



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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 August 2019

Ours has been officially known as the Catholic Parish of *Regina Coeli* for about 65 years. Of course, the parish has existed for longer than that, but initially under a different name (just like Beverly Hills itself!) - *Queen of Peace* or "Regina Pacis(?)" in Latin. Apart from the whole school Mass last Thursday, not much else has been done to celebrate the parish feast day, but understandably so, especially given that the Archbishop's pastoral visitation was only like "yesterday." Nevertheless, it might be resoundingly appropriate for us to give more attention and devotion to future celebrations of our feast day, for two reasons: liturgically speaking, parish feast days rank among the most solemn of feast days (as I found out with the help of the Archbishop's MC a few weeks ago), as they allow each parish community to commemorate what it treasures and to look toward the unknown horizon with an open heart so as to be ready for the sublime graces of God who never ceases to surprise us; the other reason is that the memorial feast of Regina Coeli is inextricably linked to another feast of greatest solemnity, namely, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our Lady looked the right way and therefore she ended up in the right place - exactly where she was meant to be, as the Queen Mother of Jesus in Heaven. *Looking the right way* is the most perfect thing for us to do and yet for some inexplicable reason we avoid it like the plague sometimes. I guess that at the root of the problem is the same distrust which let down Adam and Eve as they looked the wrong way, to the detriment of the integrity of the Garden of Eden. Apparently, an author by the name of Frances Hodgson Burnett once wrote, 'If you look the right way, you can see the whole world is a garden.' Jesus is the new Adam, Mary the new Eve; they made real, for the rest of us, the possibility of right orientation for the human heart - the kind of orientation which may feel like the 'narrow door' at first (for it bears the marks of silence, poverty and sacrificial love) but, ultimately, without fail, will prove itself to be the express way to the Heavenly Garden. Perhaps the fact that Our Lady tends to draw flowers to herself in our beautiful church is no accident!

Something which some of us have been waiting for so long that it has nearly petered out of our memory: the outcome of THE APPEAL! At some stage during the long wait, it dawned on me that by not shying away from controversies I ran the risk of causing division in our community, and unnecessarily so at times. I think that I have definitely been guilty of such follies, at least to some degree. Therefore I hope to be more prudent in the future (not that I am very reliable when it comes to such aspirations!). But I will probably still comment on the 2-1 verdict which upheld the conviction of Cardinal Pell - something which has undoubtedly left me with an acute sense of disappointment. Only, the document produced by the Court of Appeal, titled 'Pell versus The Queen' (available online), is nearly 400 pages long and I think I ought to read more of it before commenting on the delicate matter. Maybe this is necessary, or maybe I am just incorrigible, but it seems that some controversy is going to be unavoidable!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 25 Aug 21st Sunday in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 26 Aug	No Mass
Tues 27 Aug St Monica	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
Wed 28 Aug St Augustine	7.00am Mass
Thurs 29 Aug Passion of St John Baptist	9:15am Mass with whole school 10:00am Reconciliation Yr 5
Fri 30 Aug	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 31 Sept	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 1 Sept 22nd Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Peter Campbell, Ron Daniels, Sonny Venal

In Loving Memory

Marc David Solazzo, Bartolo Tesoriero, Donato Tozzi, Peter Repole, Charlie Lo Russo, Joe Poolice, Ivan & Mara Puljic, Vicko & Kate Hrdalo, Maurice Haddad, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Amy Kathleen Caren, Elizabeth Dang, Bernie Crawford, Anna Maria Cicuto, Patricia Gates, Viet Dinh, Pio Gonano, Damia & Assia Dagher

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

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

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Speaking the truth in love
Eph 4:15

21 August 2019

STATEMENT FROM MOST REV. ANTHONY FISHER OP

ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY

The Victorian Court of Appeal has today upheld the verdict of historical sexual abuse allegations against Cardinal George Pell in a 2-1 decision.

From the outset the Cardinal has strenuously maintained his innocence. He continues to do so notwithstanding today's decision.

Today's split decision amongst the judges is consistent with the differing views of the juries in the first and second trials, as well as the divided opinion amongst legal commentators and the general public. Reasonable people have taken different views when presented with the same evidence and I urge everyone to maintain calm and civility.

As the Cardinal may yet decide to appeal the judgment to the High Court of Australia, I am limited in my ability to comment on today's outcome.

Matters of the Cardinal's status within the Church can only be determined by the Vatican, not the Church in Australia. I anticipate that the Holy See may well wait until the appeal process has been exhausted.

I recommit myself and the Archdiocese of Sydney to doing all we can to ensure that past crimes are never repeated and that Church environments are the safest possible for children and vulnerable adults.

