



# 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

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 September 2018

Peter gets it right and then he gets it wrong, within a matter of seconds. Granted, this sounds rather extreme, but it really happened, and probably will happen many more times. Apparently, this also happened to St Peter the Apostle, and not just to me. Our Gospel account tells us that one moment he was affirmed for correctly identifying Jesus as the Christ and then the next moment he was denounced in the harshest of terms - with one of the most quotable sayings from Jesus, namely, 'Get behind me, Satan!' But what was Peter's crime? He seemed sincere and well-intentioned when he 'remonstrated' - when he passionately argued that Jesus, whom he loved, should not be allowed to be suffer and die so tragically. Humanly speaking, Peter seemed innocent of any wrongdoing, if not even worthy of some merit. Nevertheless, Jesus made it unambiguously clear that how Peter thought and spoke was deeply wrong; it was an error of diabolical proportions.

Whatever else the story tells us it tells us that we ought not to be overly-confident about our own thoughts, words and actions. Even if we were right at times, we could be seconds away from being catastrophically wrong. But being humble about one's own position is not a virtue easily found in our world shaped by instant communication and 24-hour news cycles. So many are eager to assert their dubiously "certain" opinions by judging and condemning others, and pontificating about what exactly needs to be done, for example, in response to the abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. Horrific and sinister numbers are being reported, although rather indiscriminately, in my opinion, without necessarily clarifying the most truthful content of those numbers. But does anyone understand even the problem, let alone the remedy? What was it that blinded the Church, especially the leaders, to the abuse crisis when it was actually harming those most directly impacted by it? Personally, I do not believe that the same type of abuse is occurring today, except very rarely, in the places where it certainly did happen before. But I do worry that the same problem of blindness may still be debilitating the Church and allowing other types of abuse - other types of corruption - to go unchecked, thereby undermining God's precious people quietly from underneath the surface. At its root, this is a spiritual problem - the problem of pride - and we can only overcome it in authentic spiritual communion. Pope Francis said:

*If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. And this in an environment where conflicts, tensions and above all the victims of every type of abuse can encounter an outstretched hand to protect them and rescue them from their pain. Such solidarity demands that we in turn condemn whatever endangers the integrity of any person. A solidarity that summons us to fight all forms of corruption, especially spiritual corruption. The latter is "a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centeredness, for 'even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light' (2 Cor 11:14)" (Gaudete et Exsultate, 165).*

Fr Peter -



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 16 Sept</b> 24th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	
<b>Mon 17 Sept</b> St Robert Bellarmine		No Mass
<b>Tues 18 Sept</b>	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass with Year 3 10:30am Funeral Mass Colleen Bresnan	
<b>Wed 19 Sept</b>	7.00am Mass	
<b>Thurs 20 Sept</b> Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn & Paul Chông Ha-sang	9.15am Mass	
<b>Fri 21 Sept</b> St Matthew Apostle evangelist	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass 7:00pm Memorial Mass Charley Lo Russo	
<b>Sat 22 Sept</b>	9:00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
<b>Sun 23 Sept</b> 25th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	

## ST MATTHEW - EVANGELIST

1<sup>st</sup> Century

Feast Day – 21<sup>st</sup> September

Patron Saint – bankers, accountants, book-keepers, tax collectors, custom officers, security guards

Attributes – gospel, money box, glasses

Matthew, the Evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament, was not a popular man; he worked for the Romans as a tax collector. Many of the tax collectors cheated the people by charging more taxes than required and keeping the extra money for themselves.

According to the Gospels Matthew gave up everything to follow Jesus. St Matthew's symbol is the winged man because he starts his gospel with the genealogy of Christ. Of all the evangelists he was the most conscious of the humanity of Jesus, and most of the details of the Christian story came to us from St Matthew. His Gospel makes it clear Jesus is the fulfilment of everything said by the prophets in the Old Testament. Matthew is the only Evangelist who shares the eight Beatitudes with his readers.

Matthew is the patron saint of bankers, but anyone who reads Matthew's Gospel knows that money was not important to him. What was important was believing in and living as a follower of Christ. Matthew helps us remember it is our faith in Jesus that makes us truly rich!

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Colleen Bresnan, Fr Eric Burton

### In Loving Memory

Margherita Trimboli, Donato Tozzi, Jonathan Porcu, May Mitchell, Vito Maida Carmelo Algozzino, Nancy Mitchell, Orazio Giannaula, Sr Mary Frances Murphy, Emile Succar, Holy Souls, Theresa & Edward Cantwell, Marie Patricia Doherty, Anthony Nguyen, Bartolo Tesoriero, Marc David Sollazzo, Roy Mitchell, Doreen Simmons, Ivan Matek, Fulvia Tonitto, Peter Repole, Alfio Stagnitta & family, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Maria Porcu, Connie Fedele, Irene Hall, Anna & Joseph Pham, Elisabeth Dang, Mark Phillips, 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, 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, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Stephen Xuereb, Edmund Banfield, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Darren Seymour, Frances Spinella, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Thomas Tran, Carl John Sollazzo, Joseph Owens, Thomas Mendes

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

Greg Daniels, Elena Mura, Carmen Aquilina, 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



Congratulations to Andrew Tang who was one of this year's recipients of the Archbishop's Award! We are very proud of him and pray for him to keep growing in his vocation to shine for others with the light of Christ.

