



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 29 July 2018

Last Wednesday (July 25) was the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Humanae Vitae* - arguably the most well known papal encyclical on account of its controversial subject matter, namely, artificial regulation of birth (a.k.a. contraception). In the document Pope Paul VI wrote, 'It is anticipated that perhaps not everyone will easily accept this particular teaching.' Well, perhaps a greater understatement has never been written, at least not by a pope! The question is, What now, fifty years after the massive friction occasioned by this "bombshell" of papal utterance (FYI, it is actually written quite gently and beautifully)? Can there be reconciliation between the magisterial Church and, presumably, the majority of Catholics for whom the teaching of *Humanae Vitae* is far from being an embraced reality? I believe - and I am not the only one - that there is a bridge, which exists in the form of *the law of gradualness*.

The law of gradualness is not *the gradualness of the law*, by which is implied that different laws apply to different people. Not really. God's law provides the most reliable point of reference for us, not the other way around. As Paul VI put it, 'Since the Church did not make [the moral law - both natural and evangelical], she cannot be their arbiter - only their guardian and interpreter. It could never be right for her to declare lawful what is in fact unlawful, since that, by its very nature, is always opposed to the true good of man.' Nevertheless, there is gradualness in the way that a human person comes to assent to and live by the objectively true and beautiful law of God. A saint is not made overnight. It is vitally important for us to recognise this, not least because it reflects the way in which grace actually operates in our lives.

Grace often works through the little way - a soft whisper or a gentle touch. It might be more important for us to notice the little way in which grace knocks on our door - our incarnate existence - than to live at the risk of deluding ourselves by attempting to reform ourselves as though by magic. We never presume to be exempt from the Law, certainly not above it; instead, we always maintain a genuine openness to its inner logic which is informed by love - a love that sets us free! At the same time, however, we humbly acknowledge that for a host of reasons - 'ignorance, inadvertence, duress, fear, habit, inordinate attachments, and other psychological or social factors' (Catechism 1735) - we are probably not yet ready to keep the entire Law in a truly integrated way. So, we begin by focusing on an aspect of life which is in most need of the medicine of God's mercy, one step at a time. That "little" step - an authentic encounter with the merciful Lord - can go a long way in opening up new doors of mercy such that, before we know it, we are endowed with virtues we have never dreamt of being capable of exercising. And a song full of inner conviction might be heard in our conscience, gradually with ever increasing clarity and joy, 'Oh, how I love thy Law! It is my meditation all the day.' (Psalm 119:97) - *Fr Peter* -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 29 Jul 17th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 30 Jul St Peter Chrysologus		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 31 Jul St Ignatius of Loyola	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Year 6
Wed 1 Aug St Alphonsus Liguori	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 2 Aug Sts Eusebius and Peter Julian	9.15am	Mass
Fri 3 Aug St Dominic	8:30am 9:15am 7:30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Memorial Mass Andrea Casella RIP
Sat 4 Aug St John Vianney	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 5 Aug 18th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Anna & Joseph Pham, Elisabeth Dang, Donato Tozzi, Mark Phillips, Vito Maida, Carmelo Algozzino, Giovanni Battiato, Francesca Spinella, Norm Coleman, Georgia & Philip Spiteri, Bernie Crawford, Santo Ilardo, Francesco & Salvatore Cocilovo, Irene Hall, 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 Laspi-na 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, Anthony Nguyen, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Bartolo Tesoriero, Stephen Xuereb, Marc David Sollazzo, Edmund Banfield, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Connie Fedele, Darren Seymour, Frances Spinella, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Thomas Tran, Edward Cantwell, Carl John Sollazzo, Joseph Owens, Thomas Mendes

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

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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Tues, Wed, 8.30-3.30
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11.30am - 3.30pm

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Mr Chris Egan
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Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit Saturday 25 August 2018

New choir members required to help our parish children celebrate in song as they receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 25 August 2018.

