



# 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

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 October 2019

**The following is one of the short essays written by our parishioners in preparation for the Archbishop's Pastoral Visitation in July/August:**

**"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
(Philippians 4:13)**

Dear Archbishop,

*It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the humble Parish of Regina Coeli, Beverly Hills. When I reflect on my life as a Catholic I soon realise that the road has not been without its twists and turns or trials and tribulations. However with all this, my faith and connection with God has been like the pillars of the colosseum ...strong and steadfast and have stood the test of time. Life is far from easy, all you have to do is extend your eyes and ears to what is portrayed on the news, radio and social media. There is so much turmoil and suffering in this world and even in our own lives and I often think how can it all be resolved and where is God when all this is happening? But then I am drawn back to Jesus' life and the suffering and mockery he endured and in the face of all adversity He remained positive, humble and showed nothing but love even to his enemies. Jesus remained true to His word, that His resurrection would be the key to our new life and salvation.*

*There are so many questions as a Christian that I am unable to answer ....why is there so much human suffering? Wars? Young, innocent people abused, tortured or killed? WHY? Yes in short my faith is put to the test more often than not. It is in these times that I turn to prayer for it is only through prayer that I find peace and comfort in God's presence and trust that He will carry us through these difficult times. We may not have all the answers but we must believe that goodness, truth, love and above all our faith conquers and triumphs over evil and hate. We must allow God's love to bind us all regardless of race, religion or personal circumstances and we must not let our personal prejudice or judgement separate us. Living as a Christian should be the way that Jesus wanted us to live... no judgement, no hate and no criticism just showing love and humility. In a recent real life Netflix series I watched called "When They See Us" the screams of injustice were so evident as 5 boys ranging from 14-16 years of age were wrongly convicted for the assault of a 28 year old woman in 1989 in New York city. They spent between 9 to 14 years in jail where they were tortured and abused for nothing they did wrong and were finally exonerated in 2002 when the guilty person admitted to his crime. This was a case of gross injustice in the US legal system and although their lives will never be the same...in the end truth and justice prevailed for these men. This is a lesson that we as Catholics must stand together for truth and justice and no matter what roadblocks we may face, our faith in God is what will keep us going and help us move forward in our life!*

*Yours Sincerely,  
Denise Mahfouz*



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 13 Oct</b> 28th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 14 Oct</b> St Callistus I pope, martyr	No Mass
<b>Tues 15 Oct</b> St Teresa of Jesus	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 16 Oct</b> St Margaret Mary Alacoque St Hedwig	9.15am Mass
<b>Thurs 17 Oct</b> St Ignatius of Antioch bishop, martyr	9:15am Mass
<b>Fri 18 Oct</b> St Luke evangelist	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Sat 19 Oct</b> St Paul of the Cross St John de Brébeuf & St Isaac Jogues & companions	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 20 Oct</b> 29th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Antonio Rositano

### In Loving Memory

James Roebuck, Maria Debono, Tony Shiner, Maroun Shiner, Hamman Shiner, Maurice Haddad, Anita Abbey, Bob Hollingsworth, Donato Tozzi, Cono Reale, Colleen Bresnan, Patricia Atkins, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Marc David Solazzo, Damia & Assia Dagher, Bartolo Tesoriero

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

Michelle Makin, Pat Johnson, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Genevieve Shedden, Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, 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  
9554 8155  
Tues 8:30am – 1:30pm  
Wed & Fri 10.30am-3.30pm  
**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

## Life Ascending

The celebratory Mass for the 20th anniversary of Life Ascending Australia, on Wednesday 2 October 2019 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Peakhurst, was a joyous occasion.

It as wonderful to see so many members of our Beverly Hills group in attendance, the largest parish representative group present. A sincere thank you to all our Beverly Hills Life Ascending members.

Please note that Life Ascending Meetings continue on:

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

New members are most welcome.

If you are interested in joining or would like information about Life Ascending, please contact our parish office on Tuesdays from 8:30am-1:30pm and on Wednesdays & Fridays from 10:30am-3:30pm

## St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Closing date 18 October 2019. More information and applications forms are available from <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

## Rosary Statue

**Mr & Mrs T Saify**  
**107 Taylor Street**

**Ph: 0405 323 974**



**Last Weekend**  
**6 October 2019**

**2nd Collection \$1,990.40**

1st Collection \$902.95

### Attendance

5PM  
8.30AM  
10AM

**Total ?**

### **Walk with Christ**

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King November 24 at 2.30pm.

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.

Jesus said: "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."  
- Matthew 28:19

### **WANTED—Catechist Coordinator**

Being a catechist is a very important and rewarding, albeit sometimes challenging, vocation. As a parish, we are seeking to support our catechists by creating a new role to take on all administrative aspects of this ministry, which has previously been done by a couple of the catechists. This will be a **casual part-time paid** position.

Please email [olfpeak@bigpond.com](mailto:olfpeak@bigpond.com) for more information. Applications close: 16 October 2019.

### **Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering 'Making it Real Genuine Human Encounter in Our Digital World'**

Come and join us for our last Social Justice Gathering of the year. We will have speakers on a variety of topics related to the 2019-20 Social Justice Statement, 'Making it Real, Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World'. Speakers will talk about risks posed by social media and digital technologies as well as a general overview of Catholic Social Teaching.

We will also have copies of the Statement and practical resources to take home with you. Our full line-up of speakers will be announced shortly!

Lunch and refreshments throughout the day. All welcome.

WHEN: Saturday 19th October 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 [jpointo@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jpointo@sydneycatholic.org) or call 9307 8465

### **My Regina Coeli Parish**

My personal hope for the parish over the next decade is to incorporate more community service opportunities into parish life for all ages. Whilst listening to the gospel is an important aspect in living a Christian life, living out that principle is an entirely different matter. For me, attending the vigil mass does help expand my knowledge on how a Christian should live. However I feel that as a community we need to be more visible to the public to be Christian role models for all. I believe that public service experience will remind the parishioners of all ages what it is to be Christian. I believe that something as simple as helping with the Saint Vincent's Night Patrol, or helping in the local community, as a parish group encourages a sense of togetherness and unity sometimes missing in the parish.

I would like to see more parish endorsed acts of community service to help others. I would like for the parish to promote volunteering to all ages in the parish, particularly the youth, and for volunteering to be 'made fun' for all.

**Alanna Lim, Student at St Ursula's College Kingsgrove (14)**

### **Pew Kneelers—Return to down position please**

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

### **Looking for support?**

Counselling can support you and your family to face life's challenges. Our caring team provide affordable services for individuals, couples and families. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.



**First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17**

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

*(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. *(R.)*
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. *(R.)*
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. *(R.)*

**Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13**

*If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:  
 If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.  
 If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.  
 If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,  
 for he cannot disown his own self.

**Gospel Acclamation 1 Thes 5:18**

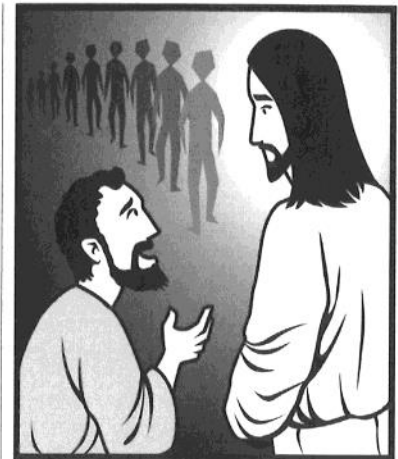
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
*For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.*

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Lk 17:11-19**

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.

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