



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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 June 2019

We are only about a month away from Archbishop Anthony Fisher's pastoral visitation to our parish of *Regina Coeli*. When this was first announced in February it seemed like we would have "forever" to prepare for the visitation (how wrong I was!). I apologise if not enough has been spoken about it since then. Nevertheless, we might still be able to get well-organised, 'in the nick of time!' And there *has* been some progress. For a start, I have met three times with a group of parishioners who have come to form what shall henceforth be known as *Parish Pastoral Council* - the first one in decades at our parish! Quite naturally, we first had to try to work out what exactly a pastoral council was - something which will continue to be explored after our first major project, namely, the impending visitation from the Archbishop. In the meantime, here are a few points for reflection:

A priest cannot be effective without *knowing* the people he ministers to - without possessing, as Pope Francis put it, 'the smell of the sheep.' Sometimes the priest might come across an "angel" or a "counsellor" who so excels as a human being and a Christian that he or she, even without explicitly trying to, ends up helping the priest discover some of the secrets to effective ministry - better ways of allowing the parish to become a true spiritual garden/oasis for all. What if there were a group of such helpers who could enhance the growth of both the priest and the parish by, among other things, serving as a bridge between the two?

A pastoral council is a consultative body of fully initiated Christians who are capable of assisting the priest in reading the spiritual terrain of the parish and discerning where to go in order to 'look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong.' (Ezekiel 34:16) *Canon Law* states that the pastoral council 'investigates, considers and proposes practical conclusions about those things which pertain to *pastoral works* [in the parish.]' (*Canon 511*) The term 'pastoral works' might sound rather dry but in reality it is the most priceless - it is the primary reason why a parish exists: to transmit the redemptive grace of Christ (a.k.a. *True Love*) that saves *us* and through *us* *others* (and vice versa), so as to build up the Body of Christ.

May our parish become a place that abounds with authentic pastoral works, especially with the help of our new *Parish Pastoral Council*. Please join me in welcoming to the role **Dom Filipovic, Joan Henriques, Rita Chater, Marialisa Micallef and Peter Bresnan!**

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 30 Jun 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 1 Jul	No Mass
Tues 2 Jul	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass 10am Reconciliation with Yr 3
Wed 3 Jul St Thomas apostle	7.00am Mass
Thurs 4 Jul St Elizabeth of Portugal	9:15am Mass
Fri 5 Jul St Anthony Zaccaria priest	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass 7.00pm One Year Anniversary Mass
Sat 6 Jul St Maria Goretti	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 7 Jul 14th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass followed by Morning Tea 10.00am Mass followed by Morning Tea

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Carmen Aquilina, Zach & Josh, Neil Kirkness, Fouad Attia, Jeanette Cardoz, Kerry Elhourani.

In Loving Memory

Viet Dinh, Pio Gonano, Donato Tozzi, Damia & Asia Dagher, Manuel & Gloria Vierira, Terzino Ventresca, Antonia Falzon, Sam Xerri, Edward Cantwell, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Ovens, Carl John Solazzo, Irene Hall.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Ron Daniels, 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 Dinner with Archbishop Anthony Fisher

One of the highlights of the Archbishop's pastoral visitation will be the parish dinner @ **Club Rivers on 31 July 2019 at 6PM**. The buffet dinner (originally valued at \$36 per person) will be discounted by the club and subsidised by the parish so as to cost \$20 per adult and \$5 per child. The evening will serve a threefold purpose:

- To welcome the Archbishop
- To share a meaningful & memorable time as a parish
- To enjoy a good meal!

You can come as a single person or as a group (up to 8 per table). Please fill in the form available at the door and bring it back with payment to any of the masses on 13/14 July or 20/21 July. Volunteers will be there to register you. Alternatively, you can do the same at the parish office during the week.

Over the next few weeks parishioners are invited to submit written questions for the Archbishop (forms also available at the door). In the final week before the dinner there will be a chance for everyone to vote on the questions so that the most popular of them may be presented to the Archbishop at the dinner.

