



# 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

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 November 2019

Two dates may be worth noting. The first is **the Annual Parish Christmas Party which is to be held on Saturday 14 December after the 5PM Mass**. It worked well last year to have the party on the carpark/school playground, and so we might do the same this year. Food, water, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be provided as usual. Some tables/chairs will be set up, especially for the elderly; others are encouraged to bring their own tables/chairs or picnic mats. For those who are able to, please bring a plate of dessert to share (but don't worry if you cannot, who wants a sugar-overload anyway?). Finally, the Jumping Castle - a big hit last year with children - will be back! Over the next several week-ends, signup sheets will be placed at church doors for those who wish to attend, as well as for those who also wish to help out as volunteers.

The other date is **the Installation Mass on Sunday 1 December at the 10AM Mass**. What is being installed is not a software or furniture, but me! Let me explain. The letter of appointment from the Archbishop said that every newly appointed parish priest was expected to be formerly/ritually installed. And so I wrote an email to the Archbishop's personal secretary who replied that His Grace was booked out for the rest of the year and said something to the effect of 'Why don't you try one of the auxiliary bishops?' And so I wrote an email to the personal secretary of Bishop Richard Umbers (our regional bishop), with the suggestion of a date - a Sunday. At this point I decided that if Bishop Umbers turned out to be unavailable, then, I would respectfully wrap up the idea of having an installation Mass and put it in the bin. Just then I received an email from the bishop's secretary who suggested an alternative Sunday: 1 December, which seemed a good day for us - our usual morning tea Sunday. So, I said, 'OK, please install me!'

There is definitely something odd about me being installed as Parish Priest when, in fact, I have already been here for quite some time. Indeed, it would be ludicrous if, as tradition has it, the bishop were to come here in order to introduce me to parishioners and provide me with a tour of the church! [I think, if possible, we might skip this part!] But it seems to me (and to the Archbishop) that having an installation Mass would still be of some value: some of you might never have seen an installation Mass before and therefore be interested in witnessing it. For others it could be a meaningful way of coming together as a community (plus meeting my biological family whom I will be inviting). Finally, I would personally welcome having to make a public commitment to the role of parish priest. Who knows if my experience will be one of pure joy or pure trepidation? Either way, it will hopefully be medicinal and help me grow as a better parish priest!

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— Fr Peter —

## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 10 Nov</b> 32nd Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 11 Nov</b> St Martin of Tours bishop	10:30am Funeral Mass Mary Pirotta RIP
<b>Tues 12 Nov</b> St Josaphat bishop martyr	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Year 5 10:00am Reconciliation with Year 3
<b>Wed 13 Nov</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thurs 14 Nov</b>	9:15am Mass
<b>Fri 15 Nov</b> St Albert the Great bishop doctor	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Sat 16 Nov</b>	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 17 Nov</b> 33rd Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Mary Pirotta,

### In Loving Memory

Anthony Vacondios, Jovito Canonizado, Antonio Rositano, Emile Succar, Sonia Nakhle, Youssef Wehbe, Philip Spiteri, Georgia Spiteri,

### Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Michelle Makin, Pat Johnson, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Genevieve Shedden, 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.

Will the parishioner using planned giving envelope number 20 kindly contact Margaret at the parish office please. Many thanks.

#### 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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Mrs Elizabeth Gooley  
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11.30am – 3.30pm

#### School Principal

Mr Chris Egan  
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Mr Peter Busch  
**REC**  
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

## November Masses

A book has been placed on a stand in front of the altar. Please write down the names of holy souls you wish to pray for. All of the Masses in November will be offered for those whose names are written in the book. Please do try to remember those who may not have anyone to pray for them, thank you!  
- Fr Peter -

## Life Ascending Meetings

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

## Mobility Walker—Available for Loan

St Vincent de Paul Ladies have a walker available for use by parishioners for loan on a short time basis.  
Enquiries: phone 9759 2357

**Kairos** is a Christian Ministry that serves women over the age of 18 whose lives have been impacted by someone in their life going to prison. It may be a father, brother, husband, mother, daughter or grandchild. For the women we serve, Kairos offers them a residential weekend where they are placed in a safe environment where they can talk if they wish or just listen to the stories of others and to be a part of the program that is run by a team of volunteers. The weekend is cost free to our guests and Kairos will also provide a driver who will transport our guest to and from their homes. The weekends are held at the Mount Schoenstatte Spirituality Center in Mulgoa NSW.

