



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 September 2018

Some parishioners might be aware that I was out of action for a few days last week, due to what was self-diagnosed as a case of tonsillitis. This was annoying more than anything else, since I was getting used to being rather fit as of late. Now, the experience of being a disappointed invalid for a brief time allowed me to reflect on how weak my 'mind' could be, not just my 'body'. The weakness of the mind (or the heart) can be hidden when one is used to getting what one wants. But every now and then an unexpected predicament frustrates one's own comfortably constructed 'safe space', revealing the weakness of the mind for what it really is: grasping, gullible and grossly out of touch with reality.

Always getting what one wants is an addictive state of mind; it is in fact a slavish state of mind. We want the world to revolve around us and, before we know it, we become captives to its unspiritual mechanics. We anxiously wait for the wheel of fortune to be positioned where we want it to be, but, since that rarely if ever happens the way we dream, we become obsessed with watching it spin and spin into the aeon of forgetfulness; never being satisfied, we double down our resolve to kill or be killed. St James in our 2nd reading puts it in this way: 'You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force.'

This is not living. It is to become a prisoner in the cell of our own ego or false imagination where we are violently volatile and easily deceived. We are so out of touch with reality that we can no longer tell what is true or false, just or unjust, loving or selfish, etc. The voice of the mob sounds to us like "wisdom" which must be obeyed; we too want what they want, only, once blood has been shed, we cannot even recall what on earth it was we were after in the first place. We are the greediest and yet most famished souls on earth.

By contrast, there was a special lady for whom nothing seemed to go her way. Pain was a permanent guest in her house. No one would have dared to even imagine, as it were, being in her shoes. But, quite miraculously, she never complained, kept her sense of humour and made prayer her absolute strength. Instead of waiting for the wheel of fortune to change for her, she turned straight to the culmination of all blessedness: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!'

St Ignatius of Loyola said, 'We need to train ourselves to be indifferent in our attitude to all created things, in all that is permitted to our free will and not forbidden; so that on our part. We do not set our hearts on good health rather than bad, riches rather than poverty, honour rather than dishonour, a long life rather than a short one, and so in all the rest.' Pope Francis calls such an attitude 'holy indifference' because it brings us to a 'radiant interior freedom.'

Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 23 Sept 25th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 24 Sept		No Mass
Tues 25 Sept	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Year 2
Wed 26 Sept Sts Cosmas & Damian	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 27 Sept St Vincent de Paul	9.15am	Mass
Fri 28 Sept St Wenceslaus & St Lawrence Ruiz	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 29 Sept Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael archangels	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 30 Sept 26th Sun in OT	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Colleen Bresnan, Sr Maureen Casey OP

In Loving Memory

Margherita Trimboli, Donato Tozzi, Jonathan Porcu, May Mitchell, Vito Maida Carmelo Algozzino, Nancy Mitchell, Orazio Giannaula, Sr Mary Frances Murphy, Emile Succar, Holy Souls, Theresa & Edward Cantwell, Marie Patricia Doherty, Anthony Nguyen, Bartolo Tesoriero, Marc David Sollazzo, Roy Mitchell, Doreen Simmons, Ivan Matek, Fulvia Tonitto, Peter Repole, Alfio Stagnitta & family, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Maria Porcu, Connie Fedele, Irene Hall, Anna & Joseph Pham, Elisabeth Dang, Mark Phillips, Giovanni Battiato, Francesca Spinella, Norm Coleman, Georgia & Philip Spiteri, Bernie Crawford, Santo Ilardo, Francesco & Salvatore Cocilovo, Mary Dovile, Catherine Lin Siew Ngik, Ita Phillips, Gail Moore, Cono Reale, James & Eileen Donlan, Dikran, Angela, Boudi, Nicola Repole, Angela Maria Pinto, Mary Croke, Pat Smith, Gertrude Smith, Margaret Roche, Mollie Lazzarini, Assia & Damia Dagher, Antonio Mattiussi, Iris Smith, Theresa Sui Tiong, Ugo Buracchi, Steven Mortimer, Judith Partlin, Kate & Vicko Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Margherita Falsone, Matt Taglini, Josephine Agius, Lambert Glaudemans & Vicky Bouter, Alfia Coco, Jimmy Simmons, Florence Mitchell, Nicola Kohen, John Srown, Gary Collins, Anna Motisi, Anna Puglia, Marie Therese Rierchy, John Trisley, Jim Campisi, Frederika Streiff & Buyung Elias, Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Pauline Elias, Tony Tesoriero, Gino Morassut, Anna Maria Cicuto, Joe Costa, Onofrio Tesoriero, Fintan Lawlor, Sam Xerri, Francis Son H Tran, Antonino Puglia, Adel Hakim, Alfia Laspina Giuseppa Leotta, Rosa Ferlito, Frank Meaney Snr., Frank Meaney Jnr, Lina Paolercio, Margaret Wilkie, Maria Dos Santos, Tereza Dos Santos, Manuel Vieira, Gloria Vieira, Bernard John Mortimer, Dan Hall, Maria Mandich, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Stephen Xuereb, Edmund Banfield, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Darren Seymour, Frances Spinella, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Thomas Tran, Carl John Sollazzo, Joseph Ovens, Thomas Mendes

