



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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 October 2018

During the homily on 11 September 2018 Pope Francis said the following, '...it seems that **the Great Accuser** has been unchained and is attacking bishops. True, we are all sinners, we bishops. [The devil] tries to uncover the sins, so they are visible, in order to scandalize the people.' Many critics pointed out that such a remark from the pope seemed totally inappropriate, for, it appeared to be suggesting that abuse ought to remain covered up at times! It didn't help that the pope himself had just been publicly accused of "coverup" by Archbishop Viganò - a former papal nuncio. What was Pope Francis thinking?!? We know that shocking accusations followed by peremptory denunciations have been in fashion as of late, not least because of things like the #MeToo movement, the Royal Commission, etc. Whilst much good has come out of all this, it is also true that some things have been taken too far, to the point of entering into the domain of the Great Accuser. How so? Let's start with a secular example and take the case of Brett Kavanaugh who has just been appointed as one of nine judges on the US Supreme Court. Context matters greatly here: the US Supreme Court legalised nationwide abortion in 1973 (7-2) and, more recently, nationwide same sex marriage in 2015 (5-4). With Kavanaugh about to replace a retiring "liberal" judge, there was now a real possibility of having a "conservative" majority on the US Supreme Court for the first time in many years, and who knew what could happen next? Well, then, all hell broke loose and a series of sexual allegations were made against Kavanaugh, dating back to his high school years, all of which were enigmatically timed to stop him from becoming a Supreme Court justice. The media and the political left were all too keen to decry his nomination from the get-go, as though he was already proven guilty. The only problem was that there was no corroborating evidence, none!

It seems that the Great Accuser is in the business of: (1) accusing in order to destroy (2) not bothering too much with due process as long as the hit-job is done (3) wearing a mask of "justice" and hiding an ulterior motive. Think of Archbishop Philip Wilson in Adelaide who was pressured to resign after being found guilty of "coverup" (failing to report what was confided to him, not as a bishop, mind you, but as a newly ordained priest more than forty years ago - something which he maintains, to the best of his recollection, never happened). Most people don't even know what exactly he was supposed to have covered up, but it doesn't seem to matter, as long as it can be said that a Catholic archbishop has been 'convicted'. [Pope Francis said quite poignantly, 'A historical event is interpreted with the hermeneutic of the time period in which it took place, not as a hermeneutic of today passed on.'] Think of Cardinal Pell who is currently on trial. Again, actual charges appear to be a moot point, as long as the headlines can say, loud and proud, GUILTY! It is not my intention here is to defend the personal integrity of our bishops, for, that's another issue, but suffice to say that any 'just' accusation, even when it is made against the vilest of men, must still rely on clarity and due process, without needing to be pushed forward by the force of mass hysteria caused by angry/ambiguous charges. Any attempt to take a shortcut in matters of justice, it seems, bears the signature of the Great Accuser whose ultimate goal is to do harm to souls rather than to bring true justice.

- Fr Peter -

Pastoral Team:

Fr Peter Kwak

beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com

Parish Office Address:

5 Tarrilli Street

Postal Address:

PO Box 100

Beverly Hills NSW 2209

Telephone: 9554 8155

Email: reginaparish@gmail.com

Web: reginacoeliparish.org.au



The Week Ahead

Sun 14 Oct 28th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 15 Oct St Teresa of Jesus		No Mass
Tues 16 Oct St Margaret Mary Alacoque St Hedwig	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wed 17 Oct St Ignatious of Antioch	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 18 Oct St Luke	9.15am	Mass
Fri 19 Oct St Paul of the Cross Sts John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 20 Oct	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 21 Oct 29th Sun in OT	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Recently Deceased In Loving Memory

Colleen Bresnan, James Roebuck, Irene Hall, Dan Hall, Pat Smith, Clarissa Susantio, Donato Tozzi, Maria Adollarata Tesoriero, Margherita Trimboli, Jonathan Porcu, May Mitchell, Vito Maida Carmelo Algozzino, Nancy Mitchell, 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, 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, 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 Ovens, Thomas Mendes

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

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 Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic

Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret
Doherty-Brady
9554 8155
Tues, Wed, 8.30-3.30
Fri 8.30am-2.30pm

Sacramental Coordinator

Mrs Elizabeth Gooley
9554 8155
reginasacramental@gmail.com
Tuesday and Thursday
11.30am - 3.30pm

Business Manager

Mr Peter Crawford



A new stained glass window is in the process of being donated by a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous at this stage. It is for the large window of the foyer at the eastern church entrance. The basic design of the stained glass window will be confirmed after a few weeks of waiting period so as to allow for feedback from general parishioners, after which the project will be taken to the next stage to do with colouring, etc. Many thanks to our mystery parishioner!

