



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 September 2019

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

The last of 2019's "sacramental festivities" (a casually made up expression) is now behind us, with First Holy Communion celebrated last weekend. Whether or not two parish masses over one single weekend were sufficient to facilitate 55 first communicants (and their army of supporters) is another matter, but the timing of it all felt nearly perfect, with the loveliest of weather and what seemed like the ideal gospel reading for the occasion, namely, the one about parable of the Good Shepherd. Who is so madly in love with us that he would risk everything in order to find the lost sheep within us? Who would surpass all of our expectations by loving us, even on our worst day, *more than ever*? The answer is: the One whom our children received in their first holy communion who, hopefully, will be their *first love* now and forever.

I am going to be away on annual leave over the next three weeks. Fortunately though, I have been able to find priest-supply for all of our masses (including weekday masses) here at Regina Coeli during my absence. Furthermore, there is going to be a great lineup of priests - mostly three of them - who might make you totally forget that I am away! Please make them feel welcome. I thank in advance all those who, no doubt, will step up and do even more than what they usually do in terms of caring for the parish.

A few things to be noted: **Wednesday morning masses will be celebrated at 9:15am during my absence** (the usual time of 7am was thought to be a little too early for the visiting priests who would have to travel quite a distance). Also, during my absence, I am hoping that the front page of parish bulletins could be used for showcasing some of the short essays which were written by our parishioners in preparation for the Archbishop's pastoral visitation.

I wish I could say that I was leaving the parish in an impeccable state but if I did, then, I would definitely have to go to confession! The truth is that there are quite a number of jobs which are yet to be done, for example, I am yet to prepare and commission the numerous parishioners who volunteered to become our new readers. [If it is true indeed that the Catholic Church operates in slow-time, then, I would be an outstandingly "faithful" son of the Church in this regard, I am so sorry!] A number of other volunteers are also yet to be inducted into their roles. There are a few meetings I have not managed to arrange as of yet, as well as not a small number of administrative matters which I will need to attend to, hopefully with renewed vigour upon my return. Finally, I hope to be able to update you, before too long, about all of the new developments following the "land-swap" of 2017 and what the final masterplan might start to look like for our Regina Coeli community. Adios!

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 22 Sept 25th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 23 Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina	No Mass
Tues 24 Sept	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Yr
Wed 25 Sept	9.15am Mass
Thurs 26 Sept Sts Cosmas & Damian martyrs	9:15am Mass 10:00am Reconciliation with Yr 6
Fri 27 Sept St Vincent de Paul priest	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 28 Sept St Wencelaus martyr St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions martyrs	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 29 Sept 26th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Life Ascending Anniversary
To mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of Life Ascending Australia you are invited to the celebratory Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Peakhurst at 11:00am on **Wednesday 2 October 2019**.
Fr Geoff Plant and Fr Paul Hilder will be the celebrants.
This is a special occasion for all Life Ascending members and friends, especially for Regina Coeli Parishioners as Regina Coeli was the founding parish.
You are invited to attend both Mass and Luncheon.
Sr Patricia Nichols OP
Founding President

THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME:
Artes Christi presents Victor Hugo's famous story in a wonderful play directed by Donald Macdonald. The play is being specially staged in support of the rebuild of Notre Dame Paris and Aid to the Church in the Need (Sri Lanka Appeal).
Shows: 4-20 October:
Venue: 1880 Hall, Surry Hills,
Group Tix from \$30
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
www.theword.org.au or Phone ACN 1800101201

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Anita Abbey, Bob Hollingsworth, Donato Tozzi, Cono Reale, Colleen Bresnan, Patricia Atkins, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Marc David Solazzo, Damia & Assia Dagher, Bartolo Tesoriero

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

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

Planned Giving Envelopes 2019-2020
now available for collection
Weekly envelopes for 2019-2020 are now available from the table in the foyer at the back of the Church.
These envelopes commence on 6 October 2019

Rosary Statue
Mr & Mrs P Peters
38 Weston Ave
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School Principal

Mr Chris Egan
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Mr Peter Busch
REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 15 September 2019		Attendance	
		5PM	
		8.30AM	169
2nd Collection \$2,583.20		10AM	496
1st Collection	\$1,587.20	Total	?

Charitable Works Fund August Appeal

Thank you for your generous contribution toward the last CWF appeal. For some reason I cannot quite comprehend we had an overabundant amount carried over from the previous appeals and only had to raise \$269.35 in order to satisfy the set quota of \$2600. We ended up raising \$1116 which has left us with yet another surplus of \$846.65 – something which will be carried over toward the next CWF appeal in November. Thank you again for your steadfast support toward the parish in many more ways than one. - Fr Peter -

2019 HSC Students' Mass & Blessing

All HSC students and their families are warmly invited to attend an HSC Students' Mass & Blessing to be celebrated at Regina Coeli Church at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 12 October 2019.

My Regina Coeli Parish

By Charlotte Lim

*Visited by many is the Home of Christ
The Almighty Saviour who has sacrificed
Many events are held right here
More than just a couple a year
Parents bring their babies to be blessed
Filling the pews are crowds of guests
Celebrating much serenity and peace
Love from the Almighty Father increase
Here couples have vowed to love one another
Happy in the crowd are father and mother
In sickness and in health. For better, for worse
Until the day they sadly leave in a hearse
Here families say goodbye to a loved one
Trusting in our Father thy kingdom will come
Wishing them well on their journey to Heaven
Where they'll be purified and forever forgiven
Here on Sundays the community gathers
With eagerness to be with Christ and others
As time passes, the doors opening and closing
More and more families coming and going
Praying behind the brown wooden pews
The priest finishes with "Peace be with you"*

Ignite Conference

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time this October 3-6, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus.

Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available as well. For more information, visit www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/ or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

Walk with Christ

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King November 24 at 2.30pm.

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.

First Reading Am 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,

you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to life their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:1-13

or (shorter form Lk 16:10-13)

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

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