



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



# Weekly Newsletter

## Second Sunday Ordinary Time 19 January 2020

### 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



There is something I have been meaning to talk to you about (hint: to do with the “landswap” of 2017 and what followed after) but it might have to wait another week or so, because I would like to get it right but this past week has been most unusual - quite miraculous actually - such that it might warrant some sharing. It all started with a totally unexpected tragedy. Around 5pm last Monday I received a call from a senior priest in the Archdiocese who informed me that a close friend of mine - a priest, only 42 years old - just had a heart attack. ‘But how can this be,’ I thought to myself, ‘he was supposed to join me for dinner in a few hours! Stop everything and go.’

As I am driving to the hospital, I get phone calls from others. The news that weighs a ton is reaching ever-increasing circles of people. None of us can believe what is supposed to have happened. In a short time I am beholding my friend lying motionless in coma. He looks both familiar and heartbreakingly unfamiliar. He is anointed in the presence of three priests and his family. All are in shock and volatile grief. After several hours of consideration the doctors decide to perform a “rescue operation” - a high risk procedure which can go wrong in innumerable ways. But there is no alternative, none except the inevitable come too soon. I realise that the next few hours are going to be critical beyond description - destined to make a world of difference to so many. The three priests return to Regina Coeli to offer Mass, with strong emotions rearing their faces sporadically. Never has it been clearer that the offering of Mass is a prayer, a very heartfelt one at that.

On the third day after falling into a deep sleep - one from which he could so easily never have woken up - my friend wakes up. It is quite simply a miracle. Starting from a terrible situation, everything that could have gone right seems to have gone right for my friend. He happened to be with his family when he first started to feel unwell. They called the ambulance just as he fell unconscious. The hospital staff were ready for him precisely at the moments his life depended on their care. Each treatment seemed to have the desired effects on him, in whose motionless body amazing occurrences of healing were quietly unfolding.

The other miracle in all this has been the overwhelming response to the call to pray for my friend. It seemed like the entire world knew, with spontaneous efforts to come together and to pray for him springing from various places. The hospital itself was nearly turned into a hub of Catholic presence, with the strange sight of priests, religious and even bishops becoming ubiquitous. As the promising signs of recovery started to emerge, a consensus seemed to form among the devoted visitors: not yet, his time had not yet come. Sure enough, when my friend woke up and was updated on all that had happened to him, which he himself found to be unbelievable but eventually accepted, he wasted no time in reaching the simple conclusion: ‘God must still have some work for me.’ - *Fr Peter* -

**A special parish collection will be taken up at Masses over the Australia Day weekend (25 and 26 January) through the St Vincent De Paul Society**

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# The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 19 Jan</b> 2nd Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 20 Jan</b> St Fabian pope, martyr St Sebastian martyr	No Mass
<b>Tues 21 Jan</b> St Agnes virgin, martyr	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Wed 22 Jan</b> St Vincent deacon, martyr	7.00am Mass
<b>Thurs 23 Jan</b>	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Fri 24 Jan</b> St Francis de Sales bishop, doctor	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Sat 25 Jan</b> Conversion of St Paul apostle	9.00am: Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 26 Jan</b> 3rd Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

### In Loving Memory

Carmelo Algozzino, Jovito Canonizado

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

Patrick Lim, Damiano Serravalle, Michelle Makin, Pat Johnson, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, 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.

### Life Ascending Meetings

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

### 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/ PSSO

Mrs Elizabeth Gooley  
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Tuesday and Thursday from 11.30am - 3.30pm

### School Principal

Mr Chris Egan  
Asst. Principal  
Mr Peter Busch  
**REC**  
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

## For Families in Need

Are you experiencing difficulties in providing your family with those extra needs you hadn't expected, for example, uniforms, shoes, shirts suddenly too small or maybe sports gear, etc.? There are many ways in which we can help you, so please do not feel shy or embarrassed by your needs. We are just a phone call away, waiting to assist you. Confidentiality is guaranteed at all times. If you would like to chat with us just ring any of the telephone numbers listed below. God bless.