Also, parishioners are invited to submit a short essay (under 500 words) on one of the following topics (one person can do more than one!):

- *Your Grace, this is what you need to know about Regina Coeli Catholic Parish*
- *My personal reflection on what it is like to live as a Catholic today*
- *These are some of my hopes for the Church over the next decade*

Please email your short essay(s) to Fr Peter: beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com or place hardcopies in the box at the front of the church (on the altar rail) by 21 July 2019. The best of the short essays will be presented to the Archbishop (and shared with the whole parish) during the pastoral visitation.

I hope that *everyone* will participate in at least one thing (if not more!)
- Fr Peter -

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs B. Kelly
16 Tallawalla Street

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Asst. Principal
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REC
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Last Weekend 26 May 2019		Attendance	
		5PM	?
		8.30AM	120
		10AM	299
		Total	?
1st Collection	\$ 1326.20		
2nd Collection \$1990.25			

Congratulations!

Did you know that Anne Kensey has been a Justice of the Peace (JP)? Yes, and for over 40 years! Accordingly, she has been awarded with the Certificate of Merit and we are proud of her. Congratulations, Anne!

FYI, She comes to the 8.30am Mass if you need her services ;)



Calvary Hospital Remembrance Service:

A Remembrance Service will be held **2pm on Saturday, July 6th**, in the Chapel at Calvary Hospital, 111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah.

An invitation is extended to all who have suffered grief or bereavement; especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary.

Afternoon tea follows.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved one.

Holy Father's Charitable Appeal 2019

As Christians and true followers of Christ we are called to remember the people who share this world with us—everyone has the same right to dignity, compassion and acceptance.

The Holy Father's Appeal is a reminder that we belong to a larger family that should care for all its members, not just a select few. Pope Francis through his global charitable causes teaches us that to give is a privilege, a gift that has both the power to lift our spirits and change lives for the better.

- Archbishop Anthony Fisher -

***If you wish to make a donation please use one of the envelopes on the pew and put it in either of the collections, thank you.**

In a world that is divided, it is important to perhaps understand our similarities and differences with other faiths like Islam and how to interdialogue peacefully and respectfully. Fr Patrick McInerney is a Columban missionary priest and has 20 years of experience as a missionary to Pakistan plus 15 years of involvement in interfaith in Australia. He lectures in Islam and Interreligious Dialogue at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and is a member of the Australian Catholic Council for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations. He will be giving a talk about Islam and interfaith on 20 July at 2pm at Regina Coeli in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

About flowers

Flowers! They marvellously enhance our modestly magnificent sanctuary, such that it becomes quite...*sublime*! Lately, we have enjoyed some gorgeous flowers, free of charge, thanks to parishioners who wanted to commemorate their joyful as well as sorrowful occasion by getting flowers which they then donated to the parish for the benefit of all. For the past three weeks (until the last weekend) we have not had any flowers paid by the parish.

Unfortunately, as you know, flowers are rather expensive. The cost of weekly supply of flowers has just gone up by about 60% (at least from our regular supplier). This means that flowers are now going to cost the parish just under 10% of its 2nd collection income, which would seem 'excessive' even if flowers were very lovely. Accordingly, two things are likely to happen:

- Flowers will be ordered on a less frequent basis.
- Artificial flowers will be explored as an option at times.

Quite "naturally", artificial flowers, once obtained, will be used for the long haul, and therefore it would be quite important for us to get the ones that are appropriate for our church. So, I am looking for your help in finding the right set(s) of artificial flowers which could serve our parish quite satisfactorily. Would you know of any?

- Fr Peter -

Counselling available with no waitlist

Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have joined our CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Gal 1:13-18

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single

command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 9:51-62

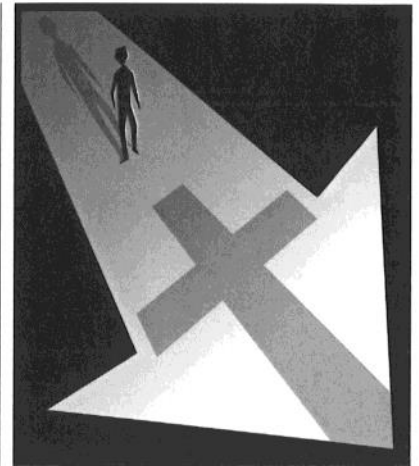
Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

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