



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

5th Sunday in Lent 7 April 2019

52 children have made their First Reconciliation, in the pastoral presence of familiar faces like Fr Paul Hilder and Fr Gerard Woo Ling (and Fr John Doherty from Riverwood). The sacramental program was coordinated by Elizabeth Gooley with help from great women of catechist tradition like Michelle, Carmel and Jessica. I tried (whether successfully or not is another matter) to convey to the children the following message: We *know* (as opposed to vaguely hoping) that God is forgiving because of what Jesus has done, in particular via the cross and the Resurrection. *A love that seems too good (too forgiving) to be true and yet is true* is precisely what we find in our relationship with Jesus, especially through the sacrament of reconciliation, and it is the perfect medicine for our wounded heart. Therefore we have every reason to be *open and honest* with Jesus, without fear. After all, true confidence comes from knowing that, all our faults and imperfections notwithstanding, we are trying our best to be transparent with the Lord whose unfathomable depth of mercy never ceases to surprise us.

Last week I might have shocked some parishioners with the mere mention of the infamous Donald Trump! My primary intention was to comment on the signs of our times and not on Trump as a president (or as a person). What is of particular interest to me is what he represents in relation to the so-called mainstream: for the first time in many years the mainstream (or the elite) have been *defied* by a people who are tired of being manipulated as though they were fools without common sense. For example, the mainstream media no longer merely *report*; instead, they *push* staggeringly biased narratives relentlessly and unashamedly. I was shocked by their lack of integrity during the marriage debate in 2017 (a truly eye opening experience). No doubt, there are exceptions, but true journalism would seem a great challenge when "success" is being defined more and more by the fact of having gone viral. Besides, what I am describing is a poignant reflection of our wider (somewhat delusional) culture in which what one *wants* to be true is promoted rather than what *is* true; hence the problem of perception disorder, the antidote for which is...the sacrament of reconciliation, through which we are able to regain the priceless freedom of telling the truth simply and fearlessly!

Another curious remark I made last week: that the longterm future for our parish seems not so clear?! Much is still to be revealed. But there seems to be a view that favours the model of having "super-parishes" which are capable of, for example, employing numerous staff, independently of parish life; hence the attraction of the notion of combining parishes in order to pool their financial resources together (one could argue that this is the "safer option" from a business perspective). But there is another model - one which I would personally advocate (perhaps in my naive idealism) - which is that, wherever possible, parishes are to rely primarily on the actual vibrancy of parish life, such that without parishioners who are actively involved in parish life, there is simply no parish; hence the pressing need for more parishioners who display a real sense of loving stewardship over the parish (e.g. by volunteering) which is their spiritual home!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 7 Apr 5th Sunday in Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 8 Apr	No Mass
Tues 9 Apr	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass 10:00am Reconciliation Yr 6
Wed 10 Apr	7.00am Mass 9:15am Holy Week Liturgy by School
Thurs 11 Apr	9.15am Mass
Fri 12 Apr	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 13 Apr	9.00am Mass 9:30am Adoration and Reconciliation 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 14 Apr Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Irene Hall, Neville Gittany, Margherita Campisi, Jim Campisi, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Cocco, Giuseppa Leotta, Rossa Leotta, Donato Tozzi, Angela Maria Pinto, Nicola Repole, Peter Repole, Doris Micallef, Judith Partlin, Annamaria Cicuto, Vicko Hrdalo, Kate Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Patricia Freeman, 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.

Life Ascending Meeting times are:

Third Thursday at 7:30pm
Second and fourth Fridays after the 9.15Mass.

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
9554 8155
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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

Safeguarding and Sacristy

In the current climate - when the shadows of sexual abuse within the Church still loom large - we ought to minimize reasons for concern about children's safety. Accordingly, as a general principle, we would do well to ensure that there are at least two adult supervisors whenever children are on church premises. Therefore I ask that our readers, whenever physically possible, gather in the sacristy before and after Mass, for as long as children are still around, and be part of the procession and recession. Also, a parent or two of our altar servers are encouraged to accompany the children in the sacristy before and after Mass in order to strengthen the safeguarding measures. In my view the sacristy is an open space which anyone can approach at anytime respectfully. Thank you for your cooperation. Let us all become more conscious of the need for vigilance so that our parish can become a truly safe place for children and any unnecessarily doubt can be dispelled.
- Fr Peter -

Attention

Readers

and

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Please find a blank roster at the back of the Church for you to note down your name if you will be here over the Easter break and can help out in your capacity as a Reader or Eucharistic Minister for the Easter Liturgies.

Men's Lenten Retreat Day at Notre Dame Broadway

On Saturday, April 13 from 9am to 4:00pm.
The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch and afternoon tea, and inspiring talks from three speakers. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au or (02) 8204 4189 or Trybooking.com/475522

Rosary Statue

Mrs C Woodford
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Last Weekend 31 Mar 2019

2nd Collection \$2187.30

1st Collection	\$1064.80
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Attendance

5PM	182
8.30AM	153
10AM	215
Total	550

Roles for Parish Volunteers

Evangelisation

Adult/Family Formation Team
Catechist
Children's Liturgy (Sunday 10am Mass)
Hospitality Team (morning tea & other events)
Life Ascending (for the retired)
Media Team (bulletin & website)
Parish Pastoral Advisory Committee
RCIA Team
Rosary Group
St Vincent de Paul Ladies & Mens Conferences
Youth Group
Young Adult Group

Liturgy

Acolyte
Altar Server
Altar Society
(cleaning and beautifying the sanctuary)
Audio/Visual Operator
Choir (5pm, 8:30 & 10am)
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Liturgy Committee
(planning/organising liturgical celebrations)
Piety Stall
Reader
Sacristan
Warden (collecting at Mass)
Welcomer (greeting at Mass)

Administration

Building & Maintenance Committee
Finance Committee
Safeguarding Committee

EASTER LITURGY TIMES 2019

Holy Thursday:

7.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.

