



# 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

### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 18 August 2019

In last week's Gospel, Jesus told us a parable about the master who was returning from a wedding feast. In the homily, I pointed out that this would have been the perfect time for the servants to be in the presence of the master who would have been inexpressibly happy and eager to celebrate; it would have been like *Christmas*! And then it dawned on me that the parable seemed to bear an uncanny resemblance to what happened here at Regina Coeli on the Sunday before: the Archbishop was returning from an epic ordination of seven men to the priesthood; he himself said that he had been feeling like a child getting up excitedly on a *Christmas* morning! Was it pure luck that I caught him on a very good day?

Speaking of the epic ordination, one of the seven new priests was my godson (as the Archbishop himself mentioned a few times while he was here). His name is Fr John Jang whom I first met at the Korean Catholic Community about 18 years ago, back when neither of us had the faintest idea that we would one day become priests! This week I had the privilege of preaching at his First Mass - one of the most nerve-wrecking things I had to do as a priest because I had to preach in Korean practically for the first time ever! Fortunately, recounting a few of the most memorable stories formed a major part of the homily and made the task slightly easier. We all have a story. But the story is never merely mine - it is always part of a bigger story. Every now and then the indiscernibly subtle hand of God reveals itself and we cannot help but be amazed at its profound competency in bringing us to where we thankfully are.

I am very thankful for where I am. It is a great (and undeserved) honour to be appointed *Parish Priest of Beverly Hills* - something which seems to have a certain dignified ring to it, probably because of the great priests and parishioners who have gone before me. Or, maybe it is just the Hollywood factor! Either way, I hope to grow into the role (but not without your help!), especially now that there is no excuse for me to be, as it were, sitting on the fence. Other than that, I think it is mostly "business as usual" here at Regina Coeli. Speaking of *business*, the **annual parish financial report** has been published for your perusal on page 3. The numbers are looking good - almost too good that I am slightly worried that there might be less on collection plates henceforth! Jk, the matter is left to your thoughtful discretion. I wish to thank our finance committee for their wonderful work, and all of you for your steadfast generosity toward the parish. And before I forget, happy feast day (22nd August) everyone! - Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 18 Aug</b> 20th Sunday in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 19 Aug</b>	No Mass
<b>Tues 20 Aug</b> St Bernard	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass 10:00am Reconciliation Year 5
<b>Wed 21 Aug</b> St Pius X pope	7.00am Mass
<b>Thurs 22 Aug</b> Queenship of BVM	9:15am Mass with whole school
<b>Fri 23 Aug</b> St Rose of Lima	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Sat 24 Aug</b> St Bartholomew Apostle	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 25 Aug</b> 21st Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Peter Campbell, Ron Daniels, Sonny Venal, Carmen Aquilina, Zach & Josh, Neil Kirkness, Fouad Attia

### In Loving Memory

Bartolo Tesoriero, Donato Tozzi, Peter Repole, Charlie Lo Russo, Joe Poolice, Ivan & Mara Puljic, Vicko & Kate Hrdalo, Maurice Haddad, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Amy Kathleen Caren, Elizabeth Dang, Bernie Crawford, Anna Maria Cicuto, Patricia Gates, Viet Dinh, Pio Gonano, Damia & Assia Dagher

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

Josephina Algozzina, George Dagher, Genevieve Shedden, Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Greg Daniels, 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

## Let's pray and sign a petition

Ask Upper House members to vote against the bill that legalises abortion right up to birth. Please sign the petition forms available at each of our church doors. The forms will remain there until the end of this weekend after which they will be collated across Sydney, counted and presented to the  
Legislative Council.

Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation.

**DATE:** Tuesday 20 August.

**WHERE:** Martin Place  
(Macquarie Street side)

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund Appeal will continue to be held over a few weekends.

Sincerest thanks for your continued support of this appeal.

## First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is to be celebrated on Saturday 14 September 5.00pm Mass & Sunday 15 September 10.00am Mass.



