



# 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

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

19 May 2019

There was a phase, not at all long ago, when it had become noticeable that my bulletin front-pages, and even the homilies, had turned quite *political*, almost to the point of putting myself at the risk of, as it were, losing the plot. Well, just when I thought that the more-than-usually-politically-charged phase was behind me, I realised that the federal election was at our doorstep at the same time as when there was nothing in particular I felt moved to write about.

Believe it or not, I think that I am one of the more relaxed voters at this election. A part of me may be tired. Another part of me may have become too cynical to care: Coalition or Labour, what difference does it really make, especially given the general state of chaos our politics seems to have fallen into? It is also possible that there is yet another part of me which feels, with quiet conviction, that the kind of reform we need is one that runs deeper than a mere change or not of government.

I could be wrong, especially since I have not been following it closely, but I get the impression that this election is driven, perhaps more than in a long while, less by policies and more by ideologies: it has become, perhaps in a more than usually pronounced way, a battle between the Left and the Right, or Liberalism and Conservatism. Now, it would be a mistake for anyone to assume that one was *ipso facto* better than the other. As a wise professor by the name of Jordan B. Peterson put it, a healthy balance between the two is always necessary. Conservatism pursues order and excellence. But a system driven by conservative values can become ossified over time such that it gives unfair advantages to some whilst leaving many others disengaged and marginalised, in which case liberalism would be needed to find new ways of creating a more meaningful and participatory society. Nevertheless, liberalism without the structures and values of conservatism devolves into chaos and, in spite of all good intentions, ends up exposing the society to the tyrannical rule of the mob.

It has been observed that the power structures of our society (a.k.a. the Establishment) have been dominated more by the Left than by the Right for quite some time and we have been witnessing some of the negative consequences of the imbalance; hence the reason why we have also been witnessing certain signs of a conservative pushback which the Establishment is desperately attempting to undermine. I imagine that the pendulum of our politics is bound to swing right sooner or later, as a matter of "social/political restoration." In the meantime my hope is that the Church will do a much better job this time in the role of being the light of Christ for the world and helping to renew/Christianise our culture.

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 19 May</b> 5th Sunday of Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 20 May</b> St Bernardine of Siena	No Mass
<b>Tues 21 May</b> St Christopher Magallanes	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 22 May</b> St Rita of Cascia	7.00am Mass
<b>Thurs 23 May</b>	9:15am1 Mass 10:00am Reconciliation Yr 4
<b>Fri 24 May</b> Our Lady Help of Christians	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass—Whole School Mass
<b>Sat 25 May</b>	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 26 May</b> 6th Sunday of Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Barbara Layman

### In Loving Memory

Viet Dinh, Pio Gonano, Donato Tozzi, Damia & Asia Dagher, Manuel & Gloria Vierira, Terzino Ventresca, Antonia Falzon, Sam Xerri, Edward Cantwell, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Ovens, Carl John Solazzo, Irene Hall,

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

Genevieve Shedden, Neil Kirkness, 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 Margee Michels, Slavica Markotic.

### Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady  
9554 8155  
Tues, Wed, 8.30-3.30  
Fri 8.30am-2.30pm  
**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  
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Mr Peter Busch  
**REC**  
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

## Regina Coeli Youth Group

Meets next on

25 May

@ the Parish Hall

after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass

### Sacrament of Confirmation for Children

The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Friday 7 June 2019 at 7.00pm. Parents of baptised Roman Catholic children in Year Six or above are invited to enroll their child in the Parish based Confirmation 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. If you have not already enrolled your child, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Elizabeth Gooley—Sacramental Coordinator**

### Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to Adults by Bishop Terence Brady at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 9 June 2019 ( Pentecost Sunday) at 10:30am.

Those who may have missed out on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the past are welcome to contact Fr Peter at **beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com** to make arrangements to receive this Sacrament at St Mary's Cathedral.

### Life Ascending Meeting times are:

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

## Rosary Statue

**Mr & Mrs G Chater**  
39 Glendale Ave

**Ph: 0416 036 283**



**Last Weekend**  
**12 May 2019**

**2nd Collection \$1736.10**

1st Collection \$1209.75

### Attendance

5PM	?
8.30AM	155
10AM	
<b>Total</b>	<b>?</b>

### **A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney**

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org).

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### **Project Compassion Appeal**

Thank you for your generous contribution during Lent which collected \$4199.05

This contribution will go to help communities in Zimbabwe, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Australia, Bangladesh and Vietnam.

Not only is this money vital to establishing and strengthening communities but it brings with it the priceless gift of hope.

Thank you very much! - Fr Peter -

To celebrate the month of Mary, St Bernadette's Parish, Carlton, has invited Dr Debra Snoddy, biblical scholar and lecturer of the Catholic Institute of Sydney, to give us a talk on

### **Mary of Nazareth—what do we really know about her?**

The canonical Gospels tell us very little about Mary. With this presentation, Dr Snoddy aims to provoke participants into a new deeper engagement with the very best of Christian tradition

Date: Tue 21 May 2019  
Time: 7:30pm-9:00pm (after adoration from 6pm & Mass at 7:00pm)  
Place: St Bernadette's Church, Carlton  
10 Argyle Street, Carlton NSW 2218

**Welcome all!**

### **CCR NSW Event: A Day of Healing with Sr Margaret Scully**

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Sat 25 May from 9:00am to 4:30pm

(Commences with Mass at 9:00am) at St Vincent's Church, Ashfield

**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, 27 May 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://thebishopsblendeighthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)

### **CWF Pastoral Appeal**

Thank you for your generous contribution these last two weekends which collected \$2125.65

Our quota for the current appeal has been \$1825.00

The exceeding amount will carry over to the next appeal and help to reduce the quota. Thank you very much!

- Fr Peter -

### **Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering – 'Hot Topics'**

Join us as we shed some light on the big social justice issues of today! Topics include: Domestic Violence; The Church and Mining - an Update from Rome; Post-Election Analysis on Housing, Climate, Wages and Labour, and Refugee and Asylum Seekers; and a parishioner panel and discussion on Developing an Archdiocesan Social Justice Coordination Team.

There will be a delicious lunch and refreshments throughout the day. There is plenty of street parking and the venue is easily accessible by public transport as well. All most welcome!

WHEN: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 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 us 9307 8465

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

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



**First Reading Acts 14:21-27**

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1**

*(R.) I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their  
blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your  
reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

**Second Reading Rv 21:1-5**

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I give you a new commandment:*

*love one another as I have loved you.*

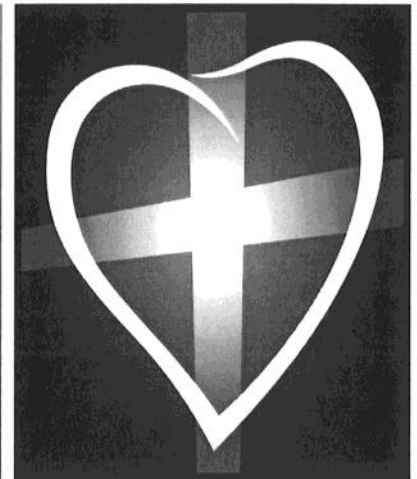
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Jn 13:31-35**

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my  
disciples.'



**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: 'When Judas had gone'. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context.

The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term 'love'. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

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