



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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 July 2019

What may be a good idea can nevertheless feel like a burden - a cross - which requires us to step outside our comfort zone and take the risk of walking toward an unknown future. This has been my experience at times when given a role of leadership. A desert-like-phase seems to await me at some point when I feel no more enthusiastic about the task at hand than the next person. Preparing for the Archbishop's pastoral visitation has not quite been an exception (not that it is finished, far from it!). The visit comes at a precarious time when it seems that anything could happen insofar as the long-term future of the parish as an *independent* parish is concerned. The unwanted burden of being tested in times of uncertainty can be a tricky thing to handle, on top of my pre-existing tendencies to procrastinate. So sweet is the attraction of comfort and consolation which appear to be on offer away from the hill of burden! In the past few weeks I have felt at times like a tennis player who took his eyes off the ball, slid down the path of poor performance and fumbled for a while in a trough, with lethargy and pessimism as his companions (just ask the Parish Pastoral Council!). But enough said about my struggle with fortitude/perseverance, here is the good news:

I have been pleasantly surprised and even uplifted by the fact that over 160 parishioners have signed up for the parish dinner with the Archbishop, and *that* after just the first week of registration. Certainly, the reliable base of committed parishioners here at *Regina Coeli* is a delightful force to be reckoned with! My hope is that *that* base will continue to grow in its capacity to be welcoming and missionary so that a multitude of others too may, in time, come to find their spiritual home at *Regina Coeli* and enjoy the treasures of faith & friendship without which life cannot be imagined.

Also uplifting has been the announcement which I am about to make: Noel Smith (the one who keeps saying, 'I am *only* 92!') has been made a recipient of the Demsey Medal by none other than...the Archbishop himself! (More detail on page 3) On 28 July 2019 @ St Mary's Cathedral he will be presented with the award at the 10.30AM Mass which all are welcome to attend. For the record, Noel did not want to be honoured but in the end he acquiesced in the hope of representing the parish and making us proud (which we certainly are)!

This is the final weekend when volunteers will be at the back of the church to register you for the parish dinner on 31 July. Please bring the form with payment. If you have any special dietary requirement please let the volunteers know. Also, this is the final week (let's say until Tuesday) for submitting questions for the Archbishop and short essays; if you're interested, please take the risk and have a go, thank you!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 21 Jul 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 22 Jul St Mary Mag- dalene | No Mass |
| Tues 23 Jul | 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass |
| Wed 24 Jul | 7.00am Mass |
| Thurs 25 Jul St James | 9:15am Mass |
| Fri 26 Jul Sts Joachim and Anne | 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass |
| Sat 27 Jul | 9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sun 28 Jul 17th Sun in Ordinary Time | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Ron Daniels, Carmen Aquilina, Zach & Josh, Neil Kirkness, Fouad Attia, Jeanette Cardoz, Kerry El-hourani

In Loving Memory

Maurice Haddad, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo
Amy Kathlee Caren, Elizabeth Dang, Bernie Crawford, Anna Maria Cicuto, Patricia Gates, Viet Dinh, Pio Gonano, Donato Tozzi, Damia & Assia Dagher, Manuel & Gloria Vierira, Terzino Ventresca, Antonia Falzon, Sam Xerri, Edward Cantwell, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Ovens, Carl John Sollazzo, Irene Hall.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Genevieve Shedden, Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Peter Campbell, 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
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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.



Enrolment forms have been sent to parents of children who recently made their First Reconciliation. Enrolment forms are also available on the parish website, the back of the church and from the Parish office.



Sister Patricia turns 90 on Monday 22 July 2019! We thank her for many things, in particular for being a remarkable retiree by helping other retirees through *Life*

Ascending. Happy Birthday, Sr Pat, and may the Lord continue to help you flourish in your vocation!

Life Ascending Meeting times are:

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

We welcome [Liz Philips](#), [Cheryl Wilkins](#), [Juliette Morton](#), [Lilli Rodriguez](#), [Milah Holtz](#), [Phyllis Bonner](#), [Rhona de Voss](#), [Rita Chater](#), [Zara Rodriguez](#) to the role of Welcomer at Mass, thank you! The new roster for all welcomers is available to be picked up at the back of the church.