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Greg Daniels, Elena Mura, Carmen Aquilina, Andrew Towle, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Mary Emery, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic

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2018 HSC Students' Mass & Blessing

All HSC students and their families are warmly invited to attend an HSC Students' Mass & Blessing to be celebrated by Fr Peter Kwak at Regina Coeli Church, 70 Ponyara Road, Beverly Hills at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 13 October 2018.

Would you like to become Catholic, finally?

Regina Coeli Catholic Parish will start in late October the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (a.k.a. the RCIA program). This is what allows non-Catholics to formally become Catholic. It consists of a series of group sessions in which Catholicism will be explored culturally, intellectually and spiritually. "Already Catholics" who wish to gain a deeper understanding of the faith they profess are most welcome to join the RCIA program too. The journey will culminate at the Easter Vigil next year when new baptisms and/or receptions into the Church will take place, hopefully with a lifetime of spiritual adventure to follow afterward. Please contact Fr Peter for inquiries: beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com / (02) 9554 8155

Thank you for your generous contribution toward Charitable Works Fund. The last appeal of the year raised \$1,977.60 which exceeds the target set for our parish by the Chancery.

Life Ascending Meetings

Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass
Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs G Chater
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School Principal

Mr Chris Egan
Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch

REC

Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 16 Sept 2018

2nd Collection \$2,015.10

1st Collection \$890.25

Financial Report: July 2017 - June 2018

Income	This year \$	Last year \$
Planned Giving (2 nd collection)	77,490	90,162
Loose (2 nd Collection)	33,652	46,792
Candles	10,836	12,448
Donations	8,403	15,923
Interest Received	12,656	6,219
Hall Hire	44,834	50,405
Other	9,175	11,665

Total	This year \$	Last year \$
Total Parish Income	197,046	233,613
Total Parish Expenditure	256,979	239,254
Total Deficit for Year	59,933	5,641

Expenditure	This year \$	Last year \$
Altar & Church	11,320	18,689
Electricity/Gas	10,552	7,339
Insurance	24,116	23,623
Car Expenses	14,537	29,419
Postage/Printing/Telephone	19,062	19,041
Repair & maintenance	35,860	33,677
Salaries/superannuation (staff)	62,690	66,610
Relocation of the Parish Centre	63,624	0
Other	21,828	30,898

Safeguarding Induction Training

As you are aware, all volunteers and staff in the Parish must complete the Archdiocese Safeguarding Induction Training. If you are a volunteer, and did **not** complete the Safeguarding Induction Training held in our Parish last year, or have not completed it since, it is now possible to complete this training online. The Archdiocese Safeguarding Office is pleased to announce it is offering two Online Training courses : **Safeguarding Induction Training** for parish volunteers and staff and **Youth Ministry Safeguarding Induction Training** for volunteers who assist in Youth Ministry. Volunteers and staff who wish to complete the Online Induction Training will need to register by following this link <https://goo.gl/forms/fZFHRB7kDbesaPsn1> Once volunteers have completed the online training, the Safeguarding Office will let us know so we can update our records.

You don't have to work out the home care system on your own.

Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors. CatholicCare's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems. Join us and find out how to access in-home support and caring services.

