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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Second Sunday in Lent
25 February 2018

This weekend many children and their families have been invited via the School to the 10am Mass followed by BBQ. I wish to thank the School for organising this and the families for supporting it. Let us always remember to pray specifically for the School and all who are involved in it, for, they are a vitally important part of the Parish. Now, please stay calm and bear with me as I attempt to address a little elephant in the room, namely, the fact that children and their families are always invited to Sunday Mass and therefore it would seem somewhat superfluous for a special invitation to be sent out to them. What's going on? At the risk of digressing, let me to tell you that I have been "automatically" made a member of the National Council of Priests by virtue of being ordained; but in practice I have had very little to do with them, thus far anyway. My point here is, I think, Let's not judge!

I am grateful that many of our families in the Parish are able to find a sense of belonging to the Church through the School, even more so than directly through the Parish at times. I guess there are a complex array of reasons for this but, surely, one of them is that the School does a good job of helping to create a sense of community. It is my hope that the same families who have come to love the School will also come to discover that the best of what they are drawn to is in fact deeply rooted in the Catholic faith. What is the Parish? It's the place where the Eucharist is celebrated in Beverly Hills, so that the faithful may eat and drink of the purest and richest form of Catholicism, namely, the Real Presence of Jesus who loves us without fail! One final point to keep in mind is that for most people the "School" only lasts for as long as their youngest child is still enrolled; but the Parish will probably outlive all of our lives!

On a different note, you might have noticed that the construction fence which used to barricade the house on 7 Tarilli Street is now gone. The main reason for its removal has been the unnecessary incurring of cost whilst final decision regarding the house is being delayed on the account of the delaying of a permanent priest being appointed to the Parish. Nevertheless, there has been quite a shift in thinking and the house now appears to have an increased chance of survival!

Fr Peter

The Week Ahead

Sun 25 Feb **2nd Sun Lent**	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 26 Feb		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 27 Feb	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass with Yr 4
Wed 28 Feb	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 1 Mar	9.15am	Mass
Fri 2 Mar	8.30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 3 Mar	9.00am 4.25pm 5.00pm	Mass & Reconciliation & Benediction Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 4 Mar **3rd Sun Lent**	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

RCIA 2017-2018
A photograph of our candidates following the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral last Sunday accompanied by Sr Rosemary Mitchel**.**

Please pray for...

In Loving Memory

John Souter, Gary Collins, Anna Motisi, Anna, Puglia, Marie Therese Rierchy, John Trisley, Donato Tozzi, Jim Campisi, Frederika Streiff & Buyung Elias, Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Pauline Elias, Tony Tesoriero, Gino Morassut, Anna Maria Cicuto, Mirta Lodi, David Shannon, Carmelo Alggozzino, Joe Costa, Max Chipman, Lucy Sui Ing Wong, Onofrio Tesoriero, FIntan Lawlor, Sam Xerri, Antonio Mattiussi, Dea Mattiusi, Angelina Tozzi, Francis Son H Tran, Josephine Aguis, Antonino Puglia, Adel Hakim, Louis Goveia, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Laspina Giuseppa Leotta, Rosa Ferlito, Frank Meaney Snr., Frank Meaney Jnr, Fichera Al Fio, Joseph Agius, Fichera Cal Fio, Francesco Aversa, Iris Sceri, Paul Lauria, Lina Paolercio, Margaret Wilkie, Frank Meaney Jnr, Monsignor John Lyle, John Brogan, Mary Crawford, Maria Dos Santos, Tereza Dos Santos, Manuel Vieira, Gloria Vieira, Bernard John Mortimer, Pat Smith, James Roebuck, Ugo Buracchi, Dan Hall, Margherita Falsone, Maria Mandich, Neville Zacka, Anthony Nguyen, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Bartolo Tesoriero, Martin Mifsud, Stephen Xuereb, Marc David Sollazzo, Edmund Banfield, Ken Fleeton, Herman Holtz, Anna & Joseph Pham, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Antoni Pomes, Mary Meaney, The Waters' Family, Connie Fedele, Darren Seymour, Mark Phillips, Frances Spinella, Catherine Lin Siew Ngiik, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Gail Moore, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Delfina Morassut, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Columba Doherty, Aileen Host, Thomas Tran, Audrey English, Edward Cantwell, Irene McCarthy, Carl John Sollazzo. Joseph Ovens, Romeo Vassalo, Thomas Mendes, Salvatore Licari, Vicko Hrdalo, Kate Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Ivan and Mara Puyic, Patty Woods, Clarice Redshaw, Chris Pezzutti, Bob Pettit, Peter Pezzutti, Maria Addolorata Tesoriero, Nicolino Poreu, Madeddu Filomena Gonario, Sidney Falson, Valerie Zacka, Dea Mattiussi, George & Linda Darrell-Edwards, Maria Cristofaro, Dominico Cristofaro, Tim Mitchell, Donato Carnevale, Mary McGregor, Elizabeth Tesoriero, Theresa May Cantwell, Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Maria Serravalle, Loretto Davenport, Roberto and Filomena Garfano, Judith Farrell, Pasquale Raglini, Joseph Lin Kee Choo, Graham Daniel, Mildred May Mitchell, Mark Byrne, Carl El-Khoury, Maria Mansour, Joseph Mealing, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Cono Reale, Caterina Tesoriero, Leonardo Battiato, Imelda Garcia, Fulvia Maria Tonitto, Myriam Barbe, Maureen Whelan

