



# 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

### 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3 March 2019

Sometimes it can be a struggle to decide on a topic to write about for the front page of parish bulletin. Not this week. With all that has been on news about the conviction of Cardinal George Pell, it would be nearly impossible to write about anything else. As one parishioner put it, 'This is the kind of thing that can shake you to the core!' Is the Cardinal in truth guilty or innocent? Either way it is a horrible story that can prompt us to cry out, 'Why...have you abandoned us?' In the Mass reading on Thursday - the day after all the newspapers shouted out 'Convicted!' - Jesus warned about salt losing its taste and becoming insipid. To be totally honest, insipidity is what I have been sensing about our Church in Australia for some time (whether correctly or incorrectly is another question) and not just in relation to the abuse crisis. How much more must we be humiliated before finally learning the lessons about humility, truth and justice? But, as strange as it may sound, none of this ever meant that I stopped loving the Church. For Jesus said in the aforementioned reading, 'Everyone will be salted with fire.' That fire has a divine origin and can be found in the Church - the Body of Christ - in all its pure efficacy, ready to be caught on in the hearts of the faithful. I love the Church because I cannot deny that the divine fire is real. But herein lies the problem: for some inexplicable reason I still neglect to stay close to the fire at times, choosing instead to squander away the precious sparks which the fire has gratuitously enkindled in me. In other words, I share in the responsibility for the Church's insipidity. Nevertheless the fire of love that comes from the Sacred Heart still continues to be my only hope.

Now a few comments on the infamous conviction itself. What I personally think of the Cardinal has little or nothing to do with it. Let the facts speak for themselves: there has been a single accuser according to whose own testimony the alleged abuse took place in the sacristy (with doors wide open) of a busy cathedral straight after a solemn Sunday Mass, in the most impulsive and reckless of manners. There were no witnesses (except those who said that it was improbable if not impossible for such a crime to take place in such manner). The only other person who was abused (allegedly, according to the same accuser) died in 2014, but not before telling his own mother that he was never abused. No one else has come forward claiming similar abuse at the hands of the Cardinal (who, allegedly, acted like an out of control serial offender). So, the question is this: Is it permissible, even in theory, to convict a person of a grave crime without any corroborating evidence? The need for proving guilt 'beyond reasonable doubt' would seem indispensable to a just legal system. Certainly, there could be unfortunate (and hopefully rare) cases in which the guilty go "unpunished" for want of evidence. And yet those instances would still be an honest reflection of the fact that human systems can only work within necessary limitations on this side of paradise (hence why we leave final justice in the hands of God). But what happens when we divine to know what evidence says we cannot know beyond reasonable doubt? Would we still have a just legal system?

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 3 Mar</b> 8th Sunday in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 4 Mar</b> St Casimir	No Mass
<b>Tues 5 Mar</b> in OT 10:00am	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass Reconciliation with Year 4
<b>Wed 6 Mar</b> Ash Wednesday Day of Fast & Abstinence	7.00am Mass 9:15am Mass with School 12:30pm Liturgy with Little Children 7:00pm Mass
<b>Thurs 7 Mar</b> Sts Perpetua & Felicity	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 8 Mar</b> St John of God	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Sat 9 Mar</b> St Frances of Rome	9.00am Mass 9:30am Adoration and Reconciliation 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 10 Mar</b> 1st Sun of Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

#### In Loving Memory

Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Donato Tozzi, Patricia Freeman, Jim Campisi, Henry Walter Bullock, Christopher Pezzuti, Tony Tesoriero.

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

Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, 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 Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic.

A **Lenten programme** commencing on March 12th will take place in the parish centre after the 9.15 Tuesday masses. If you wish to attend please let Margaret know, thank you. Sr Pat.

### Life Ascending Meeting Times

This is the 20th year of Life Ascending which commenced in this parish. Thank you for your support over the years.  
Second and fourth Fridays after the 9.15 Mass.

#### Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady  
9554 8155  
Tues, Wed, 8.30-3.30  
Fri 8.30am-2.30pm  
**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

### Catechist Required

Presently, the Parish is in need of catechists for the following classes-

Year 1 Beverly Hills North Public School on  
Wednesday at 10.30am.

