



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

Feast of Christ the King

24 November 2019

This weekend we welcome the Kindergarten Families for...2020! No, they are not visitors from some distant future (like terminators travelling back in time); their children are starting school only a few months from now - in 2020! I had the privilege of speaking to them at the Kindergarten Information Evening about ten days ago and, even though my occasional attempts at humour during homilies are usually met with awkward silence, these “futuresque families” seemed remarkably open to my antiquated sense of humour. I think that anyone who can laugh so generously would be capable of maintaining a cheerful spirit through all the ups and downs of life, including as school parents. We welcome them wholeheartedly and wish them all the best!

This year's parish feast day ('Our Lady Queen of Heaven' on 22 August) was a quiet affair, and understandably so since we had just had the Archbishop's pastoral visitation. But the previous year's parish feast day was made a little memorable by the thank-you-dinner for all our volunteers. During the evening I gave a short speech, the content of which I am confident no one remembers now (even I can barely remember it!). I spoke about the importance of small groups as a means by which parishioners can feel personally connected to the parish and encouraged in their spiritual journey. I recommended at the time that each of our currently existing groups tried to come together at least once a year. Well, I hope to start organising annual gatherings for each of our volunteer groups if possible. The first of these gatherings was tried on *Altar Society* last Thursday and...I don't think they left a bad review!

In regard to the Installation Mass next week, I have been wondering if something a little more substantial than just morning tea needs to be offered afterward, so as to save those who stay behind from having to look for lunch that day. Just then (and this is a true story) I was approached by a kindly person who was hoping to make a donation to the church by way of providing food and he magically brought up the Installation Mass celebration! Long story short, he promised to organise sandwiches to be catered for a good crowd - thank you! Another parishioner is organising a few other food items (to be funded by the parish). So, there is a momentum building up here which, hopefully, will provide “elegant sufficiency” for all those who are able to join the more than usually substantial morning tea next Sunday!

- Fr Peter -

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Feast of Christ the King

Walk With Christ today at 2:30pm. See details on Noticeboards.
Meet at corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street before 2:30pm.

The Week Ahead

Sun 24 Nov Feast of Christ the King	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	
Mon 25 Nov St Catherine of Alexandria		No Mass
Tues 26 Nov	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Year 3 10:00 Reconciliation with Year 4	
Wed 27 Nov	7.00am Mass 10:30am Funeral Mass Jill Margaret Struthers RIP	
Thurs 28 Nov	9:15am Mass	
Fri 29 Nov	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass	
Sat 30 Nov St Andrew the apostle	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun 1 Dec First Sunday in Advent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Jill Margaret Struthers, Vincenza Femia

In Loving Memory

Jovito Canonizado, Donato Tozzi

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Lucy Yonatan, Michelle Makin, 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.

Christmas Choir Practice times for the 8:30am Mass:

26 Nov at 6.00pm in Community Centre at 5 Tarrilli St.

3 Dec at 6.00pm in Church

10 Dec at 6pm in Church

15 Dec at 9.30am in Church

17 Dec at 6.00pm in Church

22 Dec at 9.30am in Church

8 Dec at 9.45am will be the choir breakfast.

Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady
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Mr Chris Egan
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REC
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For Families in Need

Are you experiencing difficulties in providing your family with those extra needs you hadn't expected, for example, uniforms, shoes, shirts suddenly too small or maybe sports gear, etc.? There are many ways in which we can help you, so please do not feel shy or embarrassed by your needs. We are just a phone call away, waiting to assist you. Confidentiality is guaranteed at all times. If you would like to chat with us just ring any of the telephone numbers listed below. God bless.

Anne 02 9759 2357

Joy 02 9150 4996

- The Ladies Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Regina Coeli Parish -

A Day of Formation for New & Old Readers



This has been one of the things I have been procrastinating with, for a very long time! Finally, however, I have found a lady – Catherine Hilder from Sydney Catholic Schools – who is experienced in providing training for church-related activities such as reading. The occasion will not only provide our readers with the formation they will benefit from but also allow them to meet those who will become their fellow readers. All those who wish to become readers, as well as those who may have been doing it for a while, are warmly invited to what will hopefully be a meaningful, educational and enjoyable day. I intend to organize lunch for all of the participants.

