



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

Second Sunday of Lent 8 March 2020

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

First there were the bushfires and then the torrential rain. These challenged our assumption that the lifestyles we had grown used to would be ours forever - that nothing, no one could take them from us. Now there is the coronavirus to provoke in us more uncomfortable musings. Another assumption that we probably held was that our world would become increasingly more globalised without ever being able to go back. But the coronavirus seems to have shut down so much of our global trade and travel, probably faster and more effectively than any political movement (except war) could have done. I was joking several weeks ago when I suggested that I probably could not get a mask to wear at Mass even if I wanted to, for, the shops would have run out of masks. Well, now, I am seriously hoping that they will not run out of toilet paper! I am afraid I have too much pride to be pushing a trolley full of toilet paper, unless, of course, it was fantastically on sale; I'll do anything for a great bargain ;)

As you might be aware, we have stopped the distribution of Precious Blood (the chalices) during Mass here at Regina Coeli. This was done at the suggestion of a few parishioners. I myself wasn't quite sure what impact the change of practice would actually have on the spread or not of the coronavirus, especially since it was highly unlikely at the time that any of us were a carrier. But I thought that the *optics of caution* might at least help to bring calm into the climate of fear and alarm. Well, now, it is no longer far-fetched to think that some of us could be carrying the coronavirus, if not now then in the not too distant future. So, what are we to do? Maybe I should rethink my position on toilet paper? On a more serious note, please be mindful of hygiene and respect the conscientious ways in which others might be trying to do the same e.g. by not shaking your hand at the sign of peace. As you know, I am an experienced minister of holy communion ;) It is strongly recommended that you come to me if you wish to receive holy communion on the tongue, so as to minimise the risk of salivary contact.

Some years ago I returned from an overseas holiday feeling quite sick (from Europe, actually, in the middle of their winter). It took me almost as long to recover from it as the holiday itself. I must confess that I did not surrender myself to be quarantined when I arrived, perhaps I should have, but there was no particular virus on a watchlist at the time. I wonder how many unnamed (or unpublicised) viruses traverse the globe every year, clandestinely causing countless casualties, some of which are fatal. The coronavirus must be, in the short term at least, one of the most closely monitored and widely reported viruses ever in the history of humankind. We are thankful for the reduction in contamination which has resulted from this. But it seems that the ultimate solution in regard to the coronavirus may not that it be isolated to the point of extinction, for, our attempts to do so seem, inevitably, less successful than desired. Perhaps then we have no other choice in the end but to be prepared for, with help from above and below, *overcoming* the coronavirus. One thing is for certain, that our time-honoured practice of exercising common sense in regard to hygiene, staying healthy and caring/praying for the sick is as critically important now as ever before. If we're fortunate, then, warm weather will definitely help!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 8 Mar Second Sunday in Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 9 Mar	No Mass
Tues 10 Mar	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass with Year 6 10:00am Reconciliation with Year 5
Wed 11 Mar	7.00am Mass
Thurs 12 Mar	9:15am Mass
Fri 13 Mar	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 14 Mar	9.00am: Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 4:15pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 15 Mar Third Sunday in Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Jusuf Susanto Oentojo

In Loving Memory

Judith Partlin, Carmela Cutelli, Jovito Canoniza-do,

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Beven Kelly, Ann Mc Dowell, Christopher McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, Michelle Makin, Pat Johnson, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozina, 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.

Life Ascending Meetings

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

Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady
9554 8155
Tues 8:30am – 1:30pm
Wed & Fri 10.30am-3.30pm
Business Manager
Mr Peter Crawford

Sacramental Coordinator/

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School Principal

Mr Chris Egan
Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch
REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

SHARE A STORY PROJECT

Could you share a story about a time when *faith* helped you (or someone else you know) in life? In order to be able to tell such a story we need to be attentive to and reflective about the (usually) gentle, quiet and yet surprising ways in which God's grace works. Surely, there are plenty of stories between us all and sharing them can help us become more *collectively awake* in our spiritual journey! Your story only needs to be brief and simple (preferably between 150~350 words but exceptions can be made). Whether you wish to be identified or remain anonymous is entirely up to you. Please email me (beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com), handwrite to me or speak to me, so that your story can be published in the parish bulletin. I really hope that 'Share a story' will become a regular feature in our parish bulletin, as one of the catalysts for our collective spiritual growth in 2020!

- Fr Peter -

Project Compassion Donations

The Archdiocesan Project Compassion Fund-raiser is running again this Lent Season.

Project Compassion helps those who are in need both here in Australia and communities abroad.

If you would like to help, kindly take a Project Compassion box or packet of envelopes located at each Church Door

The Parish Lenten Program will continue each Tuesday during Lent after 9:15am Mass in the Parish Community Centre at 5 Tarrilli Street.

If interested please contact Sister Patricia on 9554 3227.

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs J Lau

33 Ponyara Road
Ph: 0433 474 172



Last Weekend
1 Mar 2020

2nd Collection \$2,619.70

1st Collection \$ 1,399.40

Attendance

5PM	169
8.30AM	151
10AM	217
Total	537

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

First Reconciliation – Thursday 2 April
5.30pm-6.30pm & 7.30pm-8.30pm.
(Children in Year 3 and above)

Confirmation – Friday 29 May at 7.00pm
by Bishop Richard Umbers.
(Children in Year 6 and above)

First Holy Communion - Saturday
12 September 5.00pm Vigil Mass &
Sunday 13 September 10.00am Mass.
(Children who have received
First Reconciliation)

Enrolment information will be made available two months prior to each Sacrament

EASTER LITURGY TIMES 2020

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 Mass at 9.15am on Holy 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

Music Ministry over Easter

If you'd like to be part of the music ministry over Easter please contact Natasha - 0402785196

Musicians and vocalists most welcome
Rehearsals in church @6:30pm on Tuesdays

Key dates For Easter

5/4- Palm Sunday Mass @8:30am

5/4- Easter rehearsal 9:30-11:30am

9/4- Holy Thursday Mass @7pm

10/4- Good Friday Mass @3pm

11/4- Easter Saturday Mass @7pm

12/4- Easter Sunday Mass @8:30am

Shared Story

This story must be shared. It took my breath away, I do believe the hand of God works in many mysterious ways.

I have worked in a Vinnies Op shop for many years. Recently I was working in the front of the shop all by myself. My co-worker was away that day. I had quite a queue at the register. Out of the corner of my right eye I noticed a sad "soul". I said, won't be a minute I have to finish this sale. Then, disregarding the other customers I went around to him. He was in a most sorry sad state. He was not drunk, but was filthy, appeared to be humiliated to have to come for help and had his face down in shame. He also had cuts on his arms and legs. He mumbled his story and quietly, shamefully said that he needed a change of clothes, but had no money. Just the right place to come- no problem. I abandoned the customers, and took him up to a quiet spot to sit and went and saw the manager. I told her the story and said I think he had been attacked! She said she would look after him.

I quietly returned to my stunned customers. About 20 minutes later the same man appeared, now completely transformed. He was clean, in fresh new clothes, held his head up high and his smile illuminated his face. He had also had been given first aid. If I hadn't been involved with him in the first place, I would not know he was the same person. I held both of my hands up and exclaimed wow!. Happy! Happy! Happy! It doesn't take much. I said you had better get yourself a hat because it is hot outside. So off he went to where I directed him and we both chose him a hat. He returned to me and shook my hand and said "thankyou". It was an honour. Then I got a lovely kiss on the cheek, of course I returned the compliment. I put his putrid clothes in a bag with some other goodies from the manager, and out the door he went.

Then I broke down. I was bawling. I had customers hugging me. We discussed what a humbling experience we had just been through, and how it related to how lucky we were ourselves. Then back to work, no time for deep thoughts.

However, whilst driving home deep thoughts and feelings were being mulled over.

Maybe he was not a vagrant, I dared to think maybe he was Jesus in disguise checking up on us humans?

Well, what about a reporter checking up on those Catholics. Do they really practise charity, they say they do? Even sad thoughts about Cardinal George Pell came into my mind, I personally have been criticised for being a Catholic.

Whoever he was, he has given me one of the great experiences of my life. I collect sayings one being- God could not be everywhere, so he created coincidences.

I am also eternally grateful to my wonderful mother for nurturing my religion.

- Anonymously -

Next Weekend: 15 March 2020

	Welcomers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers
5PM	Eliz C, L&Z Rodriguez, Marianne M	Charles, Iris O, Geraldine Z	Lauren, Geraldine Z
8.30AM	Brian M, Ivy S, Katja P	Brian M, Frances J	Bev T, Laura
10.00AM	Maria T, Maureen P, Gloria L	Maria T, Kim L	Jessica M, Sybil S

First Reading Gn 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who
revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!**

**From the shining cloud the Father's
voice is heard:**

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

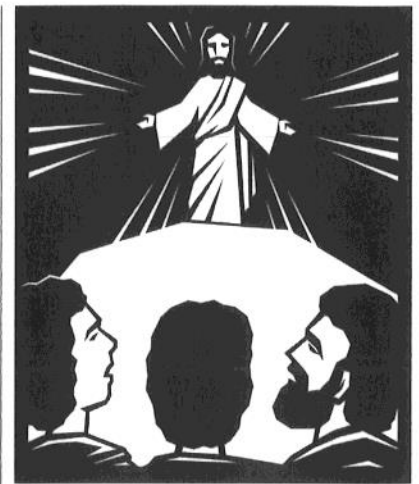
**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!**

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.