



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

2nd Sunday in Lent

17 March 2019

Perhaps I am hopelessly biased and incapable of seeing the truth. Or perhaps the others are. Either way one thing is for certain: there seem to be severe cases of “perception disorder” among us. How is it possible that people can have such contrasting perceptions about the same event? First convicted. Now sentenced. The sentencing of Cardinal Pell was broadcast live practically to the whole world via the internet. It was asked if doing so might inflict further punishment upon the Cardinal (and also upon the whole Church, I imagine). The judge dismissed the concern and said that the decision had been made for the sake of ‘transparency.’

The conviction was made solely on the basis of one person’s testimony without any corroborating evidence. The law says we will never know his identity; we will never get to hear his testimony. Not even the jury got to meet him in person; they watched a recording of his testimony. The only other person who knows the truth with certainty continues to maintain his innocence. As the Cardinal was walking out of the court, it was reported that a bystander yelled out, ‘You are saying that the kids are lying, are you?’ I am afraid that it was the bystander who was not being completely honest. Firstly, there were no kids at the trial. The one who was afforded almost complete anonymity in making a life-ruining accusation against another person was in fact in his late thirties. Secondly, the other “kid” died about five years ago - in his early thirties - and his only testimony had been that he had never been abused (verified by his mother).

At the sentencing the judge determined that what the Cardinal did during the 5 minutes of horror in 1996 was a ‘reasoned’ and ‘reflected upon’ act. But how could a “reasonable” person, no matter how malicious, act so impulsively and recklessly as to invite, as it were, every chance of getting caught? The judge postulated that it was because of his ‘breathhtaking arrogance.’ I agree that arrogance blinds us, but in order to commit such an unintelligent (for lack of a better word) crime one would have to be “blind-drunk” with a form of madness - the kind of madness which would inevitably bring self-destruction upon anyone rather *immediately*. But the Cardinal had a “career” which steadfastly continued to flourish over the next 20 years. Even the judge agreed that the Cardinal has led an otherwise ‘blameless life’ and that therefore he must have been ‘effectively reformed’ – somewhat miraculously if you ask me. So, what can explain all the inconsistencies? What has caused the spread of “perception disorder” among us?

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 17 Mar 2nd Sunday in Lent St Patrick	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 18 Mar	No Mass
Tues 19 Mar St Joseph	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass all school Mass
Wed 20 Mar	7.00am Mass
Thurs 21 Mar	9.15am Mass
Fri 22 Mar	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 23 Mar	9.00am Mass 9:30am Adoration and Reconciliation 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 24 Mar 3rd Sun of Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Doris Micallef, Judith Partlin, Annamaria Cicuto, Vicko Hrdalo, Kate Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Donato Tozzi, Patricia Freeman, Jim Campisi, Henry Walter Bullock, Christopher Pezzuti, Tony Tesoriero.

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.

Life Ascending

Meeting times are:

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

Parish Secretary
Mrs Margaret
Doherty-Brady
9554 8155
Tues, Wed, 8.30-3.30
Fri 8.30am-2.30pm
Business Manager
Mr Peter Crawford

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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.

Parish Lent Group

Open invitation to join our parish Lenten Programme, which takes place on Tuesdays in the parish centre at 5 Tarrilli Street, after the 9.15am Mass. If you wish to attend please let Margaret know, thank you. Sr Pat.

Seeking - Singers & Musicians to join the musical ministry at Regina Coeli Parish

Rehearsals - Take place every Tuesday night in the church 6pm to 7:30pm - **next rehearsal is 19th of March 2019**

Singing - The choir sings at 8:30am mass and other masses such as Christmas and Easter as requested.

The choir is currently preparing for the season of Lent leading up to Easter and would love to encourage parishoners to join one of the musical ministries at Regina Coeli.

If you would like to be part of this ministry please come along to a rehearsal on Tuesday night.

Any questions or enquiries, please contact
Natasha - nat_demel@live.com.au or
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Rosary Statue

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Last Weekend 10 Mar 2019		Attendance	
2nd Collection \$1989.75		5PM	
1st Collection	\$1073.05	8.30AM	127
		10AM	218
		Total	

Second Sunday of Lent—17th March 2019

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Join the **Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Sisterhood Catholic Women's Movement** for a Lenten Retreat Day. This retreat will be hosted in Sydney and in Melbourne on **30 March**. The day will focus on the theme, "Nature, Grace and Glory: *Imago Dei* Revealed in Us." The retreat will **begin at 10AM** with talks, discussion opportunities, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, morning tea and lunch, and more. An optional Vigil Mass at the location will follow.

For more information : To register in Sydney: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBEQA>
email sydney@op-tn.org **Location:** St. Peter Chanel Parish Hall, 60 Kingsland Road, Berala
Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/273338730230446/>

Wanted—Volunteers to help with the 1st Sunday of the month morning tea at the Parish Centre, following 8:30am Mass. Teams of three are required four times per year. The months of May, August, September and December require volunteers. Your help would be most welcome. All supplies are provided by the parish. No costs will be incurred by any volunteer. Please contact Anne Kensey on 9759 2357.

RCIA Profile: Dianna Chong

After 12 years of marriage and three beautiful children, I have decided that this year is the right time for me. I have always been brought up as a different faith for all my life and as an older daughter and the oldest child, I have always promised my parents that I will stay faithful to my religion until I am ready to convert to Catholicism.

As we are all getting older and not younger anymore, I've come to realise that everything changes for a reason. I have decided to convert to Catholicism because I know it is the best option - it's also unexplainable apart from deciding what's best for me and my family.

My three children have always shared with me about their religious studies at school, receiving their communion, celebrating Lent and getting a beautiful feeling when they talk about Jesus and the Catholic faith. My husband on the other hand has always told me about his time spent as an altar boy and all the precious time he spent inside and outside church.

Since the day I attended Mass, I find it very peaceful and feel happy each time. I'm also very blessed in every single way. Receiving the Eucharist with my family would be the best gift a person could ever ask for.

Day of the Unborn Child

"I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49. The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on Sunday March 24. This is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life! 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the streets of the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. 1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral.

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READY TO GIVE BACK?

DISCOVER HOW SHARING YOUR SKILLS IN A COMMUNITY ABROAD CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**SYDNEY
INFORMATION
SESSION**

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST
5.30 - 7PM

AQUINAS ACADEMY
141 HARRINGTON STREET
SYDNEY

OR SEE OUR CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES AND APPLY TODAY.

First Reading Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

**Second Reading Phil 3:17-4:1
or Phil 3:20 – 4:1 (shorter form)**

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice
is heard:**

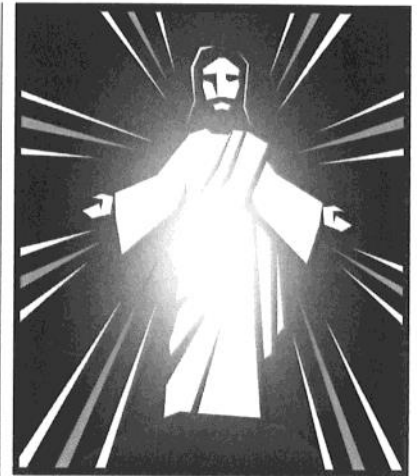
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

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