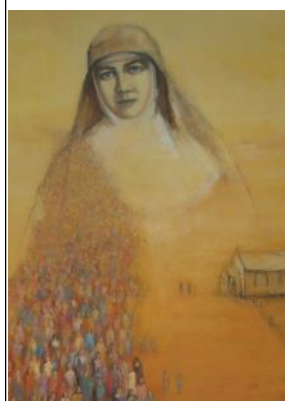
Rehearsals for this celebration will take place in our Church on Tuesdays the 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd of August from 7:00pm.

Also required are power point operators. If you can offer your help and expertise in this area, please contact:

Herman Tay on 9580 5002

or

Parish office: 9544 8155



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to bring life to "the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard."

Next weekend

4-5 August 2018

Envelopes will be available at each Church door if you wish to make a contribution.

New Playgroup

A very warm welcome to parents, grandparents and carers of young children of Regina Coeli parish to join us Monday mornings for Playgroup!

All ages prior to starting school very welcome.

Where: Regina Coeli Parish hall, Ponyara Road

When: 9—10.45am Mondays in school term (unless during a special event eg. whole school Mass.

Entry: by the hall's main gate and via front door of the hall. No entry via the side doors.

Cost: \$2

Prayer reflection will be held from 9-9.15am.

Please bring morning tea snacks for children.

For safety reasons, no nuts please.

Stop in for a coffee/tea and join us in connecting with friends, family, and faith.

Contact: Family Educator at Regina Coeli School:- Abigail at abigail.claridge@syd.catholic.edu.au

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs L Stillone

Ph: 18 Rhonda Ave

Ph: 9153 9339



Last Weekend 22 July 2018

2nd Collection \$1,709.10

1st Collection \$1,194.95

The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be celebrated in our parish on Saturday 25 August. If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament, and haven't already enrolled them in our preparation program, please do so as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available at the parish office.

Donation to Priest's Retirement Fund and to Charitable Works Fund Tax Receipts available for collection from the table at the back of the Church.

The Bishop's Blend:

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on

Monday, 6th August 2018 at 7:00am

at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendfifthedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

Life Ascending Meetings

Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass

Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

Catechists Required

We are in need of catechists to teach the following classes-

Year 2 at Narwee Public School Thursday 9.30am-10.00am

Year 6 at Narwee Public School Thursday 10.05am-10.35am

Year 5 at Beverly Hills Nth Public School Wednesday 11.50am-12.20pm

All training and teaching material is supplied. If you are interested in sharing your faith with the children in these classes, please phone the Parish office on 95548155.

Elizabeth Gooley
Sacramental Coordinator
Regina Coeli Parish Beverly Hills
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St Vincent de Paul—Clothing Drive

Our next Clothing Drive is on Saturday 4 August 2018

Clothing should be put out where it can be seen from the street no later than 8:00am.

Clothing and other items are not to be left at the Parish Centre or the Church.

Any enquiries, please contact
Paul Morris 0438 225 120

WORDS – VOCAL PRAYER AS CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Not all prayer is in words, because not all conversation is in words. But it begins with words. It is true, as John Bunyan said, that God infinitely prefers a heart without words to words without a heart when we pray. But the road to wordless prayer is paved with words. The practice of God's presence without words (contemplative or mental prayer) will come in its time, but it will come only through the practice of vocal prayer. For before we can "pray constantly" (1 Thess 5:17) we must first begin to pray!

We should not despise the simple, humble beginnings of prayer in words. Jesus did not. When asked "Teach us to pray", he gave us a vocal prayer.

When we use the prayers of the Church, we use the greatest prayers ever written, the words and sentiments of great saints and hymn writers and liturgists. We do this rightly, because God deserves the best. We should use our own words, too, of course. Others' words may be more beautiful, but your words are more yours, and God cherishes them. God wants your own words most of all because they come from your heart. Your heart may be paltry compared with the heart of a great saint, but *your* heart is what God wants from *you*. Your heart is all you can give him; you cannot give him the heart of a great saint. Until you become one, that is. And you only become one by giving him your heart.

From "Prayer for Beginners" by Peter Kreeft (Copies available in the Piety Stall - \$5 each)

Please note the following Saturdays for Youth Group gatherings.

11 August	27 October
25 August	10 November
08 September	24 November
22 September	8 December

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

1. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your
reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due
time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

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