



# 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 the Holy Family 29 December 2019

One of the highlights over Christmas for me was the nativity play performed by parish children who were dressed in a near-perfect manner, the credit for which, no doubt, goes to their costume managers, namely, the mums. There was a particular cast member (the youngest) about whom the producers initially had some reservation. It was unclear just how committed he really was. In the end the risk was taken for him to be given the green light. Sure enough, even on the night, he seemed undecided in regard to choosing between work and family, several times running back and forth between the two. He was fine at the start but then, subsequently, chose not to follow the script, breaking out of character and throwing up in the air, more than once, his prop, in spite of best efforts from the stage crew to calm him down. He appeared to have the uncontrollable emotional energy of Marlon Brando and probably inspired the other actors to come out of their shell because all of their performances were excellent!

A quick recap of 2019: At the very start I was asked to break the holiday season by undertaking the serious business of discussing religious freedom with the member for Barton. It was almost unanimously assumed at the time that Labour would definitely be in government after the Federal Election and that therefore shadow ministers were more important to talk to than anyone else. I was kindly allowed an audience during which I explained my view but without seeing much evidence of impact. Well, the unpromising event turned out to matter less than I thought as Labour ended up not winning. And then there was the public announcement of the conviction of Cardinal Pell - probably one of the biggest stories of 2019. Even though I was personally aware of what was coming at least several months in advance, the fact that everyone else now knew was more unsettling than I had expected. The story will continue in 2020.

More than 70 people responded to the call for volunteering early in the year - one of the fruits of which was the formation of parish pastoral council! Little did I know that fully actualising the potential intimated in all of the responses would be an entire process in itself! This story too will continue in 2020. The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday underwent quite a change and unfolded all inside the church. Then the pastoral visitation by the Archbishop happened, most probably because ours had been long overdue. The dinner was a tremendous hit - possibly the tipping point for the Archbishop in his esteem of our parish. The visitation ended with the bombshell announcement about my appointment as parish priest - something which I was able to ponder over while on annual leave. December started with Bishop Richard Umbers installing me as parish priest and our Christmas party was well attended in spite of 2019 being a year of many events! Thanks be to God and a happy new year to you all!

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 29 Dec</b> Feast of the Holy Family	8.30am Mass 10.00a Mass
<b>Mon 30 Dec</b>	No Mass
<b>Tues 31 Dec</b> Octave of the Nativity	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Wed 1 Jan</b> Mary, the Holy Mother of God	9.00am Mass
<b>Thurs 2 Jan</b> St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen bishops, doctors	9:15am Mass
<b>Fri 3 Jan</b>	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Sat 4 Jan</b>	9.00am: Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 5 Dec</b> Feast of the Epiphany	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

### In Loving Memory

Peter Pezzutti, Manuel & Gloria Vieira, Jovito Canonizado

### Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Damiano Serravalle, Michelle Makin, Pat Johnson, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, 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.

### Life Ascending Meetings

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

#### Parish Secretary

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

#### Sacramental Coordinator/ PSSO

Mrs Elizabeth Gooley  
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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

## 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 -

## St Vincent de Paul 2020 Columban Art Calendars

are available at the Piety Stall for \$7 per calendars. Good quality & value for money as well as assisting St Vincent de Paul Men's Conference in their work in the Parish area.

## Catechist Required

Next year, our Parish will be in need of catechists for the following classes-

Year 5 & Year 6 Beverly Hills North Public School on Wednesdays at 11.50am.

Year 4 Narwee on Thursday at 10.05am.

If you have a little time and are interested in becoming a catechist or a catechist helper, please speak to Fr. Peter or contact the Parish office. Also, if you have a WWC check, you are most welcome to attend and observe a class with another catechist to see if this ministry may be for you! Training courses and teaching materials are provided by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

## Rosary Statue

Mrs M Weeks  
23 Yoorami Road

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**Last Weekend**  
**22 December 2019**

**2nd Collection \$1,935.80**

1st Collection \$1,178.55

### Attendance

5PM	?
8.30AM	136
10AM	185
<b>Total</b>	<b>?</b>





## URBI ET ORBI" MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS CHRISTMAS 2019

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Is 9:1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Merry Christmas!

From the womb of Mother Church, the incarnate Son of God is born anew this night. His name is Jesus, which means: "God saves". The Father, eternal and infinite Love, has sent him into the world not to condemn the world but to save it (cf. Jn 3:17). The Father has given him to us with great mercy. He has given him to everyone. He has given him forever. The Son is born, like a small light flickering in the cold and darkness of the night.