Year 5 Beverly Hills North Public School on  
Wednesday 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. Also, if you have a WWC Number, you are most welcome to attend and observe a class with another catechist to see if this ministry may be for you! All courses and teaching materials provided by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

### First Reconciliation Program 2019

First Reconciliation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Thursday 4 April 2019 during two sessions, 5.30pm-6.30pm or 7.30pm-8.30pm. Parents of baptised Catholic children in Year Three or above are invited to enrol their child in the Parish based First Reconciliation Program. The Information and Enrolment letter has been sent home through the parish school and is also available from the parish office and parish website.

### Seeking - Singers & Musicians to join the musical ministry at Regina Coeli Parish

**Rehearsals** - Take place every Tuesday night in the church 6pm to 7:30pm - **next rehearsal is 12th of March 2019**

**Singing** - The choir sings at 8:30am mass and other masses such as Christmas and Easter as requested.

The choir is currently preparing for the season of Lent leading up to Easter and would love to encourage parishioners to join one of the musical ministries at Regina Coeli.

If you would like to be part of this ministry please come along to a rehearsal on Tuesday night.

**Any questions or enquiries, please contact**  
**Natasha** - [nat\\_demel@live.com.au](mailto:nat_demel@live.com.au) or  
**Wendy** - [wendyp013@gmail.com](mailto:wendyp013@gmail.com).

*Further information to follow over the next couple of weeks.*

## Rosary Statue

**Mr N Smith**  
**15A Bungalow Road**

**Ph: 9740 8448**



**Last Weekend**  
**24 February 2019**

**2nd Collection \$1988.80**

1st Collection \$1230.00

#### Attendance

5PM 152

8.30AM

10AM

**Total**



### Project Compassion Sunday—3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

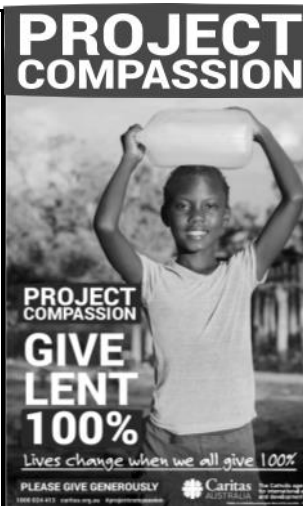
Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “**Give Lent 100%**”. This year’s Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

As Pope Francis said, “The future does have a name... and its name is hope.”

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

**Lives change when we all give 100%.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or ph1800 024 413.



## ASH WEDNESDAY—6 MARCH 2019

### SHROVE TUESDAY

Get your eggs, flour, milk and butter ready: Pancake Day is next week.

The word shrove is a form of the old middle English word shrive, meaning to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and penance.

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent. Traditionally, Anglo-Saxon Christians would go to confession and be absolved from their sins on this day.

The day marks the end of Pre-Lenten Season, known as Shrovetide. The period begins on Septuagesima, three Sundays before Ash Wednesday. The other two Sundays in this 17-day period are called Sexagesima and Quinquagesima.

Shrovetide was seen as a chance to indulge before the prohibitive period of Lent. Pancakes were eaten on this day to use up rich, indulgent foods like eggs and milk before the fasting season of Lent began. It is estimated an impressive 52 million eggs are used in Britain each year on pancake day - that's 22 million more than every other day of the year.

But although enshrined in Christian tradition, it is believed Pancake Day might originate in a pagan holiday, when eating warm, round pancakes - symbolising the sun - was a way of celebrating the arrival of spring.

In 2012, University College London came up with a formula for the perfect flipping technique and it seems size really does matter.

According to University Professor of Mathematics Frank Smith, the simple mathematical formula for the perfect flip is:  $L = 4 \times H / \pi - D / 2$

( $L$  = hand distance from inner edge of the pancake /  $H$  = height of flip /  $D$  = diameter of pancake)

Professor Smith said: "We all know that no-one enjoys wasting ingredients but there are many factors and risks involved in producing a perfect pancake.