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs A. McKenzie
1 Shirley Avenue

Ph: 02 9759 8006



Last Weekend
7 July 2019

2nd Collection \$2041.85

1st Collection \$1035

Attendance

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| 5PM | ? |
| 8.30AM | 118 |
| 10AM | 184 |
| Total | ? |

Noel Smith, Winner of the Dempsey Medal 2019*

Noel was born on 25 December 1926 and has been a model Christian ever since, attending daily Mass whenever possible from a young age. He and his wife had two sons. One died in a tragic accident. The other became a priest - Fr Peter Smith. His wife was one of the pioneering catechists in the Archdiocese under Fr Freeman (who later became Cardinal Freeman) in Surry Hill and was subsequently given the honour of being a 'Lifetime Catechist;' she passed away in 2008. Noel's eldest brother was a priest - Fr Cecil Smith, S.J.



Noel has been a member of St Vincent de Paul Society since 1954 when he joined the Bondi conference. Several times he has been President of the Beverly Hills conference. Currently he is the Vice President. He has represented the Beverly Hills conference numerous times at the regional level. Noel was a member of the Serra Club from 1960s until it closed in 1990s. He was District Governor of NSW and QLD. Bishop Terry Brady's father worked alongside Noel as a fellow member of the Serra Club. Noel represented the Serra Club and sat on the Archdiocesan Vocations Committee which was chaired by Cardinal Freeman. Noel was one of the organisers for the 'Daybreak 80' project which was a concert at the Opera House, showcasing musical talent among priests and religious. Noel was also a member of the Movement which was set up to counteract the Communist movement in Sydney.

Noel was a founding member of 'Life Ascending' - a spiritual movement for Catholic retirees - for which he was Treasurer for 10 years. The movement received official approval from Cardinal Pell. In 1981 Noel was one of the four who were installed as first ever acolytes at *Regina Coeli*. He continued to serve in this role until 2008 when his wife passed away. Since then he has been helping out in various ways, most commonly as a collector/warden at Mass.

These are just some of the ways in which Noel has contributed to the life of the parish and beyond.

***What is the Dempsey Medal?** *The Dempsey Medal is awarded annually by the Archbishop of Sydney to members of the Catholic clergy and laity. This Honour is named in recognition of a lay Catholic pioneer from Sydney's early European settlement. James Dempsey was transported to Sydney in 1802 for his involvement in the Vinegar Hill rebellion in Co. Wexford. The home of this Carmelite tertiary was used to preserve the Blessed Sacrament and became a gathering place for Catholics with recitations of the Rosary each weekday and Vespers on Sundays during the period when the colony was without priests for almost a decade from 1810. Dempsey was an Irish stonemason who oversaw the building of the first bridge across the Tank Stream, the military barracks, the Rum Hospital, and the original St Mary's Cathedral. The Dempsey Medal seeks to encourage and to recognise outstanding contributions and service by members of the Sydney Archdiocesan community to the local Catholic Church or the wider society.*

After recounting the parable, Jesus addresses the Doctor of the Law again, who had asked Him "Who is my neighbour?" And He says to him: "Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" (v. 36). In this way, He brings about a reversal in regard to His interlocutor's question, and also to the logic of us all. He makes us understand that it's not we that, on the basis of our criteria, define who is and who is not our neighbour, but it's the person in a situation of need who must be able to recognize who is his neighbour, namely, "the one who showed mercy on him" (v. 37). This conclusion indicates that mercy, in confronting a human life in a state of necessity, is the true face of love. It is thus that we become true disciples of Jesus and that the face of the Father is manifested: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36). It is thus that the commandment of the love of God and of our neighbour becomes a unique and coherent rule of life.

- Pope Francis last Sunday -

End of Financial Year Tax Receipts are now available at the back of the Church. Receipts for donations to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal are also included in the envelopes. Thank you!

The Living Word

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

21 July 2019

First Reading Gn 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

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