



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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 September 2018

Two unusual Sundays. The good and the bad. This week at the 10AM Mass three baptised Catholics who, for one reason or another, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation will be confirmed. At the same time, four baptised non-Catholics will be received into the Church. All of them have extenuating circumstances. An alternative to undergoing the full Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (a.k.a. RCIA) was deemed to be more suitable. In preparation the adult candidates have gathered for four evening sessions, so as to explore such topics as Jesus the Lord, the Church, the Sacraments (in particular the Eucharist) and the way of Mercy. Necessary dispensations have been given via the Vicar General. And now, here we are, finally.

They were a great bunch and it was a privilege for me to meet them. No doubt, the visible aspect of the Church will become fuller and richer because of them. But a word or two on the invisible aspect of the Church. It was rather amazing that all of the seven - not a small number - approached the parish just at the right time, for similar reasons and with similar circumstances, thereby lending themselves to becoming a special group, naturally formed, whose preparation fitted in nicely with my own calendar. I guess that some force of an invisible kind might have been at work! I am delighted to welcome them, as it were, into the family (or into fuller communion). This weekend our prayers are offered in a special way for them.

So, that was the good Sunday. Now, the bad. Last week at the 10AM Mass the priest (that's me!) was about three quarters of the way into the homily and then all of a sudden he had a mental blank. What followed was a truly bizarre spectacle. He stood at the pulpit as though he still belonged there even though no words were coming out of his mouth. Confounded by his inability to recall the next point in the homily, he even forgot the previous one which he had just uttered. In other words, he had no point of reference with which to navigate himself out of the abyss. It was as though he had woken up from a bad dream, only to find that he was still in it, vested and all, and unable to fulfil the role of a preacher which seemed extremely foreign to him. He was mentally tired though - the last of his braincells had just departed - and so all the negative emotions were surprisingly well contained within the realm of the sub-consciousness, to bother him slowly and painfully, I suppose, for who knows how long? He was very sorry about the incident but was too embarrassed to even say so. O Preacher, you were too much of a risk taker. R.I.P.

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Fr Peter -

The Week Ahead

Sun 30 Sept 26th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 1 Oct St Therese of the child Jesus	No Mass
Tues 2 Oct Guardian Angels	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
Wed 3 Oct	7.00am Mass
Thurs 4 Oct St Francis of Assisi	9.15am Mass
Fri 5 Oct	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass 11:00am Nuptial Mass
Sat 6 Oct St Bruno	9:00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 7 Oct 27th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Colleen Bresnan, Sr Maureen Casey OP

In Loving Memory

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, 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 Gaudemans & 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 Ovens, 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

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Last Weekend 23 Sept 2018

2nd Collection \$2,091.45

1st Collection \$1,001.10

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

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.

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$676.00 toward Priests Retirement Fund.

Life Ascending Meetings

Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass
Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

Rosary Statue

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You don't have to work out the home care system on your own.

Staying independent in your own home is a priority for many Australian Seniors. CatholicCare's Home Care Specialists can guide you through the complicated government systems. Join us and find out how to access in-home support and caring services.

When: 11th October 10am

Where: Regina Coeli Parish Church

RSVP: Anne Kensey 9759 2357 or Office 9554 8155

Follow the presentation, all are invited to morning tea in our Community Centre at 5 Tarrilli Street.

For catering purposes, kindly put your name and number of people attending morning tea, on the recording sheets provided at all church doors.

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.

A reunion of the Regina Coeli 1967 Kindergarten Class will be held at Oatley Hotel on Sat 6 October at 6:00pm.

Please RSVP to Barbara Honey at tennis@honeybee.net.au or phone Jane Little (nee Kensey) on 9541 0724

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.

The Statue of Our Lady is in need of being replenished. The ladies of St Vincent de Paul Society have volunteered to cover the cost by drawing from the Fr Malone Account. The cost will be approximately \$1000 and she will be "gone" from us for three to four weeks. If you have concerns or other suggestions please contact the parish office in the next 7 days. Thank you.

MEETING THE NEIGHBOURS

It was the close proximity of people in the cities that gave the early Christians a ready audience for their message. The two places where people were most likely to meet were at work or at a meal. Since these were often in the same place, people saw each other often.

Workplace encounters were the primary way in which the early Christians transmitted their message through the cities of the empire. We can easily imagine Paul, Aquila and Priscilla at the end of the working day; getting food at the *popina* on the corner of the *insula* where their workshop was and engaging in conversation with others eating and drinking there. Orders for tents or other leather goods likely resulted in invitations to people's homes to deliver what had been made, and that conversations there led to dinner invitations and new churches forming in the homes of people drawn to the new faith.

Christians did not meet in special buildings called "churches" for at least 200 years; the worship life of the early Christians happened in the homes where they lived. This meant that groups of believers might gather in the *domus* belonging to – or rented by – one of the wealthier Christians in Corinth or Ephesus or Rome, or in one of the *insulae* where the majority lived. It is possible to think of small huddles of people sharing a meal in a workshop or courtyard, telling the stories of Jesus to one another and to any interested bystanders who happened to stop by, drawn as much by the food, no doubt, as by the laughter and intense conversation.

From: The World of the Early Church, by Simon Jones

Pew Kneelers—Return to down position please

At the conclusion of each Mass, for safety reasons, please ensure that all pew kneelers are left in the down position.

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 Reading Nm 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds
instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure

for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

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