"We've discovered that the wrong direction or speed, for instance, will mean that the average flipper may ruin two or even more pancakes trying to perfect their technique.

"We aim to reduce this waste by advising how to achieve the perfect flip."

And for those pancake aficionados who want to take flipping to greater heights, here's another, more complicated, mathematical formula.

$[U, \omega, V, L] = [(2gH)^{1/2}, \pi(g/8H)^{1/2}, (g/32H)^{1/2}(8H - \pi D), V / \omega]$

( $U$  = upward speed of centre of pancake /  $\omega$  = rotation rate /  $V$  = upward speed of inner edge of pancake /  $g$  = 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup> (acceleration due to gravity). Happy flipping.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/food-and-drink/features/pancake-day-2019-shrove-tuesday-year-best-recipes-try/>

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## READY TO GIVE BACK?

DISCOVER HOW SHARING YOUR SKILLS IN A COMMUNITY ABROAD CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**SYDNEY  
INFORMATION  
SESSION**

THURSDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>  
5.30 - 7PM

AQUINAS ACADEMY  
141 HARRINGTON STREET  
SYDNEY

OR SEE OUR CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES AND APPLY TODAY.

**First Reading Sir 27:4-7**

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2**

*(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O  
Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the  
night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-  
tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our  
God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.  
(R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58**

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put  
on imperishability, and when this  
mortal nature has put on immortality,  
then the words of scripture will come  
true: Death is swallowed up in victory.  
Death, where is your victory? Death,  
where is your sting? Now the sting of  
death is sin, and sin gets its power  
from the Law. So let us thank God for  
giving us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers,  
never admit defeat; keep on working at  
the Lord's work always, knowing that,  
in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in  
vain.

**Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.*

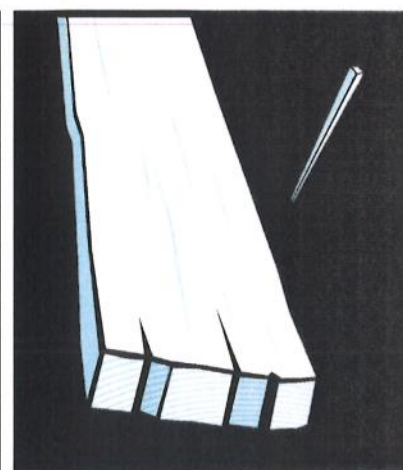
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Lk 6:39-45**

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples,  
'Can one blind man guide another?  
Surely both will fall into a pit? The  
disciple is not superior to his teacher;  
the fully trained disciple will always be  
like his teacher. Why do you observe the  
splinter in your brother's eye and never  
notice the plank in your own? How can  
you say to your brother, "Brother, let me  
take out the splinter that is in your eye,"  
when you cannot see the plank in your  
own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of  
your own eye first, and then you will see  
clearly enough to take out the splinter  
that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces  
rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that  
produces sound fruit. For every tree can  
be told by its own fruit: people do not  
pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes  
from brambles. A good man draws what  
is good from the store of goodness in  
his heart; a bad man draws what is bad  
from the store of badness. For a man's  
words flow out of what fills his heart.'



**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

A Greek word for an actor is *hypokrites*, and Jesus often uses it in a disparaging way. How often have we heard the sad, sometimes angry, remark by someone let down by a person they trusted: 'It was all a big act'. Eventually, the true character of the dishonest or manipulative person is revealed. All the acting in the world will not forever suppress what is bound to overflow from the heart.

This takes us to the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus pronounces a blessing on 'the pure in heart, for they will see God'. This does not describe those who are ritually or sexually pure, but those who, at the core of their being, are not actors. There is no duplicity or camouflage, no lie or deception clouding the heart. Because of this, Jesus says they are well prepared to see God because they do not have the great plank of acting in their eye.

Of course, we already see God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, so that we can pray with the clear-sighted Richard, Bishop of Chichester in 1253: 'O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.'

We could pause for a moment and resolve to make that prayer with a pure heart. Then, when we grace-fully share Christ's resurrection life in Heavenly Glory, in the embrace of Divine Love we shall truly see the Triune God face-to-face!

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