Reconciliation available during Adoration.

There will be no 9.15am Mass on Thursday.

Good Friday:

10.00am - Stations of the Cross followed by Reconciliation.

3.00pm - The Lord's Passion followed by Reconciliation.

Holy Saturday:

No morning Mass or Reconciliation.

Easter Vigil Mass:

7.00pm

Easter Sunday Masses:

8.30am & 10.00am

The Redemptorist Community Kogarah is seeking a part time cook (30 hours) Monday to Friday. For further details, please call Stephanie Machee (02) 9553 3777

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Outreaching to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church.

Enquiries: Ph (02) 6239 9813

Email: tribunal@cg.org.au

Parish Lent Group—Open invitation to join our parish Lenten Programme, which takes place on Tuesdays in the parish centre at 5 Tarrilli Street, after the 9.15am Mass. Thank you. Sr Pat.

Walk the Lenten Journey on your Mobile Phone

In his message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis emphasised that we should “not allow this season of grace to pass in vain.” With new content daily, the Lent Calendar App can help those who desire to journey through Lent with purpose. The App includes the daily Gospel, a suggested Lent act, and a multimedia feature to pray and reflect upon.

Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and online at

www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent

2019 ANZAC Eve Mass of Remembrance

Sydneysiders are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, active and retired members of the Defence Force for Mass, prayer and reflection on the Eve of ANZAC Day. There will be a Wreath laying ceremony with the Governor of NSW and the Australian army band Sydney will join the Cathedral choir to provide a beautiful musical accompaniment to the Mass.

Date: 24th April 2019

Time: 5.30pm

Location: St Mary's Cathedral

First Reading Is 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done
before.

See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not
see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the
wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the
wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back,
full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will
outweigh the supreme advantage of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have
accepted the loss of everything, and I look
on everything as so much rubbish if only I
can have Christ and be given a place in him.

I am no longer trying for perfection by my
own efforts, the perfection that comes from
the Law, but I want only the perfection that
comes through faith in Christ, and is from
God and based on faith. All I want is to know
Christ and the power of his resurrection and
to share his sufferings by reproducing the
pattern of his death. That is the way I can
hope to take my place in the resurrection
of the dead. Not that I have become perfect
yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running,
trying to capture the prize for which Christ
Jesus captured me. I can assure you my
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have
already won. All I can say is that I forget the
past and I strain ahead for what is still to
come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize
to which God calls us upwards to receive in
Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation JI 2:12-13

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

**With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.**

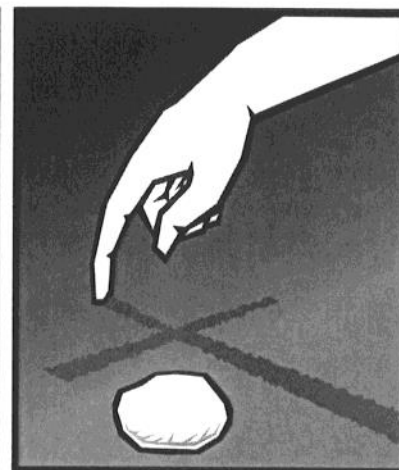
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Gospel Jn 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At
daybreak he appeared in the Temple again;
and as all the people came to him, he sat
down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman
along who had been caught committing
adultery; and making her stand there in
full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,
'Master, this woman was caught in the very
act of committing adultery, and Moses has
ordered us in the Law to condemn women
like this to death by stoning. What have
you to say?' They asked him this as a test,
looking for something to use against him.
But Jesus bent down and started writing on
the ground with his finger. As they persisted
with their question, he looked up and said,
'If there is one of you who has not sinned,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.'
Then he bent down and wrote on the ground
again. When they heard this they went away
one by one, beginning with the eldest, until
Jesus was left alone with the woman, who
remained standing there. He looked up and
said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one
condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied.
'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go
away, and don't sin any more.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the
face of all the mighty works that God
has already performed for the people,
God promises something even more
magnificent.

Throughout this season we have
reflected on the marvels that God
accomplished in the lives of the people,
cutting a covenant with Abraham,
leading the people out of bondage,
revealing God's own personal name,
bring them into a land that is bursting
with life. Now God says: You haven't
seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that
something new is about to appear. In
the gospel, this new thing unfolds before
our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither
rejecting the law nor changing it.
Instead, he shows that the law, as good
as it might be, serves something higher.
He shows that the mercy and
compassion of God exceed the authority
of the law. Once again we see that the
readings of Lent are less concerned with
mortification and penance than they are
with divine graciousness and our
response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of
the past. In fact, he considers them
rubbish when compared with knowing
and being united with Christ. Life with
Christ transforms us from people who
are caught in sin to women and men
who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is
the new thing that God has fashioned
for us. God is the one who creates
something new; we are the ones who
are re-created.

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