That Child, born of the Virgin Mary, is the Word of God made flesh. The Word who guided Abraham's heart and steps towards the promised land, and who continues to draw to himself all those who trust in God's promises. The Word who led the Hebrews on the journey from slavery to freedom and who continues to call the enslaved in every age, including our own, to come forth from their prisons. He is the Word brighter than the sun, made incarnate in a tiny son of man: Jesus the light of the world.

This is why the prophet cries out: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Is 9:1). There is darkness in human hearts, yet the light of Christ is greater still. There is darkness in personal, family and social relationships, but the light of Christ is greater. There is darkness in economic, geopolitical and ecological conflicts, yet greater still is the light of Christ.

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May Emmanuel bring light to all the suffering members of our human family. May he soften our often stony and self-centred hearts, and make them channels of his love. May he bring his smile, through our poor faces, to all the children of the world: to those who are abandoned and those who suffer violence. Through our frail hands, may he clothe those who have nothing to wear, give bread to the hungry and heal the sick. Through our friendship, such as it is, may he draw close to the elderly and the lonely, to migrants and the marginalized. On this joyful Christmas Day, may he bring his tenderness to all and brighten the darkness of this world.

**First Reading Sir 3:2-6. 12-14**

*Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.*

The Lord honours the father in his children,  
and upholds the rights of a mother over her  
sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his  
sins,

he who honours his mother is like someone  
amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy  
with children of his own,  
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.  
Long life comes to him who honours his  
father,

he who sets his mother at ease is showing  
obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,  
do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him  
sympathy,

do not despise him in your health and  
strength;

for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten  
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1**

*(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and  
walk in his ways.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life. (R.)

**Second Reading Col 3:12-21**

*Concerning the Christian life in the world.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints;  
he loves you and you should be clothed  
in sincere compassion, in kindness and  
humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with  
one another; forgive each other as soon as a  
quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now  
you must do the same. Over all these clothes,  
to keep them together and complete them,  
put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign  
in your hearts, because it is for this that you  
were called together as parts of one body.  
Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness,  
find a home with you. Teach each other,  
and advise each other, in all wisdom. With

gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and  
hymns and inspired songs to God; and  
never say or do anything except in the name  
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the  
Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as  
you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your  
wives and treat them with gentleness.  
Children, be obedient to your parents always,  
because that is what will please the Lord.  
Parents, never drive your children to  
resentment or you will make them feel  
frustrated.

**Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live  
within you.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mt 2:13-15. 19-23**

*Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.*

After the wise men had left, the angel of the  
Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and  
said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother  
with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay  
there until I tell you, because Herod intends  
to search for the child and do away with him.'  
So Joseph got up and, taking the child and  
his mother with him, left that night for Egypt,  
where he stayed until Herod was dead. This  
was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken  
through the prophet:

*I called my son out of Egypt.*

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord  
appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and  
said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother  
with you and go back to the land of Israel, for  
those who wanted to kill the child are dead.'  
So Joseph got up and, taking the child and  
his mother with him, went back to the land of  
Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had  
succeeded his father Herod as ruler of  
Judea he was afraid to go there, and being  
warned in a dream he left for the region of  
Galilee. There he settled in a town called  
Nazareth. In this way the words spoken  
through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

*He will be called a Nazarene.*



**Reflection by Diane Bergant**

All of the major themes found in today's  
readings highlight the relational character  
of family life. In Sirach some of the  
dynamics of family living and  
responsibility as exercised in the ancient  
world unfold before our eyes. The rewards  
of faithfully observing these family codes  
are showcased in the responsorial Psalm.  
Paul directs our attention to the manner  
of relational living to which we are  
summoned as members of the family of  
God, a manner of living that flows from  
the bond of perfection that unites us. The  
gospel narrative paints a picture of a  
family that follows the directives of God.

So much has been said recently about  
family values. But what exactly are they?  
The specifics of family customs and roles  
played within the family may be culture-  
bound, but it seems that the values out of  
which they emerge and that inform them  
are not. They include mutuality, respect  
and service between wives and husbands,  
between parents and children, and  
between the young and the old.

Mutuality, respect and service become  
characteristics of the Church or the  
ecclesial family as well. What binds the  
family of God together are virtues that are  
as relational as are the ties that bind the  
members of the natural family together. It  
may be more challenging to live out these  
values within the church, for those who  
are called to put on Christ, bearing with  
one another in compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness and patience must  
relate in this way with people who may be  
strangers.

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