



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



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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 September 2018

Dear parishioners,

As promised earlier, I wish to present you with a report on the last financial year (July 2017 - June 2018). After all, this is 'our' parish. I do hope you will stay engaged with all important matters, including the financial, so as to help the parish to become not only vibrant but also 'transparent and accountable' - not just in words but also in practice.

When it comes to **Parish Income** for the last financial year, you will notice a clear decline compared to the previous year. Nevertheless, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- The privilege of 100% tax deductibility for Planned Giving has been lost. There can be no doubt that this has had a detrimental impact on Parish Income, at least for the time being. For complex reasons to do with "church accounting", it is difficult to make fair comparisons between the eras 'before' and 'after' the loss of tax deductibility.
- Perhaps the new priest (that's me!) has been somewhat uninspiring, since his arrival halfway through the last financial year, not least when it comes to engendering a spirit of 'giving'. There may be other reasons too, one of which is that our base of committed parishioners has been diminishing due to natural causes.
- Please remember that **the first collection does not go to the parish, not quite; instead, the second collection does (and becomes Parish Income)!**

When it comes to **Parish Expenditure** for the last financial year, even though there was less spending in general, one major item left a significant mark, namely, 'Relocation of the Parish Centre to 5 Tarrilli Street.'

Therefore, **on the whole, the parish operated at a deficit of \$59,933 in the last financial year.** Nevertheless, we can reasonably hope that, all things being equal, the parish will be able to operate at a surplus in the new financial year, unless, of course, we were inflicted with unexpected items of major expenditure. But if that were to happen I am confident that there will be an appropriate response from parishioners of good will. Unaccounted for in the report are some of the circumstances resulting from the 'land-swap' last year. I do hope to make this aspect also transparent when time is right. Well, I think that's enough from me. I will let the numbers finish the rest! Please turn to the third page for more.

Fr Peter -

The Week Ahead

Sun 9 Sept 23rd Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	
Mon 10 Sept		No Mass
Tues 11 Sept	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Year 4 10.00am Reconciliation Year 3	
Wed 12 Sept	7.00am Mass	
Thurs 13 Sept Dt John Chrysostom	9.15am Mass	
Fri 14 Sept Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass	
Sat 15 Sept Our Lady of Sorrows	9:00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sun 16 Sept 24th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Peggy McKean, Antonio Ieraci

In Loving Memory

May Mitchell, Vito Maida Carmelo Algozzino, Nancy Mitchell, Donato Tozzi, Orazio Giannaula, Sr Mary Frances Murphy, Emile Succar, Holy Souls, Theresa & Edward Cantwell, Marie Patricia Doherty, Anthony Nguyen, Bartolo Tesoriero, Marc David Sollazzo, Roy Mitchell, Doreen Simmons, Ivan Matek, Fulvia Tonitto, Peter Repole, Alfio Stagnitta & family, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Maria Porcu, Connie Fedele, Irene Hall, Anna & Joseph Pham, Elisabeth Dang, Mark Phillips, Giovanni Battiato, Francesca Spinella, Norm Coleman, Georgia & Philip Spiteri, Bernie Crawford, Santo Ilardo, Francesco & Salvatore Cocilovo, Mary Dovile, Catherine Lin Siew Ngik, Ita Phillips, Gail Moore, Cono Reale, James & Eileen Donlan, Dikran, Angela, Boudi, Nicola Repole, Angela Maria Pinto, Mary Croke, Pat Smith, Gertrude Smith, Margaret Roche, Mollie Lazzarini, Assia & Damia Dagher, Antonio Mattiussi, Iris Smith, Theresa Sui Tiong, Ugo Buracchi, Steven Mortimer, Judith Partlin, Kate & Vicko Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Margherita Falsone, Matt Taglini, Josephine Agius, Lambert Glaudemans & Vicky Brown, Alfia Coco, Jimmy Simmons, Florence Mitchell, Nicola Kohen, John Souter, Gary Collins, Anna Motisi, Anna Puglia, Marie Therese Rierchy, John Trisley, Jim Campisi, Frederika Streiff & Buyung Elias, Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Pauline Elias, Tony Tesoriero, Gino Morassut, Anna Maria Cicuto, Joe Costa, Onofrio Tesoriero, Fintan Lawlor, Sam Xerri, Francis Son H Tran, Antonino Puglia, Adel Hakim, Alfia Laspina Giuseppa Leotta, Rosa Ferlito, Frank Meaney Snr., Frank Meaney Jnr, Lina Paolercio, Margaret Wilkie, Maria Dos Santos, Tereza Dos Santos, Manuel Vieira, Gloria Vieira, Bernard John Mortimer, Dan Hall, Maria Mandich, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Stephen Xuereb, Edmund Banfield, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Darren Seymour, Frances Spinella, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna -Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Thomas Tran, Carl John Sollazzo, Joseph Owens, Thomas Mendes

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Greg Daniels, Elena Mura, Carmen Aquilina, Andrew Towle, 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

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Planned Giving Envelopes 2018-2019

Your Planned Giving Envelopes for 2018-2019 are available for collection from the foyer at the back of the Church. This envelope batch will commence on 7 October 2018.

Kindly ensure that you collect your envelope pack after Mass today.

Priests' Retirement Foundation Pastoral Appeal

Archbishop Anthony is committed to supporting priests when they move from full-time ministry so that they are not disadvantaged with respect to housing, living expenses, health care and transport, etc. If you wish to contribute toward such support being provided, please do so by using the envelopes made available around the church. Thank you.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555. Healing retreats are held regularly in the Sydney area offering women and men a spiritual way through grief and loss. A brochure can be downloaded at the website:

www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

The next healing retreat will be held **16-18 November**. The retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non judgmental environment.

Life Ascending Meetings

Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass

Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs F Capra
168 Moorefields Road

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School Principal

Mr Chris Egan
Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch

REC

Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 2 Sept 2018

2nd Collection \$2,002.55

1st Collection \$1,005.90

Financial Report: July 2017 - June 2018.

Income	This year \$	Last year \$
Planned Giving (2 nd collection)	77,490	90,162
Loose (2 nd Collection)	33,652	46,792
Candles	10,836	12,448
Donations	8,403	15,923
Interest Received	12,656	6,219
Hall Hire	44,834	50,405
Other	9,175	11,665

Total	This year \$	Last year \$
Total Parish Income	197,046	233,613
Total Parish Expenditure	256,979	239,254
Total Deficit for Year	59,933	5,641

Expenditure	This year \$	Last year \$
Altar & Church	11,320	18,689
Electricity/Gas	10,552	7,339
Insurance	24,116	23,623
Car Expenses	14,537	29,419
Postage/Printing/Telephone	19,062	19,041
Repair & maintenance	35,860	33,677
Salaries/superannuation (staff)	62,690	66,610
Relocation of the Parish Centre	63,624	0
Other	21,828	30,898

The next Youth Group Gathering will be on
Saturday 22 September 2018

First Reconciliation

After some consideration it has been decided that First Reconciliation will now be made in Year 3 at *Regina Coeli*, prior to First Holy Communion also in Year 3. In this way, children will not only be better placed to appreciate the Sacrament of Reconciliation but also be allowed to celebrate a real year of grace by having the marvellous sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist side by side. The new structure has been proven to work well in other parishes. Therefore there will be no First Reconciliation in Year 2 this year. Going forward, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are to be celebrated when children are in Year 3. Dates for these Sacraments will be published in due course. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sacrament Dates 2019

Please be advised, the tentative Sacramental Dates for 2019 are as follows:

First Reconciliation- Tuesday 2 & Thursday 4 April 7.00pm

Confirmation- Sunday 9 June 2.30pm (To be confirmed by the Archdiocese)

First Holy Communion- Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 September

Enrolment information will be available prior to each Sacrament.

Elizabeth Gooley Sacramental Coordinator

PIOUS CUSTOMS

To kneel in prayer : to stand for praise : to sit for instruction. Kneeling and standing testify humility and resolution. St Basil considered kneeling and standing to symbolise sin and grace, "We bend the knee, and this represents our fall by sin ; we afterwards rise again, and this is a type of the divine mercy that raises us again, and gives us assurance to look up to heaven." We sit for instruction ; but an exception is made whilst the Holy Gospel at the Eucharist is read, at which we stand. The reason for this exception appears to be, because, in the Holy Gospel, the very words and actions of our Lord are set forth in the course of the one divinely ordained service of the Church. An old writer says, "All the congregation stand up at the reading of the Gospel, as being the words of the Master ; whereas, at the reading of the Epistle, they are indulged the posture of sitting, as being the words of the servants."

From "Christian Duty" by the Very Reverend Vernon Stanley (1910)

2018 HSC Students' Mass & Blessing

All HSC students and their families are warmly invited to attend an HSC Students' Mass & Blessing to be celebrated by Fr Peter Kwak at Regina Coeli Church, 70 Ponyara Road, Beverly Hills at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 13 October 2018.

First Reading Is 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or:

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are
bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and
orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed

man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom*

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.