



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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Catechist Sunday)

3 February 2019



‘Once a catechist, always a catechist!’ I have just made this up ;) however, I have met too many catechists with incredible dedication not to know that there is a lot of truth in that statement. With great love comes great power - a power to sow seeds in the rich soil of a young person’s inmost soul. As for what difference a small seed of Christ, fully grown, can make to a person’s life - or for that matter to the whole world - I tremble to imagine it. As we commemorate Catechist Sunday, let us thank our catechists and pray for them (and for future catechists!). We also have a whole field of rich soil right at our door step - in the form of *Regina Coeli*, the school! A special invitation to the 10am Mass has gone out to all the families enrolled at the school; **hence why the morning tea will be held in the hall rather than the parish centre this weekend.** Similar invitations are due to go out at different times throughout the year to respective year groups. It is hoped that Sunday Eucharist will become for all our families the key ingredient that marvellously enhances the experience of Catholic education/community. To say that a lot has been invested in our school would be a huge understatement, not just financially but even more so in terms of “heart-investment.” In order for us to see a truly satisfying return on our investment, we would need to let the expert handle our portfolio - the only expert who is capable of guaranteeing an unbeatable payoff, namely, Jesus!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 3 Feb 4th Sunday in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 4 Feb	No Mass
Tues 5 Feb St Agatha	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
Wed 6 Feb St Paul Miki & Companions	7.00am Mass
Thur 7 Feb	9.15am Mass
Fri 8 Feb St Jerome Emilliani St Josphine Bakhita	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 9 Feb BVM	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 10 Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Sr Dorothea Meney, Shane William Beaumont, Francisco Marino.

In Loving Memory

Gino Morassut, Alpino Brama, Norm Bramble, Gianni Andreutti, Margaret Carrager, Joe Costa, Bob Pettit, Donato Tozzi, Sam Xerri, Rosario Bombaci.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Peter Campbell, Greg Daniels, Elena Mura, Carmen Aquilina, 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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Mr Peter Crawford

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Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch

REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive dates for 2019

FEBRUARY	9
MAY	4
AUGUST	3
NOVEMBER	2

Please ensure bags are placed outside by 8:00am on the Saturday of collection.

Bags should be visible from the street this will assist collectors which will be most appreciated.

Please do not leave clothing bags at the Church or Parish Centre they will be collected from your home.

*My name is **Carmel Woodford**...it was a Sunday mass when Fr Arthur put out the call for Catechist and as I listened to Fr. talk I thought to myself maybe I could help out. In the words of St Mary of the Cross " never see a need without doing something about it." So I came along to the training course thinking that I would only be relief and fill in when someone was away as I was only available every second week due to my work schedule. This year will mark my eight year of being a Catechist and teach I Year 4 at Narwee Public School. To be honest I was nervous the first few classes that I taught as I had no previous teaching experience however we have a teaching manual which clearly outlines each lesson and assets you in preparing the class which is for 30 mins. It has been very rewarding to watch the children develop over the years and see them keen to learn more about their faith. So I would like to invite you to consider becoming a Catechist and if you decide to volunteer I am sure, that like me you will be very pleased you said yes.*

Rosary Statue

Mrs M. Pettit
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Last Weekend 27 January 2019		Attendance	
2nd Collection \$2088.20		5PM	?
1st Collection		8.30AM	132
\$1010.95		10AM	?
		Total	?

Catechist Sunday

Today we celebrate Catechist Sunday. During Mass, Fr. Peter will recommission our catechists as they begin another school year. We also remember the deceased and retired catechists who generously gave of their time over the many years. Presently, in our parish 13 catechists teach 165 children (2018 figures) in two local primary schools. We attend Beverly Hills North Public School on Wednesday mornings and Narwee Public School on Thursday mornings. The lessons run for thirty minutes. The curriculum, lesson plans and student activity books are provided. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) also runs courses to prepare and assist us with our teaching.

This year we are in need catechists to teach:

Year 6, Narwee Public School on Thursdays at 10.05am.

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

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.

- Elizabeth Gooley, Catechist Coordinator -

Why Become A Catechist?

An article in the Catholic Weekly at the end of last year listed reasons to become a catechist, which are summarised below:

Sharing the faith is an honour. If you've been approached to be a catechist, or if you feel the call, you are being asked to do something special for God, for the Church and for your fellow Catholics.

Your own faith will come alive. As a catechist, you will discover that prayer, liturgy and your own relationship with God will become more vibrant and meaningful.

A catechist is a role model. As a catechist, you get to model behaviours young people might not learn anywhere else.

You will be practising stewardship. Being a catechist is a way of being a good steward by giving a bit of your most precious resource – your time.

You show your own family that you value religious education. Taking time out of your life to teach the faith shows your own children, grandchildren, siblings and family members that you put a high priority on religious education.

It's fun. Spending time with energetic, enthusiastic young people gives you renewed energy and vitality.

It's what we are called to do. At the end of his ministry, Jesus said: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, *teaching them* to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of time".

NEW BEGINNINGS

We've all been there – that very first day at school. Hiding behind your mother's skirts because you thought the infants' teacher was a touch severe. All the new sights, sounds and smells. Wondering what was expected of you. Of course, in later years, the school holidays seemed to stretch out forever, and it was a bit of a shock for those lazy, hazy days of summer to come to an end. Squeezing feet into new shoes, those feet having spent most of 2 months bare. Shopping for uniforms, and knowing the clear unfaded colour marked you out as a newbie more than anything else. How exciting it was to meet up with friends again and wondering whose class you would be in. Disappointment when, yet again, you were placed with "that" teacher. Taking home the list of stationery items deemed essential to learning, with your mother wondering how the housekeeping would stretch to make sure you didn't miss out. All too soon your uniform had the tell-tale signs of letting the hem down as you grew, and grew, and there was no more first day at school. First days at school became important only to remember the school zone speed limits. Then the excitement of watching your children have their own first day at school. Apprehension and pride.

- Raewyn Hayes -

First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19*I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15***(R.) I will sing of your salvation.*

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been
my help. (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
or 1 Cor 13:4-13 (shorter form)***There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Lord sent me to bring Good News to
the poor
and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 4:21-30*Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

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