



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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 February 2019

I have waited a week and, although it still seems rather early, I wish to get it out on the table for the benefit of all sooner rather than later: our parish has been nominated for a **pastoral visitation from Archbishop Anthony Fisher on Wednesday 31 July, Thursday 1 August and Sunday 4 August 2019**. I am not aware of the last time that such a visit took place here - I am guessing it has been long enough for most parishioners to struggle to remember. Why is the Archbishop coming? Have we been chosen at random or for a specific reason? I am afraid that I am as clueless as the next person in the pew. Well, at least it is something different - probably a great blessing for the parish!

The Archbishop's letter states that a pastoral visit is 'a means by which a bishop maintains personal contact with the clergy and with other members of the People of God...My primary concern will be to hear what the parish is achieving and to encourage those who are actively working in the various aspects of the parish's life.' Accordingly, the Archbishop would like engage in activities such as: a meeting with the Parish priest/Administrator and with any other pastoral staff; a visit to the parish school in order to meet the students/staff; a meeting with catechists, liturgical people; an evening meeting with key personnels e.g. committee members; a visit to the sick/homebound, etc.

Long before hearing the news about the Archbishop's pastoral visitation, I felt that we were in need of a recruitment drive for parish volunteers - something I was hoping to do during this year's Lent. Perhaps out of the same endeavour we might be able to form a team of parishioners who could help the rest of the parish to be prepared for the pastoral visitation, so as to make the occasion fruitful for all who are involved, including the Archbishop himself! Please keep all of this in your prayer and do not be shy about coming forward with initiatives - as an incorrigibly "last minute" kind of person I would appreciate all your wise and gracious touches of help.

On a different note, the kindergarten families in our parish school have been invited in a special way to the 10AM Mass which will be followed by morning tea. It is hoped that they will continue to form friendships which can support them in their growth as families filled with faith and love. Please pray for them and welcome them!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 24 Feb 7th Sunday in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass with Kindergarten Families
Mon 25 Feb	No Mass
Tues 26 Feb in OT	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Year 5
Wed 27 Feb in OT	7.00am Mass
Thurs 28 Feb in OT	9.15am Mass
Fri 1 Mar Autumn Ember Day	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
Sat 2 Mar	9.00am Mass 9.30am Adoration and Reconciliation 4.25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 3 Mar 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Donato Tozzi, Patricia Freeman, Jim Campisi, Henry Walter Bullock, Christopher Pezzuti, Tony Tesoriero.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

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 Maree 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
Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch
REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Sacrament Dates 2019

Please be advised of the dates the Sacraments are to be celebrated in the parish.

- *First Reconciliation* – Thursday 4 April 5.30pm -6.30pm & 7.30pm-8.30pm. (Children in Year 3 and above)
- *Confirmation* - Friday 7 June at 7.00pm by Bishop Richard Umbers. (Children in Year 6 and above)
- *First Holy Communion* - Saturday 14 September & Sunday 15 September. (Children who have received First Reconciliation)

Enrolment information will be made available two months prior to each Sacrament.

First Reconciliation Program 2019

First Reconciliation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Thursday 4 April 2019 during two sessions, 5.30pm-6.30pm or 7.30pm-8.30pm. Parents of baptised Catholic children in Year Three or above are invited to enrol their child in the Parish based First Reconciliation 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.

Life Ascending Meeting Times

This is the 20th year of life Ascending which commenced in this parish. Thank you for your support over the years.

7.30 pm on Thursday 21st

Second and fourth Fridays after the 9.15 Mass.

February in the Piety Stall

Available now:

- ♦ 2019 Columban Art Calendars: \$7:00 per calendar.
- ♦ 2019 Daily Mass Books: \$24.50 each.
- ♦ *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*, \$4
- ♦ *A Year with the Angels (Daily Meditations with the Messengers of God)* by Mike Aquilina, \$5

The Piety stall is operated on a voluntary roster basis after all weekend masses. A good range of religious books, medals and memorabilia is always available, especially for Christmas, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If any parishioners are interested in helping man the stall please come and speak to us or contact the parish secretary.

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs T Saify
107 Taylor Street

Ph: 0405 323 974



Last Weekend 17 February 2019	
2nd Collection \$1971.50	
1st Collection	\$1196.65

Attendance	
5PM	182
8.30AM	?
10AM	185
Total	?

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, 11 March 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://thebishopsblendseventhdition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at

bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org



**MARIST
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OPEN DAY

Wednesday 6 March, 3pm–7pm

All are welcome to meet our students, teachers and tour our new learning facilities, including South Hurstville Campus presentations.



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Scholarship at the Cathedral

The Archdiocese of Sydney, together with Notre Dame University's Institute for Ethics & Society have a number of engaging lectures featuring eminent international and Australian intellectuals coming up in 2019.

Please join us as the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP delivers his second instalment of "The Godless Country? Part II, Christian Australia".

"Are we living in a Christian country? Certainly, Christianity is the largest religious group in Australia. But where is the Church situated in the mind of modern Australia?" – Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Date: Thursday, 7 March 2019

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Chapter Hall, St Mary's Cathedral
Refreshments provided.

RSVP's Essential <https://www.satcathedral.org/events/the-godless-country-part-ii/>

More information events@sydneycatholic.org,
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St Ursula's College Kingsgrove

We invite you to experience for yourself our vibrant community:

College Open Day

Thursday 7 March 2019 - 3.30pm to 6.00pm

We ignite the spirit in all students through:

*Quality relationships; Collaborative partnerships;
Flexibility & Responsiveness; Creativity & Imagination*

We celebrate another year of HSC success:

89% of our courses were above the State average

25.15% scored an ATAR of 90 or above

3 students achieved 1st Place in State

2 students in the All Rounder's Merit List for scoring a Band 6 in 10 or more units

63 students had 158 mentions on the NESA Distinguished Achievers List

Highest ATAR 99.55

First Reading 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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