



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 July 2019

When first trying to book Club Rivers for the parish dinner with the Archbishop, we were asked how many people might be expected. I remember saying, 'I have NO IDEA...but hopefully at least a hundred?' Since then a quiet fear of potentially having to admit that we failed to reach the minimum target has been lurking within me. So, imagine my surprise... Even Club Rivers nearly panicked when I informed them of our latest number during the week, emphatically telling me, 'Please, no more than 240!' As it turns out, 240 is almost exactly how many of us will be venturing out to Club Rivers on Wednesday in order to find out what meaningful content the evening might hold for our body and soul. Given that the average number of worshippers at Regina Coeli is about 500 each weekend, 240 is, as a friend of mine put it, "half the parish!" [Of course, in truth, there are many more than twice 240 who *belong* to Regina Coeli Catholic Parish.]

Please try to arrive early rather than late (before 6PM) so that there can be sufficient time for "the crowd" to be seated and to approach the buffet table in an orderly manner. There will be extra parking available on St Joseph's parish/school premises accessible from Littleton Street, Riverwood. A courtesy bus from Club Rivers can pick up parishioners (up to 10) from Regina Coeli (our church) at 5.30PM and then bring them back at the end of the night. Please let me know ASAP if you require this service.

From now until the parish dinner, anyone who is interested can *vote* on 'Questions for the Archbishop' so that the most popular of them may be presented to him on the night. You need to go to [slido.com](https://www.slido.com) and then enter the code [regina](#). Once there you can also propose new questions (under 150 characters) for everyone to vote on. May the best questions win!

The finale of the Archbishop's pastoral visitation will be, quite fittingly, the celebration of the Eucharist at 10AM on Sunday 4 August (followed by morning tea). Please note that the Archbishop will not be at any of the other masses on that weekend - you'll be stuck with me as usual (and you won't be able to get your money back either). [But the Archbishop will be celebrating another Mass on Thursday 1 August at 9:15AM with the whole school.] For this reason and more, it is highly recommended that you come to the 10AM Mass just for this weekend, even if you might have been coming to one of the other masses for a "thousand" steadfast years! Who knows what surprising joy, in divine providence, might await us during this week of Archbishop's pastoral visitation? Let's stay awake and watch, without shying away!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 28 Jul 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 29 Jul St Martha	No Mass
Tues 30 Jul	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
Wed 31 Jul St Ignatious of Loyola	7.00am Mass
Thurs 1 Aug St Alphonsus Liguori	9:15am Mass with the Archbishop and the whole school
Fri 2 Aug	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 3 Aug St Dominic	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 4 Aug 18th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass followed by morning tea 10.00am Mass with the Archbishop followed by morning tea

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Ron Daniels, Carmen Aquilina, Zach & Josh, Neil Kirkness, Fouad Attia, Jeanette Cardoz, Kerry El-hourani

In Loving Memory

Maurice Haddad, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo
Amy Kathlee Caren, Elizabeth Dang, Bernie Crawford, Anna Maria Cicuto, Patricia Gates, Viet Dinh, Pio Gonano, Donato Tozzi, Damia & Assia Dagher, Manuel & Gloria Vierira, Terzino Ventresca, Antonia Falzon, Sam Xerri, Edward Cantwell, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Ovens, Carl John Sollazzo, Irene Hall.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Genevieve Shedden, Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Peter Campbell, 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.

Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady
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First Holy Communion

'The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is to be celebrated on Saturday 14 September 5.00pm Mass & Sunday 15 September 10.00am Mass.



Enrolment forms have been sent to parents of children who recently made their First Reconciliation. Enrolment forms are also available on the parish website, the back of the church and from the Parish office.

Vinnies Clothing Drive



- The next Vinnies Clothing Drive will be held on August 3rd.
- Clothing should be out by 8am where it can be seen from the street.
- Clothing is not to be left at the Parish Centre or at the rear of the church, thank you.

Life Ascending Meeting times are:

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

We welcome [Liz Philips](#), [Cheryl Wilkins](#), [Juliette Morton](#), [Lilli Rodriguez](#), [Milah Holtz](#), [Phyllis Bonner](#), [Rhona de Voss](#), [Rita Chater](#), [Zara Rodriguez](#) to the role of Welcomer at Mass, thank you! The new roster for all welcomers is available to be picked up at the back of the church.

Rosary Statue

Mrs J. Maher
27 Roseview Avenue

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Last Weekend 21 July 2019		Attendance	
		5PM	?
		8.30AM	?
		10AM	264
		Total	?
2nd Collection \$2055.70			
1st Collection	\$1203.85		

A parishioner who lives in Midlothian Avenue, Beverly Hills, was wondering if someone living nearby would be happy to give her a lift to Mass on the weekend. She would be happy to attend any Mass. Please let me know, thank you. - Fr Peter -

Catholic Works Fund Appeal- next weekend.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal, **on 10th and 11th August 2019**, (moved from 3rd and 4th on account of the Archbishop's pastoral visitation) and the Development and Fundraising Office turns to you for your continued support in facilitating this appeal.

Your assistance helps raise funds for many of our important works across the Archdiocese of Sydney, including providing family counselling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming our seminarians, outreach to Aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community.

The agencies which provide the above services includes CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our seminaries and the Ephpheta Centre.

Q&A with Archbishop Anthony Fisher

Vote on which questions you think are the best questions to be asked or write a new question yourself (under 150 characters) by going to:

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And then enter the code:

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Reminders about the parish dinner with the Archbishop on 31 July 2019 @ Club Rivers

- ◆ Please try to arrive early rather than late (before 6PM) so that there can be sufficient time for “the crowd” to be seated and approach the buffet table in an orderly manner.
- ◆ There will be extra parking available on St Joseph’s parish/school premises accessible from Littleton Street, Riverwood.
- ◆ A courtesy bus from Club Rivers can pick up parishioners (up to 10) from Regina Coeli (our church) at 5.30PM and then bring them back at the end of the night. Please let Fr Peter know ASAP if you require this service.
- ◆ Special activities for children will be run by some of our Children’s Liturgy volunteers after the main meal.
- ◆ Preferably, dress up rather than down :)

Archbishop Anthony Fisher's vision for the Church in Sydney:

“My hope is for a Church in which the Gospel is preached with joy, the wisdom of our tradition mined with fidelity, the sacraments celebrated with dignity and welcome, and the seminaries, convents and youth groups teeming with new life; a Church in which our parishes, chaplaincies and educational institutions are true centres of the new evangelisation, our laity theologically literate and spiritually well-formed, our outreach to the needy effective and growing, and God glorified above all.”

End of Financial Year Tax Receipts are now available at the back of the Church. Receipts for donations to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal are also included in the envelopes. Thank you!

The Living Word

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

28 July 2019

First Reading Gn 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 11:1-13

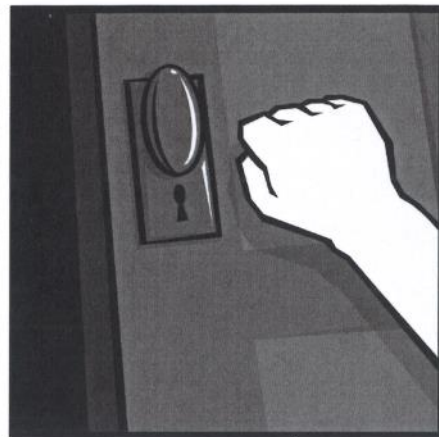
Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

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