



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 August 2018

Probably the most frequent question that I get asked by Catholics who meet me for the first time is, 'What parish are you from?' With pleasure I reply, 'Beverly Hills.' Then, more often than not, they follow up with another question, 'Is it a big parish?' Typically I answer, 'It is what I call a medium sized parish.' If they care to know more, I go on to explain that it is a wonderful parish, with one of the reasons being that, traditionally, it has had a strong base of great parishioners. Now, it is true that most parishes tend to have at least a small base of 'salt of the earth' type of parishioners. But I am always keen to point out that in the case of Beverly Hills the *base* seems to have been larger, longer lasting and of higher quality than in many other places. I am yet to be proven wrong about this particular aspect of my analysis.

Nevertheless, I also acknowledge that much of our precious base has been - and there is no easy way of saying this - ageing and dwindling. We have had a very heroic base, mind you, but even they cannot defy the natural progression of life; and they are not supposed to either. So, as much as I do not enjoy saying it, I admit to whoever wants to know that the "current base" will not be able to carry the parish forward to another memorable chapter, unless, of course, it is creatively expanded and transformed by a beautiful touch of God's grace, perhaps with *Regina Coeli* (Our Lady Queen of Heaven) as the most pronounced agent of grace. Again, many other parishes might be able to tell a similar narrative about themselves. But Beverly Hills is one of those fortunate enough - stable enough as of yet - to be able to have a real go at the seemingly impossible task of genuine renewal, as though there was everything to gain and nothing to lose!

Financially, we are doing ok, I think. Income from collections (especially 2nd collection) has been declining over time. But that is not too surprising given a diminishing base, among other reasons. We are blessed with some income through the parish hall. Please stay tuned for a more comprehensive report on our finances which will soon be coming. In the end, a parish's most valuable asset is the people. Perhaps more than ever, people are in need of communities which do not dissolve at the end of limited membership or at the click of a button - communities which faithfully nurture them from 'cradle to grave' and beyond. Unfortunately, churches have become, to a serious degree, undeserving places for such communities. But we can learn; we can be taught; we can become disciples. Our mission is to help people find a true home - a true family - in the body of Christ, the Church, especially through the local faith community. Frankly, we have little or no other option for carrying the parish forward to a new, authentically meaningful chapter. And that's probably a really good thing. Happy feast day! *Regina Coeli*, pray for us!

Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 19 Aug 20th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am 4:00pm	Mass Mass Confirmation Lesson Group A
Mon 20 Aug St Bernard	10.30am	Mass Funeral Charley Lo Russo
Tues 21 Aug St Pius X	8:30am 9.15am 7:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Confirmation Lesson Group B
Wed 22 Aug Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 23 Aug St Rose of Lima	9.15am	Mass
Fri 24 Aug St Bartholomew	8:30am 9:15am 1.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Mass Funeral May Josephine O'Donoghue
Sat 25 Aug St Louis St Joseph Calasanz	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 26 Aug 21st Sun in Ordinary Time Queenship BVM	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Charley Lo Russo, May Josephine O'Donoghue, Akuila Semi

In Loving Memory

Marc David Sollazzo, Roy Mitchell, Doreen Simmons, Edward Cantwell, Ivan Matek, Anthony Nguyen, Fulvia Tonitto, Peter Repole, Alfio Stagnitta & family, Donato Tozzie, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Maria Porcu, Connie Fedele, Irene Hall, Anna & Joseph Pham, Elisabeth Dang, Mark Phillips, Vito Maida, Carmelo Algozzino, 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, Carmelo Algozzino, 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, Bartolo Tesoriero, 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:

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 Michels, Slavica Markotic

Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret
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The Coming of the Holy Spirit Saturday 25 August 2018—Final Rehearsal

New choir members required to help our parish children celebrate in song as they receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 25 August 2018.

The final rehearsal will take place in the Church this Wednesday 22 at 5:00pm followed by an invitation to the Parish Feast Day Dinner in the parish hall from 6:00pm.