This weekend 8th/9th and 10th of November 2019 the Kairos team will host a weekend and we need church communities to pray for our guests and for the team. With prayer we are strengthened and our struggles to fight off evil and see the shining light, that pours from the heart of Jesus, grows more powerful.

## Rosary Statue

**Mrs M Tesoriero**  
129 Morgan Street

**Ph: 9150 5409**



**Last Weekend**  
**3 November 2019**

**2nd Collection \$2,030.05**

1st Collection \$1,198.60

#### Attendance

5PM	
8.30AM	142
10AM	193
<b>Total</b>	<b>?</b>

## From Archbishop Anthony

While traditionally dedicated to Holy Souls, this November is also being dedicated to praying for rain. Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are being encouraged to come together and participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought. The Bureau of Meteorology says that, on some measures, the current drought is the worst in 100 years with 97 per cent of the State drought-affected. I know many of you have already given generously to support drought-affected communities through charitable donations while our Catholic education offices in rural areas have been waiving school fees to help struggling families however in addition as we approach the summer months I invite you to join with me in praying for merciful rains upon our dry land. God bless you all.

### Would you like to become a Catholic, finally?

Regina Coeli Catholic Parish will soon start the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (a.k.a. the RCIA program). This is what allows non-Catholics to formally become Catholics. 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](mailto:beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com) / (02) 9554 8155

### Christmas Wishing Well 2019

The St Vincent de Paul Ladies Conference will be collecting at all Masses on 23/24 November and on 30/31 November and on 7/8 December, for the Christmas Appeal.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards & 2020 Columban Art Calendars will be available at the Piety Stall from this weekend.

Christmas Cards are \$5.50 for a pack of 10 cards and Calendars \$7.00 per calendar.

Good quality & value for money as well as assisting St Vincent de Paul Men's Conference in their work in the Parish area.

# Memorial Mass

FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

CATHOLIC CARE WESTERN SYDNEY  
AND BLUE MOUNTAINS TOGETHER WITH THE  
DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA INVITE THOSE  
BEREAVED BY SUICIDE, TO A CELEBRATION OF  
MASS TO HONOUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE  
TAKEN THEIR LIVES

LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED AFTER MASS

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2019  
PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:45PM FOR 7PM START  
ST OLIVER PLUNKETT CATHOLIC CHURCH  
35 WIGRAM ST, HARRIS PARK

RSVP BY THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER FOR CATERING PURPOSES  
☎ (02) 8843 2575 // ✉ [soloparentservices@ccss.org.au](mailto:soloparentservices@ccss.org.au)

*"Come to me, all you who are weary  
And burdened, and I will give you rest."*

— MATTHEW 11:28



### The "Mystery" of the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

The CWF Appeal's November quota for Regina Coeli is \$2600. But, once again, we have been informed that our previous appeals have raised a large surplus of \$1831.65! This is great news, for, we are now having to raise only \$768.35 – a much easier target to reach!

Now, it needs to be noted that these numbers do not quite add up from the parish's perspective. According to our own records, our previous appeals did not raise such surpluses! So, what is going on? It must be that there are parishioners who are giving directly to the Chancery, which is a totally fine option, especially if they are giving in the *name* of Regina Coeli Beverly Hills Parish, which very helpfully lowers our required target. So, to those who may have been giving directly to the Chancery in the name of our parish, I wish to say 'Thank you very much!' But please do feel free to help me solve the "mystery" by letting me know that you have been doing this. But no pressure, the choice is entirely yours.

For the rest of us, we are still in need of raising \$768.35. If you wish to make a contribution, please use a CWF envelope and put it in at one of the collections at Mass. As you are probably aware, your donation will be 100% tax deductible. Thank you! - Fr Peter -



**First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14**

*The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15**

**(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,  
my joy will be full.**

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,  
pay heed to my cry.  
Turn your ear to my prayer:  
no deceit is on my lips. (R.)
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;  
there was no faltering in my steps.  
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.  
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.  
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face  
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of  
your glory. (R.)

**Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16-3:5**

*May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation Rv 1:5. 6**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel Lk 20:27-38**

**or shorter form Lk 20:27, 34-38**

*He is not a God of the dead but of the living.*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.

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