Training for Readers, followed by lunch

When: 10:30am – 12pm on 30 November 2019

Where: Regina Coeli Parish Church

Please RSVP before 27 November 2019 for catering reasons: beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com or in person. If you are unable to attend the training session but would still like to become a reader, please let me know so that we can work out an alternative arrangement. - Fr Peter -

Rosary Statue

Pene & Alice Vafo'ou
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Last Weekend
17 November 2019

2nd Collection \$1,694.95

1st Collection \$1,116.45

Attendance

5PM
8.30AM 137
10AM
Total ?



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

In July 1999 Fr Paul Hilder introduced the first Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Regina Coeli Parish.

Training followed at St Finbar's Church, San Souci. The class of 1999 who are celebrating 20 years in the ministry include:

Tasha Demel,	Elizabeth Gooley
Andrew & Bev Towle	John & Sybil Sydes
Maria Tesoriero,	Neil Quirk
Francena Hard	

Thank you very much for 20 years of service!

Would you like to become a Catholic, finally?

Regina Coeli Catholic Parish will soon start the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (a.k.a. the RCIA program). This is what allows non-Catholics to formally become Catholics. 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

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards & 2020 Columban Art Calendars will be available at the Piety Stall from this weekend.

Christmas Cards are \$5.50 for a pack of 10 cards and Calendars \$7.00 per calendar. Good quality & value for money as well as assisting St Vincent de Paul Men's Conference in their work in the Parish area.

STATEMENT FROM MOST REV. ANTHONY FISHER OP ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

I welcome the decision of the High Court that it will hear the appeal of Cardinal George Pell against his conviction. The Cardinal has always maintained his innocence and continues to do so, and the divided judgment of the Court of Appeal reflects the divided opinion amongst jurors, legal commentators and within our community. Many questions remain, and it is appropriate that these will be examined by our highest court. For the sake of all involved in this case, I hope that the appeal will be heard as soon as possible. The Church will continue to offer pastoral support to the Cardinal while he remains in prison awaiting the hearing of this appeal, and for all others affected by today's outcome.

Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, DD BA LIB
BTheol DPhil

The Annual Parish Christmas Party is going to be held on Saturday 14 December after the 5PM Mass.

It worked well last year to have the party on the carpark/school playground, and so we might do the same this year. Food, water, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided as usual. Some tables/chairs will be set up, especially for the elderly; others are encouraged to bring their own tables/chairs or picnic mats. For those who are able to, please bring a plate of dessert to share (but don't worry if you cannot, who wants a sugar-overload anyway?). Finally, the Jumping Castle - a big hit last year with children - will be back! Over the next several weekends, signup sheets will be placed at church doors for those who wish to attend, as well as for those who also wish to help out as volunteers.

Christmas Wishing Well 2019

The St Vincent de Paul Ladies Conference will be collecting at all Masses on 23/24 November and on 30/31 November and on 7/8 December, for the Christmas Appeal.



Christmas Play 2019

Dear parish community, we warmly invite all children who would like to be part of the Christmas play for the 7pm Christmas Vigil Mass (a.k.a. Family Mass) on 24th December to please come to the Church on **Sunday 8th December for our first meeting from 11-11.45am** following the 10am mass. Rehearsals will be held on Saturday 14th and Saturday 21st of December from 4pm-4.45pm before the 5pm Saturday night vigil mass. Many thanks. - Tina and Rosetta (rosetta.p@outlook.com) -

First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:12-20

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything
invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities,
Powers –
all things were created through him and
for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.
As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through
him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on
earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed is he who inherits the
kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

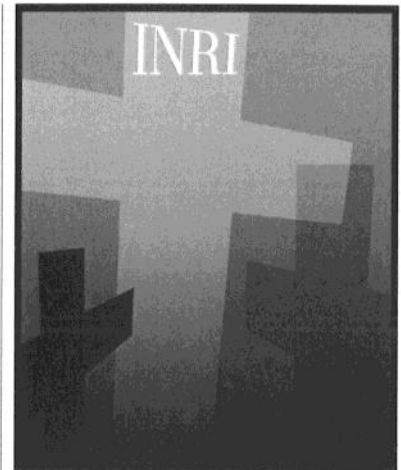
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

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