Herman 9580 5002 or Office: 9554 8155

CONFIRMATION

Being "Confirmed" is another stage in each child's faith journey and indicates a willingness to be a responsible member of the Catholic community. The concept that Confirmation makes us "Adult Christians" needs to be understood within the context of our whole life. Confirmation does not produce instant witness. In and through Confirmation the Holy Spirit calls, helps and cooperates with people in their efforts to become mature witnesses to Christ. The Sacrament, of course, is not magical. It is a sign of God's presence and activity and is most effective when it has the cooperation of an open, ready heart and mind. Confirmation is a sacrament of process, of change and growth; it is internalised and developed by the way a person, with the help of the Holy Spirit, tries to overcome the negative influences that enter daily into our lives.

We pray that the strengthening gift of the Holy Spirit will always be available in the lives of our newest parishioners. As the World Youth Day song proclaims, "May they receive the power from the Holy Spirit and be a light unto the world."

JANIS WHITE (Parish News Vol 239, October 2009)

Life Ascending Meetings

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

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs Greg Weekes
6 Rhonda Avenue

Ph: 9533 2537



Last Weekend 12 Aug 2018

2nd Collection \$1,746.90

1st Collection \$1,149.55

Memorial Mass for the Unborn

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, will offer the annual *Memorial Mass for the Unborn* on Wednesday 29th of August at 7.00pm at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass will be offered in commemoration of the unborn children lost to abortion and in solidarity with the mothers and fathers who grieve this profound loss. During the Mass 74 candles will be bought forward in remembrance of the 74 lives lost to abortion each day in NSW. All are invited to attend. Enquiries: Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8400 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BEVERLY HILLS MENS CONFERENCE WE NEED YOU

A single mum with young children rings for help the operator informs her the Conference has closed so she will need to go to Bankstown for help.

The single mum has no car or money she bursts into tears & hangs up what does she do now.

This could well be the case if we do not attract new members to complement our aging membership.

How would you feel if this actually happens. Well how about doing something to avoid that situation becoming reality.

We meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre meetings last approx. 1 hour.

Please note there will be no meeting on Wednesday 22 Aug.

Come along one evening or first contact President Paul Morris on 0438 225 120. You can be assured of a warm welcome in a friendly environment come along & see for yourself.

Why not at least give it a go training is provided by experienced Conference members & the amount of time spent is up to the individual. Looking forward to meeting you.

Paul Morris
President

Registrations for Beverly Hills Eagles Cricket & Sports Club Inc. have begun. For information, please **visit** Facebook; www.bheaglescc.nsw.cricket.com.au or



playcricket. The Eagles the Original Sports Club from Regina Coeli Parish starting 50 years ago.

WHICH WAY ARE YOU FACING?

I set my face unto the Lord" (Dan. ix. 3)

That is the real question about life : Which way are you facing : in which direction are you really looking and living? Righteousness, not a position, but a direction The difference between right and wrong is the most tremendous distinction in the world It is simply like the difference between East and West. Is there any dividing line between East and West? No! Who can tell where the East stops and the West begins? You cannot possibly draw a dividing line between East and West, but you can tell in a moment whether you are going East or West, or whether your face is set towards the East or towards the West. And so, though there was never a line drawn which could divide exactly right from wrong, you can tell in a moment whether you are living in the direction of right or in the direction of wrong, whether your face is set, and your heart is set towards right, or towards wrong.

The Reverend Brooke Herford

The people in the parks, the alcoholics, the homeless, they are looking at you. Do not be those who look and do not see. Look and see.
ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
from *Love: A Fruit Always in Season*

Plenary Council

Why not be involved? The 2020 Plenary Council is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future. Your voice is important. You are invited to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda, by sharing your experience of faith and of the Church. To be involved, visit <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Become an Ambassador, facilitating listening and dialogue groups in your parish. If you want to know more, please speak with your Parish Priest, contact 9390 5100 or email plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org

Please note the following Saturdays for Youth Group gatherings.

25 August
08 September
22 September

10 November
24 November
8 December

First Reading Prv 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared
her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its
boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere
him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the
Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?
(R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you
lead, like intelligent and not like senseless
people. This may be a wicked age, but
your lives should redeem it. And do not be
thoughtless but recognise what is the will
of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with
wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled
with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes

of the psalms and hymns when you are
together, and go on singing and chanting to
the Lord in your hearts, so that always and
everywhere you are giving thanks to God
who is our Father in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come
down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for
ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one
another: 'How can this man give us his flesh
to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of
Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink
my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from
me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose?

The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the Lord, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?

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