



# 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 26 August 2018

About the "mystery" of collections. It's probably not what you think. When it comes to collections - yes, I am speaking of money collections at Mass - there is a pretty good chance that some of your assumptions about them have been slightly off the mark. But it is not your fault. The current system of church collection has been decided and approved by the boards and archbishops from the past. We are bound to follow it according to some rules whose exact nature I cannot quite define at the moment. And the basic gist of it is this: **The first collection does not go to the parish, not quite; instead, the second collection does!**

So, if you ever put into the first collection a decisive amount of financial contribution, with a heartfelt desire to support the local parish, your kind generosity would have been, although admirable, somewhat misplaced. 'Would that it were so simple!' (From the movie *Hail Caesar*) It would have been advisable for you to exercise patience, start gently perhaps with a smaller sum at the first collection and then work your way toward a larger finale at the second collection because, once again, it is the latter that goes to the parish and stays there:

'Money from the second collection supports the maintenance of the parish buildings and pastoral programs. The parish must work within its own budget and is unable to draw funds for expenses from any source other than its own parish income. Loans for church works are permitted as long as they can be serviced.' (*Parish Finance and Administrative Guidelines*, Sydney Archdiocese).

What then is the first collection (usually taken at the offertory) for? Firstly, it covers the priest-related expenses such as monthly stipends, superannuation, housekeeping and mass supply, etc. But then *whatever is in excess* does not stay in the parish; instead, it is sent to a central body known as the Clergy Remuneration System whose function it is to manage a common fund and supplement those parishes whose first collections happen to be insufficient for their priests.

A few things to consider:

- Currently, there is only one priest (that's me!) in *Regina Coeli*. Therefore all priest-related expenses have been halved, generally speaking. At the moment, over 50% of our first collections is in excess and being sent over to the Clergy Remuneration System. Whilst this may be seen as a "positive act of generosity", whether it is 'intended' is another question.
- By contrast, we do not have such surplus when it comes to second collections which support parish operations. In fact, we have been in deficit for the past few years (more of this later). Although I am optimistic that our deficit can be managed without too much difficulty, there is a danger of being seen as a parish which is unable to become self-sufficient.

All I wish to say for the time being is, let's become better informed and more intentional when it comes to giving. Please stay tuned for more to come!

Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 26 Aug</b> 21st Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 27 Aug</b> St Monica	10.30am No Mass
<b>Tues 28 Aug</b> St Augustine	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 29 Aug</b> Passion St John Baptist	7.00am Mass
<b>Thurs 30 Aug</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 31 Aug</b>	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Sat 1 Sept</b>	9:00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 2 Sept</b> 22nd Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Therese Lee Cheong Lim, Charley Lo Russo, May Josephine O'Donoghue,

### In Loving Memory

Orazio Giannaula, Theresa & Edward Cantwell, Marie Patricia Doherty, Anthony Nguyen, Bartolo Tesoriero, Donato Tozzi, Marc David Sollazzo, Roy Mitchell, Doreen Simmons, Ivan Matek, Anthony Nguyen, Fulvia Tonitto, Peter Repole, Alfio Stagnitta & family, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Maria Porcu, Connie Fedele, Irene Hall, Anna & Joseph Pham, Elisabeth Dang, Mark Phillips, Vito Maida, Carmelo Algozzino, 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 Brown, Alfia Coco, Jimmy Simmons, Florence Mitchell, Nicola Kohen, John Souter, 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, Carmelo Algozzino, 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:

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

### Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady  
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### School Principal

Mr Chris Egan  
Asst. Principal  
Mr Peter Busch

### REC

Mrs Elizabeth Webster

### Last Weekend 19 Aug 2018

**2nd Collection \$1,823.85**

1st Collection \$1,191.80

**Congratulations** to our parish children who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. We thank our wonderful children for their enthusiastic participation in the Sacramental preparation classes. We thank their parents for accompanying them and we thank the school for their unwavering support.