When: 11th October 10am

Where: Regina Coeli Parish Church

RSVP: Parish office 9554 8155

If you need any other information please either call me or email me

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Sacrament Dates 2019

Please be advised, the tentative Sacramental Dates for 2019 are as follows:

First Reconciliation- Tuesday 2 & Thursday 4 April 7.00pm

Confirmation- Sunday 9 June 2.30pm (To be confirmed by the Archdiocese)

First Holy Communion- Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September

Enrolment information will be available prior to each Sacrament.

Elizabeth Gooley Sacramental Coordinator

First Reconciliation

After some consideration it has been decided that First Reconciliation will now be made in Year 3 at *Regina Coeli*, prior to First Holy Communion also in Year 3. In this way, children will not only be better placed to appreciate the Sacrament of Reconciliation but also be allowed to celebrate a real year of grace by having the marvellous sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist side by side. The new structure has been proven to work well in other parishes. Therefore there will be no First Reconciliation in Year 2 this year. Going forward, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are to be celebrated when children are in Year 3. Dates for these Sacraments will be published in due course. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pew Kneelers—Return to down position please

At the conclusion of each Mass, for safety reasons, please ensure that all pew kneelers are left in the down position.

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the
law
and accuses us of playing false to
our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he
himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son,
God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of
his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and
with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have
his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. *(R.)*
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds
sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition,
you find disharmony, and wicked things of
every kind being done; whereas the wisdom
that comes down from above is essentially
something pure; it also makes for peace,
and is kindly and considerate; it is full of
compassion and shows itself by doing
good; nor is there any trace of partiality or
hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they

work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear
fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in
the desires fighting inside your own selves?
You want something and you haven't got
it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you
fight to get your way by force. Why you don't
have what you want is because you don't
pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it,
it is because you have not prayed properly,
you have prayed for something to indulge
your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

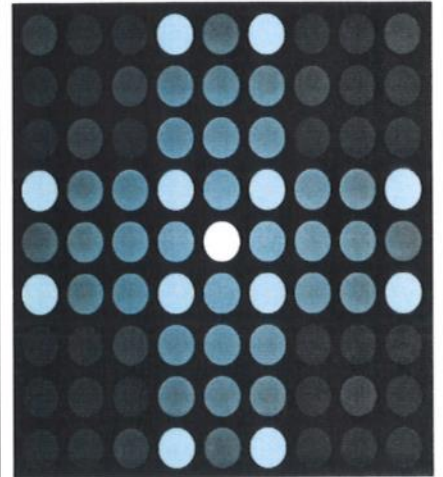
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity
... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants
of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his
disciples made their way through Galilee;
and he did not want anyone to know,
because he was instructing his disciples;
he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be
delivered into the hands of men; they will
put him to death; and three days after he
has been put to death he will rise again.'
But they did not understand what he said
and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he
was in the house he asked them, 'What
were you arguing about on the road?'
They said nothing because they had been
arguing which of them was the greatest. So
he sat down, called the Twelve to him and
said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must
make himself last of all and servant of all.'
He then took a little child, set him in front of
them, put his arms round him, and said to
them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these
little children in my name, welcomes me;
and anyone who welcomes me welcomes
not me but the one who sent me.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Who are the righteous? This is a
question that holds little interest
today. We are more concerned with
the successful and the famous. We
want people to be honest, at least in
their dealings with us, but we are
more apt to applaud those who are
clever. We commend people for
making a good deal, for knowing how
to get ahead or striking it rich. We
extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-
assured, those who have made a
name for themselves, those who
entertain us. We encourage people to
be ambitious. Seldom is popularity
based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the
reign of God. Those who would enter
that reign must be gentle and
merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of
peace. They must be willing to take
the last place, to be the servant of all.
The righteous are not often held in
high regard. They are often ridiculed
and even persecuted. When they are
considered a reproach to the
standards of society, they may even
be put to death.

There are times when we might be
inclined to envy and resentment, not
wanting to feel morally inferior, and
we might relish the opportunity of
putting the virtue of others to the test.
We may say that we want to draw forth
their strengths, when we really hope
their weaknesses will be revealed and
they will prove to be no better than we
are. Sometimes the righteous have
nowhere else to turn but to Jesus,
whose life they are following and into
whose death they have been plunged.

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