Life Ascending AGM

The annual general meeting of Life Ascending will be held on Wednesday 17th October at Peakhurst church hall commencing at 10:00am. Any member interested in attending please contact Sr Patricia on Friday 12th. Thank you.

Our Parish Life Ascending Meetings continue every second and fourth Friday after the 9.15am Mass every third Thursday at 7.30 pm

Honey, I shrunk Our Lady!

No, she hasn't shrunk. She is being replenished, thanks to a great initiative from the ladies of St Vincent de Paul Society, and will be away for approximately a month. In the meantime, a parishioner has kindly offered her personal statue of Mary to fill the void of Our Lady Queen of Heaven. She will be back!

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs R Henderson

3 Gungaroo Place

Ph: 9759 6403



School Principal

Mr Chris Egan
Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch

REC

Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 7 Oct 2018

2nd Collection 1,610.15

1st Collection \$895.45

Would you like to become Catholic, finally?

Regina Coeli Catholic Parish will start in late October the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (a.k.a. the RCIA program). This is what allows non-Catholics to formally become Catholic. It consists of a series of group sessions in which Catholicism will be explored culturally, intellectually and spiritually. "Already Catholics" who wish to gain a deeper understanding of the faith they profess are most welcome to join the RCIA program too. The journey will culminate at the Easter Vigil next year when new baptisms and/or receptions into the Church will take place, hopefully with a lifetime of spiritual adventure to follow afterward. Please contact Fr Peter for inquiries: beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com / (02) 9554 8155

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

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.

Reproduced from a poster in a French Church

By entering this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is less probable that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off you phones.
If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to him.
If you want to see him, send him a text while driving.

AN HSC MOMENT

A friend told me she heard her seven-year-old daughter saying her prayers one night. She said, "Bless Mummy and Daddy and all my friends, and please make three sevens twenty three." Next morning her mother confessed to having overheard her. "Why do you want three sevens to make twenty three?" she asked. "Because that's what I put in my tables test at school," her daughter replied. As one of our older parishioners said to an HSC student some years back, "You do the studying, we'll do the praying." Whether those prayers are made to St Joseph of Cupertino or St Jude is rather up to you.
- RH -

Prayer to St Joseph of Cupertino for Success in Examinations

O humble St Joseph of Cupertino, singularly favoured by God in overcoming the difficulties of study and the worries of examinations, implore the Holy Spirit to enlighten my mind and strengthen my memory in the search of His truth and wisdom. Help me especially in the decisive moments of this examination, protecting me from that forgetfulness and disturbing anxiety which often affect me. May I succeed in offering God my finest work and may I grow in knowledge, understanding, humility and charity. May everything that I attempt to learn in life be offered in faithful service to God, from whom flows that wisdom that leads to eternal life. Amen.

Safeguarding Induction Training

As you are aware, all volunteers and staff in the Parish must complete the Archdiocese Safeguarding Induction Training. If you are a volunteer, and did **not** complete the Safeguarding Induction Training held in our Parish last year, or have not completed it since, it is now possible to complete this training online. The Archdiocese Safeguarding Office is pleased to announce it is offering two Online Training courses : **Safeguarding Induction Training** for parish volunteers and staff and **Youth Ministry Safeguarding Induction Training** for volunteers who assist in Youth Ministry. Volunteers and staff who wish to complete the Online Induction Training will need to register by following this link <https://goo.gl/forms/fZFHRb7kDbesaPsn1> Once volunteers have completed the online training, the Safeguarding Office will let us know so we can update our records.

"Someone will listen to you" Postcards

The Archdiocese Safeguarding office has prepared a "Someone will listen to you" Postcard for the young people and children of our parish. The postcard, designed by a boy from the Archdiocese, is to help our young people and children know, they are able speak safely to a listening trusted adult. The postcards are available at the Church doors.

First Reading Wis 7:7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

*(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew
misfortune. (R.)
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 10:17-30

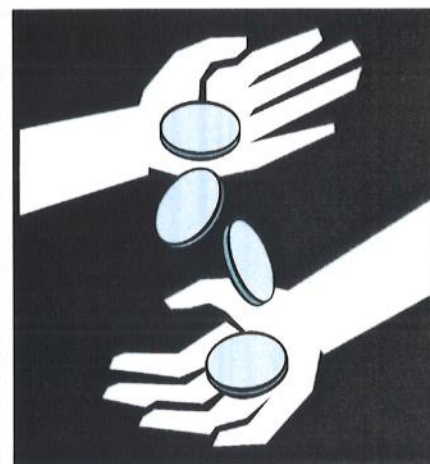
or (shorter form Mk 10:17-27)

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.