



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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 October 2019

First things first. Just before I left to go on holidays about a month ago, a letter arrived. It was from Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Following his pastoral visitation here in July/August, he had written a report which is addressed to me but also meant to be shared in some way with parishioners. So, I have selected passages which I thought might be of greatest interest to you. - Fr Peter -

2019 Visitation of Regina Coeli Parish, Beverly Hills

Dear Father Kwak,

Thank you for the welcome I received from yourself, the school leaders and staff, the lay leaders of ministries and the parishioners, during my canonical visitation of Regina Coeli Parish, Beverly Hills, from 31 July to 4 August 2019. Please extend my thanks to all those who gave of their time during the Visitation.

I want to share with you some thoughts about my time in Beverly Hills and, in particular, the sanctifying, teaching and leadership service activities of the Parish. You may wish to share parts of this report with your parish councilors, ministry leaders or other collaborators.

Clergy

Peter, might I begin by thanking you for the generous service you have rendered to God and His people in Beverly Hills since you were appointed Administrator on 12 December 2017. It has clearly been a most fruitful service. Following the request from many of your parishioners, my own observations during my time on Visitation, and having consulted the Regional Bishop and my curia, I have been pleased to appoint you as Parish Priest.....

You expressed some anxiety, mirrored amongst some parishioners, regarding the chopping and changing of pastors over the last few years and the potential impact of Parish 2020 upon the parish. In particular, people were worried whether Beverly Hills would remain a stand-alone parish with its own dedicated priest. I advised you that there is no current proposal to amalgamate Beverly Hills with another parish. As for other kinds of collaboration or twinning, we will have to see what comes in the draft report in the next few months and final report next year. I am grateful for your patience and that of your parishioners: please understand that my goal is to ensure vibrant Eucharistic communities across Sydney and the sustainability of our parishes in terms of worship, pastoral outreach, staff and volunteers and finances.

People

I was pleased to have an opportunity to meet with Parish Finance Committee members, leaders of various ministries, some of the sick and housebound, the school leaders, staff and students, state school catechists and others. A particular joy for me was the Parish Dinner attended by 240 parishioners. It was a great opportunity for interchange with parishioners about a range of issues

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The Week Ahead

Sun 27 Oct 30th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 28 Oct Sts Simon & Jude Apostles	No Mass
Tues 29 Oct	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass 10:30am Funeral Mass for Vincenza Oliveri
Wed 30 Oct	7.00am Mass
Thurs 31 Oct	9:15am Mass 10:00am Reconciliation with Year 5
Fri 1 Nov All Saints	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Whole School Mass
Sat 2 Nov All Souls	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 3 Nov 31st Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Suzu Marie Dupont-Louis, Vincenza Oliveri

In Loving Memory

Anton Shedden, James Roebuck, Donato Tozzi, Angelo Porcu, Angelo Mascolo, Maria Debono, Anita Abbey, Cono Reale, Colleen Bresnan, Patricia Atkins, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Marc David Solazzo, artolo Tesoriero

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

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.

Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady
9554 8155
Tues 8:30am – 1:30pm
Wed & Fri 10.30am-3.30pm
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Mr Peter Crawford

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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

November Masses

As happened last year, a book will be placed on a stand in front of the altar. Please write down the names of holy souls you wish to pray for. All of the Masses in November will be offered for those whose names are written in the book. Please do try to remember those who may not have anyone to pray for them, thank you!

- Fr Peter -



Some of you might have noticed that there was an inexplicably sudden drop in collection amounts for 29 September 2019. This happened while I was away. Apparently, there was a problem with the safe and the collections from one of the weekend masses (Saturday Vigil) were not counted. So, the (controversial!) amounts published in the bulletin (6 October 2019) were: \$1366.30 (2nd collection) and \$698.80 (1st collection)! Fortunately, the problem with the safe has been resolved since then and additional amounts have been counted: \$643.45 (2nd collection) and \$370.35 (1st collection). In other words, there was no real drop. Phew! Thank you all for being pretty consistent in giving!

- Fr Peter -

Vinnies Clothing Drive—2 November 2019

All clothing bags should be out no later than 8:00am and located where they can be seen from the street. No Clothes or bags are to be left at the Church or Parish Centre. Clothing can be taken to the school yard between 8:15am and 8:45am on the day, 2 November, for pick up.

Rosary Statue

Mr N Smith
15A Bungalow Road

Ph: 9740 8448



Last Weekend 20 October 2019

2nd Collection \$2,075.65

1st Collection \$1,231.95

Attendance

5PM	
8.30AM	132
10AM	202
Total	?

It was also a good initiative to have several parishioners share their reflections on the parish with me in writing in advance of my visitation.....

Word

It was a joy to meet the leadership team of Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School (Chris Egan, Elizabeth Webster and Abigail Claridge – Peter Busch was on leave), as well as staff and students, and to have some interaction with the students. The staff are a very tight-knit professional group and the school's results have improved significantly in recent years. The staff are a very tight-knit professional group and the school's results have improved significantly in recent years. High value is placed on academic and religious performance and there is a strong family, faith and community culture. The Family Educator is very highly regarded. As in many schools I heard that the administrative burden was too great.....

There is broad recognition amongst the various stakeholders in the parish that the school has outgrown its footprint and that the long drawn out building project has damaged reputation and relationships. Some thought the school had moved too soon to three streams, leaving it with inferior and overcrowded facilities for teaching and sport, and eyeing the parish land enviously. Others felt the parish had been uncooperative. There was frustration expressed about the changing goal posts of SCS. Certainly there is some tension here which I do not pretend to referee. I recommend that you meet Mr Farley to discuss the history and way forward, and work with him to develop a better relationship with SCS.....

Beverly Hills North and Narwee public primary schools are within the boundaries of the parish and though there is a dedicated team of 10 catechists, we could always do with more. I was disappointed to learn that no catechists visit Beverly Hills Girls High.

I note that your website – which is one of the principal points of contact for outsiders and inquirers – is very dated, as is the noticeboard outside the sacristy and perhaps some other information points. I would ask you to update these things as a matter of priority.....

Underpinnings

In addition to your existing Finance Committee – of dedicated and very helpful parishioners – you have recently established a Planning Committee and a Building and Maintenance Committee which I commend: we can look forward to the fruits of their labours. Clearly a resolution of the issue of land use and buildings for the parish and the school is perplexing many of you: I have mentioned my concerns to the Chancery Building Team and the Sydney Catholic Schools office and ask you to take these matters forward with them.....

Conclusion

Beverly Hills, like much of Sydney, is a fast-growing and fast-changing area and can expect to have more rather than fewer Catholics in the future. The questions is: will they be church-goers, and how will they contribute to building the kingdom of God? While as many as 1 in 6 Catholics in your area attends Mass, we must, like the Good Shepherd, always have a heart for 'the lost sheep' and to be reflecting again and again with our people about how we might better reach out to the non-attenders and help them make Regina Coeli their spiritual home. Once again, I am most grateful for the welcome and the hospitality I received during the course of the Visitation and for the schedule you prepared for me to enable me to gain an overview of many aspects of the Parish's life.....

With prayerful best wishes, yours fraternally in Christ, Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

Life Ascending Meetings

Third Thursday at 7:30pm
Second and fourth Fridays after the 9.15Mass.

New members are most welcome.

Looking for support?

Counselling can support you and your family to face life's challenges. Our caring team provide affordable services for individuals, couples and families. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Pew Kneelers—Return to down position

For safety reasons, please ensure that all pew kneelers are left in the down position.

Wanted Volunteers

St Vincent De Paul—RIVERWOOD STORE
295 Belmore Rde
95334192
Please speak to Steve—Store Manager

First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's
supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves
God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the
clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes
notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers
judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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 just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a
libation, and the time has come for me to
be gone. I have fought the good fight to
the end; I have run the race to the finish;
I have kept the faith; all there is to come
now is the crown of righteousness reserved
for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge,

will give to me on that Day; and not only to
me but to all those who have longed for his
Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,
there was not a single witness to support
me. Every one of them deserted me – may
they not be held accountable for it. But
the Lord stood by me and gave me power,
so that through me the whole message
might be proclaimed for all the pagans to
hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's
mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil
attempts on me, and bring me safely to his
heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever
and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the
world to himself;**

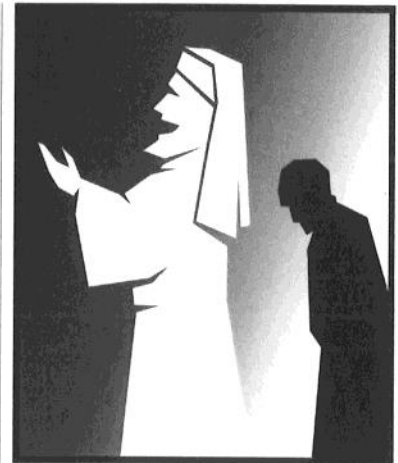
**and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some
people who prided themselves on being
virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two
men went up to the Temple to pray, one
a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The
Pharisee stood there and said this prayer
to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not
grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of
mankind, and particularly that I am not like
this tax collector here. I fast twice a week;
I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector
stood some distance away, not daring even
to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his
breast and said, "God, be merciful to me,
a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home
again at rights with God; the other did
not. For everyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, but the man who humbles
himself will be exalted.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is very easy for religious people to
fall into a kind of self-righteousness.
Their very enthusiasm and generosity
can plant the seeds of religious
arrogance. They know what
commitment demands of them; they
experience relative success in their
endeavors to be faithful; they distance
themselves from what they think
might threaten their resolve; and then
they pass judgment on those who do
not share their values or experience
their success. This kind of arrogance
is often imperceptible, because there
is enough truth in every step along the
way that it is difficult to recognise
when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one
who admits being a sinner, and can
accept the implications of that
admission. This is the kind of prayer
that is described in the reading from
Sirach and the psalm response. It is
those who can admit that they are
needy who turn to God in that need. It
is those who trust that God will be
their strength in the face of their
weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the
attitudes that should be ours as we
pray. Like the Pharisee, he
acknowledges his success. He has
competed well; he has finished the
course; he has kept the faith.
However, unlike the Pharisee, he
acknowledges that God is the source
of any good he has been able to
accomplish. The Lord stood by him
and gave him strength. If there is any
glory, it belongs to God. Paul's
confident prayer springs from a
humble heart.

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