



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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 February 2019

The mornings are cooler. It seems safe enough to say that the days of intolerable heat are numbered and almost behind us, that is, until next summer. But before we forget a hot topic: Just how 'intolerable' is heat/humidity in our church during summer? A few parishioners have said to me that something must be done - we must address the sweating elephant in the room! They all seem to agree that attempting to air-condition our gloriously tall church may not be a viable option, not least because of cost. That leaves us with the only other option commonly known to us, namely, installing fans - perhaps an army of them!

Once upon a time I used to serve in a parish whose church just had fans installed. Unfortunately they were industrial fans and once they started hovering around like helicopters nothing else could be heard - everything became muted and the priest looked like an enthusiast in the art of liturgical miming. It was a little sad that some people actually preferred to have the fans on rather than to hear anything decipherable during Mass! Long story short, the fans were forced into early retirement by the next parish priest who managed to find much more liturgically friendly fans which gently came down from the church ceiling.

I have heard someone say that the ceiling in our church is too high for vertically hanging fans to work - a claim which, although unverified, I tend to believe. It might be easier for us to chill in heaven than for the fans to descend to us all the way from our mightily high ceiling! If so, then, installing a series of fans which swing from the sidewalls might be the way to go. They would have to be effective and yet quiet - a combination whose existence I am told is real although I have not personally witnessed it. They would also have to blend well into the aesthetics of our beautiful church - a prospect my limited imagination does not allow me to envisage. To be totally honest, I am used to being soaked in sweat under the vestments during hot summer and feel quite ok with the status quo. So, my wish is to do what our parishioners want. Please think about it, pray about it and let me know during the "cooling off period" before next summer.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 17 Feb 6th Sunday in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 18 Feb	No Mass
Tues 19 Feb in OT	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Year 6
Wed 20 Feb in OT	7.00am Mass
Thurs 21 Feb St Peter Damian	9.15am Mass
Fri 22 Feb The Chair of St Peter, apostle	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 23 Feb St Polycarp	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 24 Feb 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass with Kindergarten Families

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Robin Catchpole, Antonios Saad

In Loving Memory

Jim Campisi, Henry Walter Bullock, Christopher Pezzuti, Tony Tesoriero, Gino Morassut, Alpino Brama, Norm Bramble, Gianni Andreutti.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

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.

Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady
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Tues, Wed, 8.30-3.30
Fri 8.30am-2.30pm
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Mr Peter Crawford

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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

Sacrament Dates 2019

Please be advised of the dates the Sacraments are to be celebrated in the parish.

- *First Reconciliation* – Thursday 4 April 5.30pm -6.30pm & 7.30pm-8.30pm. (Children in Year 3 and above)
- *Confirmation* - Friday 7 June at 7.00pm by Bishop Richard Umbers. (Children in Year 6 and above)
- *First Holy Communion* - Saturday 14 September & Sunday 15 September. (Children who have received First Reconciliation)

Enrolment information will be made available two months prior to each Sacrament.

First Reconciliation Program 2019

First Reconciliation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Thursday 4 April 2019 during two sessions, 5.30pm-6.30pm or 7.30pm-8.30pm. Parents of baptised Catholic children in Year Three or above are invited to enrol their child in the Parish based First Reconciliation 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.

Life Ascending Meeting Times

This is the 20th year of life Ascending which commenced in this parish. Thank you for your support over the years.

7.30 pm on Thursday 21st

Second and fourth Fridays after the 9.15 Mass.

February in the Piety Stall

Available now:

- ♦ 2019 Columban Art Calendars: \$7:00 per calendar.
- ♦ 2019 Daily Mass Books: \$24.50 each.
- ♦ *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*, \$4
- ♦ *A Year with the Angels (Daily Meditations with the Messengers of God)* by Mike Aquilina, \$5

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 Christmas, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If any parishioners are interested in helping man the stall please come and speak to us or contact the parish secretary.

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs R Sakr
8 Stoddart Street

Ph: 0421 306 411



Last Weekend 10 February 2019		Attendance	
2nd Collection \$1966.65		5PM	176
1st Collection		8.30AM	?
\$1170.20		10AM	241
		Total	?

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, 11 March 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://thebishopsblendseventhdition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at

bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org



MARIST CATHOLIC COLLEGE
PENSURST

OPEN DAY
Wednesday 6 March, 3pm–7pm

All are welcome to meet our students, teachers and tour our new learning facilities, including South Hurstville Campus presentations.



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A CO-EDUCATIONAL YEARS 7 - 12 COLLEGE
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PETERSHAM NSW 204
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We warmly invite families who are interested in learning more about CBHS Lewisham, to visit the School Open Day / Afternoon on **Tuesday 26 February**. All Tours will begin with a Welcome Address from the Principal, followed by a School Tour.

Morning Tour at 9.15am
Afternoon Tour at 4.30pm
Evening Tour at 6.00pm

ST PETER, APOSTLE

The most prominent leader in early Christianity, along with Paul, was Peter, the fisherman-disciple of Christ, upon whose faith the Christian Church was founded (see Matthew 16:18). Peter was the head of the Christian-Jews in Jerusalem. It is believed he eventually went to Rome, inspired by a vision of Christ, and there died a martyr's death, crucified upside down, for he felt unworthy of imitating his Lord, even in death.

There are two epistles of Peter in the Bible. In the first he urges obedience to law, sobriety and courage, even amid pagan persecution. Everywhere the great disciple warns against hatred and vengeance. There is an exquisite verse, well worth committing to memory: "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls away: But the word of the Lord endures forever (1:24-25).

The second epistle was among the last to be accepted into the New Testament, since many church fathers believed it to be the work of someone other than Peter. Whoever the author may have been, the letter seems to continue the message of 1 Peter. Apostasy is of great concern. It is feared the Christians will waver in the face of persecution. For steadfastness, seven divine qualities are outlined in Chapter 1 (verses 5-11): virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, Godliness, brotherly kindness, love – "for if you possess these qualities in abundance, they will make you active in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1:8).

The feast day of St Peter is celebrated this Friday 22nd February.

Excerpt from *Exploring the Bible* by Owen S. Rachleff (Cross River Press, 1981)

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First Reading Jer 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And

what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

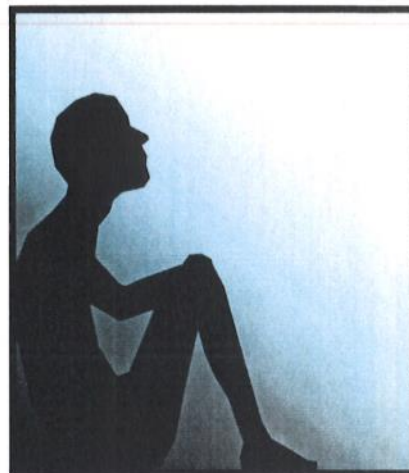
'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

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