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:
Ron Zacka, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Leontia Jule Jo, Antonia Falzon, Liam Ajaka, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, June Roebuck, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Chris Byrne, Dr Antonio Braga, Anne Courtney, Erifili Vorias, Ann McDowell, Alice Nelson, Terry Wall, Paul Kensey, Mary Emery, Micaela & Theresa Trujillo, Slavica Markotic

World Day of Prayer 2018 will be celebrated here at Regina Coeli Church on Friday 2 March at 10:00am. After the service a morning tea will be held in the Parish Centre. For catering purposes, please note down the number of adults and children planning to attend, on the clipboards available inside each door of the Church.

Life Ascending

We are invited by the Penshurst Group of Life Ascending to attend the Anointing Mass at St Declan's Church on Saturday, March 3rd at 10:30am followed by morning tea.

The occasion will be used, also, to greet Ray Bayers (Oatley Group) who has been very ill and is now recovering.

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Project Compassion Sunday—25th February 2018

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future", celebrating the Year of Youth.

As Pope Francis said, "Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation."

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support!
You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Bayan is a 12 year old Syrian girl whose family had to flee Damascus for Jordan when their lives were destroyed by conflict in Syria. Bayan struggled to overcome the trauma of leaving her familiar surroundings, missing her relatives and friends and not knowing what had happened to others close to her heart. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan began attending Jordan's Caritas Saturday School which provides tuition to disadvantaged students. Bayan is now excelling in her studies and has ambitions to become an ophthalmologist.

Lent Programme 2018—Surrender

Our Lent Programme this year has an extra feature – daily reflections for Lent and Easter.

Sr Pat is running our Parish Lent Programme in the Parish Centre at 5 Tarrilli Street, every Tuesday after 9:15am Mass.

If you are interested in attending, you will be most welcome to come along to any or all of the sessions.

St Bernadette's Parish—Carlton

Over the coming months St Bernadette's Parish, Carlton, is hosting a series of eight talks by prominent Catholic speakers addressing the Challenges of the Times in our Changing World.

Details of the full programme including those of the speakers can be found in the brochures available at the Church and on the Church notice boards. Please feel free to take one.

An invitation is extended to all parishioners, and their friends, to attend these talks which will be held at St. Bernadette's Parish, 10 Argyle Street at 7:30pm.

Grief to Grace
Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@grieftograceaus.org.au or phone 0407 704 539. For more information visit www.grieftograce.org

INVITATION TO
CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND PARISHIONERS

Clergy, religious and parishioners are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP and his auxiliary bishops in their **Prayers of Forgiveness and Reparation** for all people who have been affected, directly or indirectly, by abuse within the Church. Survivors of abuse who feel able to attend this liturgy are warmly welcome.

The prayers, centered around the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, will be in:

St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney at 6.30 pm on Friday March 2nd, which is an **Ember Day** of prayer and fasting throughout Australia.

Catholic Care—Foster Care

Short term foster care provides vulnerable children with at loving home for a few weeks or months until a long –term placement is found.

Could you love a support a foster child in your home?

Find our more at an information evening to be held
in : Lewisham at CatholicCare 2C West Street, (opposite Petersham Park)
on: Thursday 1 March at 6:00pm

For more information and to reserve place, call the Catholic Care team on 13 18 19 or email: connect@catholiccare.org

Piety Stall
On sale now in the Piety Stall;
St Paul Sunday Missal, $9 – one copy left.
Greeting Cards – Easter, Sympathy, Mass Offering, Baptism & Christening, Thank You, Birthday, Wedding, Anniversary, Thinking of You.
The Piety Stall is open after all weekend masses, located in the main foyer of the church.

The Living Word

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B — 25 February 2018

First Reading Gn 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
   'I am sorely afflicted.'
   O precious in the eyes of the Lord
   is the death of his faithful. *(R.)*

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
   you have loosened my bonds.
   A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
   I will call on the Lord's name. *(R.)*

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
   before all his people,
   in the courts of the house of the Lord,
   in your midst, O Jerusalem. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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 Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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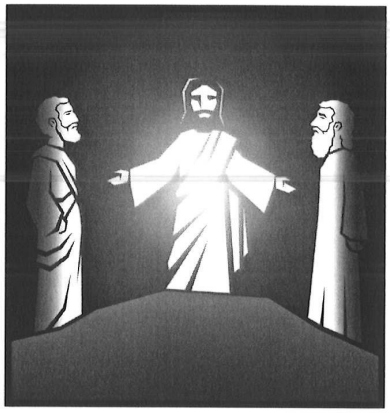

Reflection *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means.