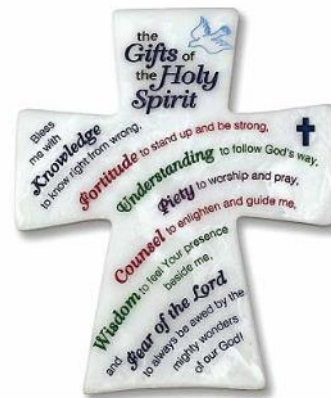
We would also like to recognise the effort put in by our choir, in their weekly rehearsals. We appreciate the gift of their time given to this sacred task and we are especially grateful to our choir leader, Herman Tay, for his expertise, leadership and encouragement.

### LED BY THE SPIRIT

We ought not to think of inspiration as though it were some strange abnormal process, taking a man out of himself and making him as it were a mere passive

instrument for The Spirit to play on; we ought rather to regard it as the normal and natural way by which God will give ordinary people like ourselves the power to use and develop and beautify our mental gifts, and to believe that the more God shines upon us and guides us, the more there will be in us for Him to illuminate and teach.

*From "The Healthful Spirit" by The Reverend H.N. Bate (1910)*



### Life Ascending Meetings

Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass

Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

### Rosary Statue

**Mrs M Weeks**  
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### Memorial Mass for the Unborn

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual *Memorial Mass for the Unborn* on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 74 candles will be bought forward in remembrance of the 74 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8400 or [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org)

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL BEVERLY HILLS MENS CONFERENCE WE NEED YOU

A single mum with young children rings for help the operator informs her the Conference has closed so she will need to go to Bankstown for help.

The single mum has no car or money she bursts into tears & hangs up what does she do now.

This could well be the case if we do not attract new members to complement our aging membership.

How would you feel if this actually happens. Well how about doing something to avoid that situation becoming reality.

We meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre meetings last approx. 1 hour.

Come along one evening or first contact President Paul Morris on 0438 225 120. You can be assured of a warm welcome in a friendly environment come along & see for yourself.

Why not at least give it a go training is provided by experienced Conference members & the amount of time spent is up to the individual. Looking forward to meeting you.

Paul Morris  
President



Registrations for Beverly Hills Eagles Cricket & Sports Club Inc. have begun. For information, please **visit** Facebook; [www.bheaglescc.nsw.cricket.com.au](http://www.bheaglescc.nsw.cricket.com.au) or



playcricket. The Eagles the Original Sports Club from Regina Coeli Parish starting 50 years ago.

### Feast Day Dinner to say

#### "Thank You to our wonderful Volunteers"

A warm thank you to all who came out to celebrate our Feast Day Dinner in the hall last Wednesday evening.

A wonderful time was had as we intermingled and had time for a good catch up with those that we must so often hasten past in the busyness of everyday life.

The evening commenced with an introduction song—Pass My Love Around—played and sang by Gillian and Stephanie. This was followed by a Psalm, The Magnificat, Prayers of Intercession, the Our Father, some brief words from Fr Peter followed by us all singing Hail Queen of Heaven, in praisegiving of our patron saint, Mary, Queen of Heaven.

The food and drink was delicious and plentiful and appreciated by all as was the gentle background music.

We thank our wonderful St Vincent de Paul Ladies for their help and all others who so willingly lent a helping hand on the night, especially with the wrap up.

Definitely something to look forward to again.

*Margaret on behalf of the Parish Team*

We sincerely thank those who contributed to the Charitable Works Fund. \$980 has been collected, however much more is required in order for us to meet the target.

CWF Envelopes are available at all Church doors if you wish to contribute this weekend.

### Family Spirit

(by CatholicCare Sydney and Marist180)

Could you provide short-term help for long-term memories?

As a new agency combining the strengths of Marist180 and CatholicCare Sydney, Family Spirit urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care.

To learn more, come to our information night: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 5.30-8pm, Marist180 36 First Avenue Blacktown NSW 2148.

Call **CCareline** on **13 18 19** to secure your place.



**First Reading Jos 24:1-2, 15-18**

*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v.9**

*(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from  
the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be  
condemned. (R.)

**Second Reading Eph 5:21-32**

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and

sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

**Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel Jn 6:60-69**

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

*'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.  
The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.*

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.