## Rosary Statue

**Betty Meaney**  
**19 Bundara St**

**Ph: 9150 8788**



**Last Weekend**  
**11 August 2019**

**2nd Collection \$1,923.00**

1st Collection \$1,138.95

#### Attendance

5PM	?
8.30AM	126
10AM	291
<b>Total</b>	<b>?</b>

**Financial Report: July 2018 to June 2019** (from *Daniel Portelli*, a member of the Parish Finance Committee)

Dear Parishioners, another Financial Year (July 2018 to June 2019) has passed and I wish to share with you the good news of the Parish financial affairs. After all this is “our” Parish and to remain vibrant it must be transparent and accountable. Firstly, I would like to thank all Parishioners that have supported our Parish and have made the generous contributions of both time and donations.

The Parish income for the recently ended Financial Year (2018/19) was \$100,640 higher than the previous year. This increase in income resulted in a larger than normal surplus of \$112,117 compared to a deficit of -\$62,828 in the previous Financial Year (2017/18) and it will be carried forward to help cover Parish Expenses in subsequent Financial Years. This year’s surplus was a welcome relief as the increasing Parish administration and repair expenses continue to grow at a much faster rate than the regular source of weekly income from the *second* collection. The unusual increase in **Parish income** is a result of some new and non-recurring events, in particular:

- A temporary increase in demand to hire the Parish Hall for private events, including the return of the before-and-after school care facilities; and,
- donations to the church including for a new stain-glass window and possible renovations to the Chapel of Our Lady (\$20,000 from one donor); and,
- Rent and Interest income that resulted from the “land-swap”\*.

*\*In late 2017 a transfer of properties occurred between SCS and the Parish as part of a ‘land swap’ arrangement to facilitate the development of Regina Coeli Primary Catholic School. Although we do not expect to have this property available for rent or the interest from the deposit much longer as more change is anticipated, it has given the Parish an important opportunity to recover much of the costs incurred to relocate the Parish Community Centre last year.*

**Parish Expenses** have also declined by \$74,305 as there were no further relocation costs for the Parish Centre required this year and some building repairs to the Church were delayed. As you may have noticed, the Church requires some much-needed repair work and I am sure our newly formed Parish Repairs and Maintenance Committee will be eager to see some repairs performed shortly.

It has been a busy financial year that has seen many changes and I am pleased to see that our underlying Parish financial affairs have remained in good order, showing the Parish vibrancy and resilience. As the outlook of our future Parish sources of income remain uncertain, while our Parish Expenses continue to rise (particularly repairs), I would like to encourage all Parishioners to please continue to give generously.

			<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>This year \$</b>	<b>Last Year \$</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>This year \$</b>	<b>Last Year \$</b>	Altar & Church	12,864	11,320
Planned Giving (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	71,726	77,490	Electricity/Gas	7,716	10,552
Loose coins (2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection)	44,343	33,652	Insurance	23,389	24,116
Candles	12,772	10,836	Car Expenses	8,815	14,537
Donations	35,225	5,508	Postage/Printing/Telephone	11,420	19,062
Interest Received	32,652	12,656	Repair & Maintenance	42,045	35,860
Hall Hire	63,208	44,834	Salaries/Superannuation (Staff)	47,382	62,690
Rent Income	20,900	-	Relocation of the Parish	-	63,624
Other	13,965	9,175	Rental Expenses	2,924	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>294,791</b>	<b>194,151</b>	Other	26,119	15,218
			<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>182,674</b>	<b>256,979</b>
			<b>Total Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>112,117</b>	<b>-62,828</b>

**First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10**

*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14**

**(R.) Lord, come to my aid!**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay! (R.)

**Second Reading Heb 12:1-4**

*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**My sheep listen to my voice,  
says the Lord;**

**I know them, and they follow me.**

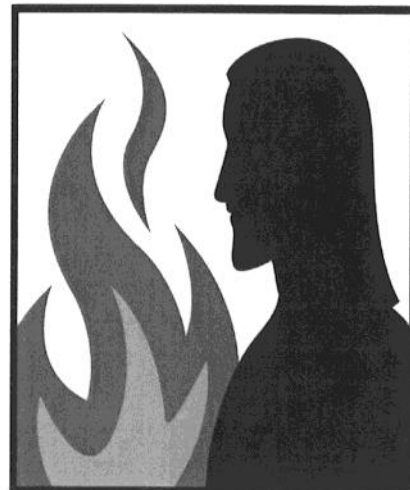
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Lk 12:49-53**

*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.