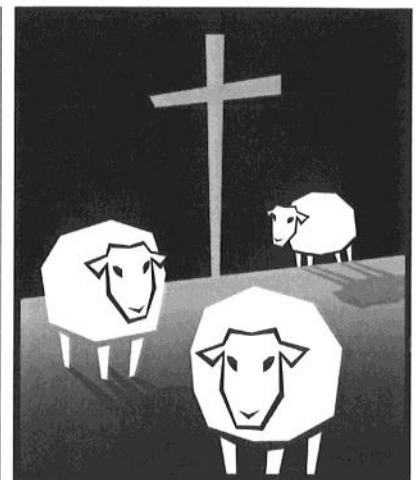
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 10:27-30**

*I give my sheep eternal life.*

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

This Sunday is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. However, the readings for today focus more on the flock than on the shepherd. The overarching theme appears to be unity in diversity. Placing this theme within the context of the Easter season, we might refocus it slightly and suggest that today we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord in communities of difference.

Unity in diversity is first found in the divine union of the Trinity. All other models of unity flow from it. Both the first and the second readings depict communities made up of people from every nation, race, people and tongue, Jews and Gentile alike. This is precisely the makeup of most communities today. Parishes and religious groups that were born with a particular cultural identity have changed in complexion and composition. Despite the obvious differences, all are children of the one God, all are joined in their common confession of faith.

Not everyone is happy with diversity. Some within the early community resented the success of Paul and Barnabas and they tried to turn the people against them. This sounds strangely familiar to us. Religious groups born out of struggle and hard work, that were lovingly nurtured and that grew strong, often resist what they perceived to be the invasion of foreigners. If these people could only take as their model the company of the blessed revealed in John's vision, they would see that those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb come from every nation and race and people and tongue.

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