



# 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

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 October 2019

**The following is one of the short essays written by our parishioners in preparation for the Archbishop's Pastoral Visitation in July/August:**

*Dear Archbishop,*

*What does "Living as a Catholic" mean? We hear many different opinions today not only from families and friends, but from complete strangers through social media. As it is often the bad news and negative comments that are discussed, we begin to doubt our own beliefs, our faith and our moral values. We become lost and forget to reflect on what really matters in our lives. What is true happiness? Where do we place our love and hope? How do we keep our faith in God wholeheartedly?*

*These are difficult questions if we are to answer them seriously. It is tempting to go straight to Google (I admit I did!) but the true answers are actually already in our hearts. "The spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you." Romans 8:11*

*Living as a Catholic can bring burdens and blessings.*

*When the 'cross we bear' gets too hard and unrewarding, every day becomes a burden. The natural choice is to move away from the Lord and turn to easier options that have no rules or requirements. But living as a Catholic should be so much more than attending Sunday masses, reading the Bible, praying the Rosary, and saying Grace before meals. It should be a completely voluntary commitment to follow God's teachings. That is, to live life that treasures people over possessions, relationships over riches, and serenity over success. "For we live by faith, not by sight" 2 Corinthians 5:7; and "Life is not measured by how much you own" Luke 12:15*

*Overcoming the perception of burden is easy when we count the many blessings. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" James 1:17. Faith is the gift of greatest value because "with God, all things are possible" Matthew 19:26. Faith not only teaches us to be grateful of God's gifts, it gives us hope to overcome fear during times of struggle and pain. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9. And what more can we ask for when the Almighty Father protects us unconditionally? "The Lord says, I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." Psalm 32:8.*

*Living as a Catholic today doesn't have to be complex or demanding. Don't get distracted by other ideas! Simply open your heart to God, pray faithfully and love deeply. You cannot go wrong if you "let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14; because "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God and God in them." 1 John 4:16.*

*- Carmen Chan -*



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 6 Oct</b> 27th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 7 Oct</b> Our Lady of the Rosary	No Mass
<b>Tues 8 Oct</b>	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 9 Oct</b> St Denis bishop & martyr St John Leonard priest	9.15am Mass
<b>Thurs 10 Oct</b>	9:15am Mass
<b>Fri 11 Oct</b> St John XXIII pope	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Sat 12 Oct</b>	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 13 Oct</b> 28th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

### In Loving Memory

Maria Debono, Tony Shiner, Maroun Shiner, Hamman Shiner, Maurice Haddad, Anita Abbey, Bob Hollingsworth, Donato Tozzi, Cono Reale, Colleen Bresnan, Patricia Atkins, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Marc David Solazzo, Damia & Assia Dagher, Bartolo Tesoriero

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

Michelle Makin, Pat Johnson, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Genevieve Shedden, 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.

#### Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady  
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Tues 8:30am – 1:30pm  
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**Business Manager**  
Mr Peter Crawford

#### Sacramental Coordinator/ PSSO

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11.30am - 3.30pm

#### School Principal

Mr Chris Egan  
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Mr Peter Busch  
**REC**  
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

## Planned Giving Envelopes 2019-2020 now available for collection

Weekly envelopes for 2019-2020 are now available from the table in the foyer at the back of the Church. These envelopes commence this weekend 6 October 2019

*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, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."*  
- Matthew 28:19

### WANTED—Catechist Coordinator

Being a catechist is a very important and rewarding, albeit sometimes challenging, vocation. As a parish, we are seeking to support our catechists by creating a new role to take on all administrative aspects of this ministry, which has previously been done by a couple of the catechists. This will be a **casual part-time paid** position. Please email [olfpeak@bigpond.com](mailto:olfpeak@bigpond.com) for more information. Applications close: 16 October 2019.

### St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Closing date 18 October 2019. More information and applications forms are available from <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

## Rosary Statue

**Mrs T Pezzutti**  
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**Last Weekend**  
**29 September 2019**

**2nd Collection \$1,366.30**

1st Collection \$698.80

#### Attendance

5PM	
8.30AM	
10AM	159
<b>Total</b>	<b>?</b>

**2019 HSC Students' Mass & Blessing—5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 12 October 2019.**

All HSC students and their families are warmly invited to attend an HSC Students' Mass & Blessing to be celebrated at Regina Coeli Church at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 12 October 2019.

**Walk with Christ**

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King November 24 at 2.30pm.

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.

**Reflection Day for Women – 'In the Habit of Love and Suffering'**

**Eileen O'Connor, Servant of God**

with Dr Jocelyn Hedley, Author of 'And Here Begin the Work of Heaven:

**The Spirituality of Eileen O'Connor'**

A day for women of all ages to pause and give time for personal prayer and reflection. The day includes Mass, time for personal prayer, Q&A, rosary and opportunities for small group discussions over great food.

There is Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with Reconciliation) with the Parish at 8:15am, followed by Holy Mass at 9:15am.

DATE: Saturday 12 October 2019

WHERE: St Michael's, Meadowbank (45 Maxim Street, Meadowbank)

TIME: 8:15am – 2:45pm

COST: FREE \*donation

For more information and to register, please go to <https://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/reflection-day-for-women-eileen-oconnor-servant-of-god/>

**Pew Kneelers—Return to down position please**

For safety reasons, please ensure that all pew kneelers are left in the down position.

**Appreciating God's Creation**

**Franciscan Animal Blessings**

FOR ALL ANIMALS

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. On the fifth and sixth days of creation, you called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all animals his brothers and sisters.

We ask you to bless them. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

**Looking for support?**

Counselling can support you and your family to face life's challenges. Our caring team provide affordable services for individuals, couples and families. Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

**Ignite Conference**

The Ignite Conference is one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth and family conferences. For the first time this October 3-6, Ignite Conference will be held in Sydney. The conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus.

Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are available as well. For more information, visit [www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/](http://www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/) or contact the team at Sydney Catholic Youth on (02) 9307 8152 or [info@sydneycatholicyouth.org](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

**First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4**

*The just will live by faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8**

*(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' *(R.)*

**Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14**

*Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

**Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Lk 17:5-10**

*If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."' "



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.

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