Anne 02 9759 2357  
Joy 02 9150 4996

- The Ladies Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Regina Coeli Parish -

## St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive dates 2020

FEBRUARY	8
MAY	2
AUGUST	1
NOVEMBER	7

Please ensure bags are placed outside by 8:00am on the Saturday of collection. Bags should be visible from the street this will assist collectors which will be most appreciated. Please do not leave clothing bags at the Church or Parish Centre they will be collected from your home.

## Catechist Required for

Year 5 & Year 6 Beverly Hills North Public School on Wednesdays at 11.50am.  
Year 4 Narwee on Thursday at 10.05am.

If you have a little time and are interested in becoming a catechist or a catechist helper, please speak to Fr. Peter or contact the Parish office. Also, if you have a WWC check, you are most welcome to attend and observe a class with another catechist to see if this ministry may be for you! Training courses and teaching materials are provided by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

## Rosary Statue

Mrs M Costa

15 Kooemba Road  
Ph: 9150 4113



<b>Last Weekend</b>		<b>Attendance</b>	
<b>12 January 2020</b>		5PM	
<b>2nd Collection \$2,131.50</b>		8.30AM	141
1st Collection	\$1,192.30	10AM	171
		<b>Total</b>	<b>?</b>

## Collection at all Australia Day Weekend Masses for the St Vincent De Paul bushfire appeal

Friends, the sad tragedy of the bushfires has impacted upon our Catholic community across the Archdiocese of Sydney in a very real way. A brave Rural Fire Service volunteer Andrew O'Dwyer was farewelled at a Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Horsley Park this week. The parish is providing ongoing support to his widow Melissa and 19 month old daughter Charlotte and our prayers are with them. Amidst the devastation of the fires, it has been encouraging to witness the support of so many ordinary Australians, including so many men and women of faith. While much of the response must be at a local parish and diocesan level, such a great crisis also requires a national response. Alongside my brother bishops across the country, I encourage you to donate to a special parish collection at Masses over the Australia Day weekend (25 and 26 January) through the St Vincent De Paul Society. Through this bushfire appeal, you can make a tangible difference in the lives of those affected, whether that be to cover basic clothing or the food bill for a family evacuated from their home. The support may also come through psychological counselling services for families left traumatised by the disaster or financial counselling as they struggle to pay unexpected bills. Together we can offer real comfort and long term support to families left struggling after the bushfires.



+ Anthony Fisher OP

### Following are the stats for SVDP for the calendar year 2019

NO OF CLIENT VISITS 2019	161
NO OF CLIENT VISITS 2018	212
INCREASE/DECREASE	-51

#### CONFERENCE COSTS IN SERVICING CLIENTS

FOOD CARDS	\$12580
OTHER	\$ 1320
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13900</b>

AVERAGE COST IN SERVICING CLIENTS \$86.00 PER VISIT

#### NOT A COST TO CONFERENCE

DONATED ITEMS	45
(APPROX VALUE)	
EAPA ELECT/GAS **	2600
PHONE**	450
OTHER ASSIST**	898

\*\* Vouchers etc provided by Regional Office no cost to Conference

VOUCHERS ISSUED FOR CLOTHING / FURNITURE / supplied by Vinnies Stores.

Conference members also participate in the following activities

4 clothing drives per year

Maternal Heart of Mary Conference in the city helping the poor & homeless of Sydney.

The Men's Conference always welcome new members to enable us to ensure we continue our work well into the future.

The amount of time spent is left up to the individual, any help large or small is always appreciated.

We meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.

No particular skills are required just a willingness to help those in need within our Parish area, training is provided by our Conference.

**For further information please contact Paul Morris (President) Mobile 0438 225 120.**

**First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6**

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.**

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

**Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3**

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.**

**He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 1:29-34**

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

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