I pray for and will continue to support survivors of child sexual abuse at the hands of clergy and other members of the Catholic Church so that they may find justice and healing. I again say how sorry I am that you were harmed by people you should have been able to trust. I am conscious how you and your loved ones have had to live with the consequences of abuse for a lifetime.

I know that there are many in the Catholic community and beyond who will find it difficult to come to terms with this judgment, especially those who know the Cardinal and will struggle to reconcile this outcome with the man they know. I thank them for persevering in faith, hope and love.

As we wait to hear whether the legal process will continue, I will seek to provide pastoral support to those Catholics who may have found their faith tested.

Rosary Statue

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Last Weekend 18 August 2019		Attendance	
2nd Collection \$2,055.80		5PM	?
1st Collection		8.30AM	120
\$1,118.40		10AM	248
		Total	?

Financial Report: July 2018 to June 2019 (from *Daniel Portelli*, a member of the Parish Finance Committee)

Dear Parishioners, another Financial Year (July 2018 to June 2019) has passed and I wish to share with you the good news of the Parish financial affairs. After all this is “our” Parish and to remain vibrant it must be transparent and accountable. Firstly, I would like to thank all Parishioners that have supported our Parish and have made the generous contributions of both time and donations.

The Parish income for the recently ended Financial Year (2018/19) was \$100,640 higher than the previous year. This increase in income resulted in a larger than normal surplus of \$112,117 compared to a deficit of -\$62,828 in the previous Financial Year (2017/18) and it will be carried forward to help cover Parish Expenses in subsequent Financial Years. This year’s surplus was a welcome relief as the increasing Parish administration and repair expenses continue to grow at a much faster rate than the regular source of weekly income from the **second** collection. The unusual increase in **Parish income** is a result of some new and non-recurring events, in particular:

- A temporary increase in demand to hire the Parish Hall for private events, including the return of the before-and-after school care facilities; and,
- donations to the church including for a new stain-glass window and possible renovations to the Chapel of Our Lady (\$20,000 from one donor); and,
- Rent and Interest income that resulted from the “land-swap”*.

**In late 2017 a transfer of properties occurred between SCS and the Parish as part of a ‘land swap’ arrangement to facilitate the development of Regina Coeli Primary Catholic School. Although we do not expect to have this property available for rent or the interest from the deposit much longer as more change is anticipated, it has given the Parish an important opportunity to recover much of the costs incurred to relocate the Parish Community Centre last year.*

Parish Expenses have also declined by \$74,305 as there were no further relocation costs for the Parish Centre required this year and some building repairs to the Church were delayed. As you may have noticed, the Church requires some much-needed repair work and I am sure our newly formed Parish Repairs and Maintenance Committee will be eager to see some repairs performed shortly.

It has been a busy financial year that has seen many changes and I am pleased to see that our underlying Parish financial affairs have remained in good order, showing the Parish vibrancy and resilience. As the outlook of our future Parish sources of income remain uncertain, while our Parish Expenses continue to rise (particularly repairs), I would like to encourage all Parishioners to please continue to give generously.

			Expenditure	This year \$	Last Year \$
			Altar & Church	12,864	11,320
			Electricity/Gas	7,716	10,552
			Insurance	23,389	24,116
Income	This year \$	Last Year \$	Car Expenses	8,815	14,537
Planned Giving (2 nd Collection)	71,726	77,490	Postage/Printing/Telephone	11,420	19,062
Loose coins (2 nd Collection)	44,343	33,652	Repair & Maintenance	42,045	35,860
Candles	12,772	10,836	Salaries/Superannuation (Staff)	47,382	62,690
Donations	35,225	5,508	Relocation of the Parish	-	63,624
Interest Received	32,652	12,656	Rental Expenses	2,924	-
Hall Hire	63,208	44,834	Other	26,119	15,218
Rent Income	20,900	-	Total Expense	182,674	256,979
Other	13,965	9,175	Total Surplus / Deficit	112,117	-62,828
Total Income	294,791	194,151			

First Reading Is 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) *Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.*

or

(R.) *Alleluia!*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;*

*no one comes to the Father, except
through me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 13:22-30

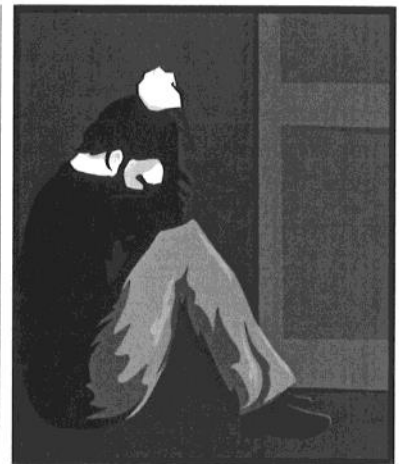
From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

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