## Rosary Statue

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**Last Weekend 9 Sept 2018**

**2nd Collection \$2,221.10**

1st Collection \$1,030.10



## Financial Report: July 2017 - June 2018

Income	This year \$	Last year \$
Planned Giving (2 <sup>nd</sup> collection)	77,490	90,162
Loose (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	33,652	46,792
Candles	10,836	12,448
Donations	8,403	15,923
Interest Received	12,656	6,219
Hall Hire	44,834	50,405
Other	9,175	11,665

Total	This year \$	Last year \$
Total Parish Income	197,046	233,613
Total Parish Expenditure	256,979	239,254
<b>Total Deficit for Year</b>	<b>59,933</b>	<b>5,641</b>

Expenditure	This year \$	Last year \$
Altar & Church	11,320	18,689
Electricity/Gas	10,552	7,339
Insurance	24,116	23,623
Car Expenses	14,537	29,419
Postage/Printing/Telephone	19,062	19,041
Repair & maintenance	35,860	33,677
Salaries/superannuation (staff)	62,690	66,610
Relocation of the Parish Centre	63,624	0
Other	21,828	30,898

### Safeguarding Induction Training

As you are aware, all volunteers and staff in the Parish must complete the Archdiocese Safeguarding Induction Training. If you are a volunteer, and did **not** complete the Safeguarding Induction Training held in our Parish last year, or have not completed it since, it is now possible to complete this training online. The Archdiocese Safeguarding Office is pleased to announce it is offering two Online Training courses : **Safeguarding Induction Training** for parish volunteers and staff and **Youth Ministry Safeguarding Induction Training** for volunteers who assist in Youth Ministry. Volunteers and staff who wish to complete the Online Induction Training will need to register by following this link <https://goo.gl/forms/fZFHRB7kDbesaPsn1> Once volunteers have completed the online training, the Safeguarding Office will let us know so we can update our records.

### You don't have to work out the home care system on your own.

Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors. CatholicCare's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems. Join us and find out how to access in-home support and caring services.

**When:** 11<sup>th</sup> October 10am

**Where:** Regina Coeli Parish Church

**RSVP:** Parish office 9554 8155

If you need any other information please either call me or email me

**Deborah Absalom**

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### Sacrament Dates 2019

Please be advised, the tentative Sacramental Dates for 2019 are as follows:

*First Reconciliation- Tuesday 2 & Thursday 4 April 7.00pm*

*Confirmation- Sunday 9 June 2.30pm (To be confirmed by the Archdiocese)*

*First Holy Communion- Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September*

Enrolment information will be available prior to each Sacrament.

**Elizabeth Gooley Sacramental Coordinator**

### First Reconciliation

After some consideration it has been decided that First Reconciliation will now be made in Year 3 at *Regina Coeli*, prior to First Holy Communion also in Year 3. In this way, children will not only be better placed to appreciate the Sacrament of Reconciliation but also be allowed to celebrate a real year of grace by having the marvellous sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist side by side. The new structure has been proven to work well in other parishes. Therefore there will be no First Reconciliation in Year 2 this year. Going forward, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are to be celebrated when children are in Year 3. Dates for these Sacraments will be published in due course. Thank you for your cooperation.

### 2018 HSC Students' Mass & Blessing

All HSC students and their families are warmly invited to attend an HSC Students' Mass & Blessing to be celebrated by Fr Peter Kwak at Regina Coeli Church, 70 Ponyara Road, Beverly Hills at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 13 October 2018.

**First Reading Is 50:5-9**

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against  
me?

Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.  
The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9**

*(R.) I will walk in the presence  
of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. *(R.)*
2. They surrounded me, the snares  
of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! *(R.)*
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me! *(R.)*
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. *(R.)*

**Second Reading Jas 2:14-18**

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone  
who has never done a single good act but  
claims that he has faith. Will that faith  
save him? If one of the brothers or one of  
the sisters is in need of clothes and has  
not enough food to live on, and one of you  
says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself  
warm and eat plenty,' without giving them  
these bare necessities of life, then what  
good is that? Faith is like that: if good works  
do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:  
'You say you have faith and I have good  
deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith  
by showing you my good deeds – now you  
prove to me that you have faith without any  
good deeds to show.'

**Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus  
Christ,*

*which crucifies the world to me  
and me to the world.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mk 8:27-35**

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages  
round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he  
put this question to his disciples, 'Who do  
people say I am?' And they told him. 'John  
the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others  
again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he  
asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke  
up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And  
he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone  
about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of  
Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be  
rejected by the elders and the chief priests  
and the scribes, and to be put to death, and  
after three days to rise again; and he said  
all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside,  
Peter started to remonstrate with him.  
But, turning and seeing his disciples, he  
rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind  
me, Satan! Because the way you think is  
not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples  
to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a  
follower of mine, let him renounce himself  
and take up his cross and follow me. For  
anyone who wants to save his life will lose  
it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake,  
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

There are several messianic traditions,  
each one characterising the anointed  
one of the future in a unique way. Do  
we expect a prophetic figure who will  
enter our world and reform the  
structures of society, or a strong leader  
who will overturn these structures and  
establish a new order? Are we waiting  
for a teacher who will transform our  
minds and hearts, or a judge who will  
punish us for our infidelities? Are we  
expecting someone who will renew the  
face of the earth, or someone who will  
come in fire and brimstone to destroy  
it? What kind of a messiah do we  
expect? For what kind of a change are  
we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our  
expectations. We look for one who will  
save us from the predicaments in  
which we find ourselves, and he  
comes to us as one who seems to be a  
victim of his own predicament. God's  
thinking seems to be the reverse of  
ours: Those who save their lives, lose  
them; those who lose their lives, save  
them; the seed must die before it can  
bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will  
then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or  
are we more like the people in James'  
community: people who profess faith  
in Jesus, but who do not live it out;  
people who speak pleasant words to  
others, who say the right things, but  
who do not back up their words with  
good works? Is our faith really living?