



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

Third Sunday Ordinary Time 26 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

Australia Day 2020 could not be celebrated in a truly meaningful way without acknowledging the Tribulation (with a capital 'T') caused by the bushfires. We all felt the "heat," even though we, as Sydneysiders, have been fortunate enough to be, by and large, out of the way of any direct flame. In the era of globalised 24-hour news cycle we are bound to hear about some tragic disaster somewhere in the world on a regular basis. But how far can our tolerance for such disasters be stretched before it reaches a breaking point? Upon coming across yet another internet news article about the terrible conditions around Australia, a friend of mine cried out, 'Australia is crumbling!' Even though none of us believe that Australia is *actually* crumbling (my friend included), we can certainly sympathise with the expressed sentiment.

With the worst of the crisis probably behind us (hopefully!), I think it is less untimely now for a related issue to finally be addressed - something which has been worrying, even frightening. We all felt the "heat" generated by the discussion about the bushfire crisis, much of which revolved around the issue of climate change. I wish not to take a political stance on the issue here but to merely describe what I observed. No doubt, some were sincerely and passionately concerned about climate change and its potential link to the current bushfire crisis, whilst others most probably had an ulterior motive or two, for example, party politics or even the desire to create a diversion. [For this reason and more, I am personally of the view that a royal commission into the bushfire crisis could be more helpful than not.]

But why did any of this have to be enveloped in such an inflamed political climate? We know from personal experience that it is rarely, if ever, a good idea to have an important discussion when we are quite upset, for, then, there is a high probability that we will go about it in the wrong way. Emotions flying high, concerted efforts being made to apply formidable pressure on others or to incite them, the freedom to express a different view becoming immensely difficult for fear being attacked ('You're on the wrong side of history!'), a temptation to prefer radical expediency over due process, etc. All these are conditions that constitute an inflamed political climate and, surely, they are un-Australian, especially given that one of the core Australian values is *fairness*. I hope that the picture of the metaphorical landscape of Australia set ablaze and in angry turmoil, as depicted by the mainstream media at times, isn't very accurate and that in reality far more would actually prefer to 'advance Australia fair!'

Pastoral Team:

Fr Peter Kwak PP

beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com

Parish Office Address:

5 Tarrilli Street

Postal Address:

PO Box 100

Beverly Hills NSW 2209

Telephone: 9554 8155

Email: reginaparish@gmail.com

Web: reginacoeliparish.org.au

A special parish collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for the Bush Fires, through the St Vincent De Paul Society

The Week Ahead

Sun 26 Jan 3rd Sun in Ordinary Time Australia Day	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 27 Jan St Angela Merici Sts Timothy & Titus	No Mass
Tues 28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Wed 29 Jan	7.00am Mass
Thurs 30 Jan	9:15am Mass
Fri 31 Jan St John Bosco	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 1 Feb	9.00am: Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 2 Feb Presentation of the Lord	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Patrick Lim, Jim Barret

In Loving Memory

Sr Dorothea Meaney PBVM, Winnie Weeks, Jovito Canonizado

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

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
9554 8155
reginasacramental@gmail.com
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

Mr & Mrs R Henderson

3 Gungaroo Place

Ph: 9759 6403



Last Weekend
19 January 2020

2nd Collection \$1,774.85

1st Collection \$1,207.15

Attendance

5PM

8.30AM 137

10AM

Total ?

Children's Liturgy is Back!

Teachers

Karen
Lisa
Michelle
Jane (Coordinator)

Parent Helpers

Sumi
Sally
Jacinta

Teenage Helpers

Caitlan
Victoria
Alice

Thank you to all our volunteers who have been and will continue to do a marvellous job in looking after our children through the love of the Word of God!

Visit Of The Relics Of St Thérèse Of Lisieux and Her Parents

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Thérèse, and her parents, Louis and Zélie, will visit the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March. The relics will be officially welcomed at a ceremony at St Mary's Cathedral next Saturday 1 February at 4:30pm. Attached to this email is the full itinerary, which we ask you to print in A3 and post up on your parish noticeboard so that parishioners are aware of where and when they can take this opportunity to venerate the relics of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints and her parents who helped nurture her faith.

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
TOTAL	\$13900

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 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing
the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of
Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

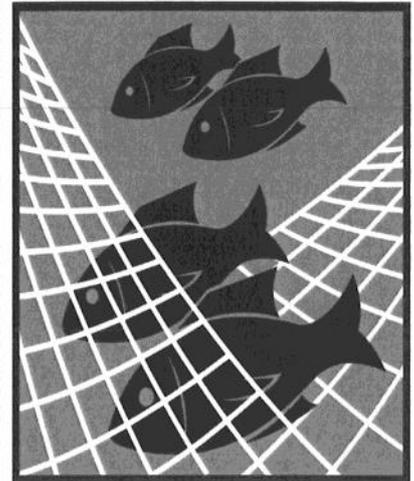
Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From

what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 4:12-17

(or longer form Mt 4:12-23)

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and
shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc. (ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from The Psalms, A New Translation, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.
© 2017 Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd
All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement.