



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

The Epiphany of the Lord 5 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

Happy new year! It's 2020 and you might have noticed that something is different and be wondering why. Well, I wish to tell you an enthralling story - one of those stories you might never forget ;) It is about *Canon*...our photocopier. Canon's time with us precedes all of my time here as parish administrator. He was purchased outright about five years ago. Ever since then he has been *ours* and will continue to be so for as long as we decide to keep him.

As some of you might be aware, owning a photocopier is a risky business. One tiny fault, hidden to the ordinary eye, can mean that the entire machine is rendered useless, just when you really need it too! Fortunately for us, Canon came to us with a service package - 'Canon Hardware Maintenance Agreement.' Now, even though Canon himself already belonged to us, the service package did not come for free. But instead of paying for it directly, the excellent service package has been financed via *click charges*.

Please allow me to explain a few things about click charges. There are different charges for different "clicks." And there are four types of clicks: small or large in *colour*, small or large in *black & white*. The most important difference here is that colour clicks are ten times more expensive than black & white clicks. And what counts as a colour click is any print that has even a small amount of colour on it, even just a single (coloured) dot. But the upside is that we can use as much colour as we want and still pay the same *fixed* colour click charge.

Several months ago, I received a letter regarding Canon. It turns out that the maintenance agreement, after 5 years, has now expired. Apparently, this means that all click charges are to go up by about 60%. The argument was then put to me that, instead of bearing the burden of increased click charges, the parish might be better off by purchasing a brand new *upgraded* Canon, with which will come the same service package (but without the increase in click charges). I must admit that I came very close to saying yes to the new offer. But I was saved by the bell - by the last minute realisation that increased click charges would hardly matter at all if our bulletins were printed not in colour (ten times more expensive) but in black & white instead. A black & white click charge increased by 60% is still much cheaper - 84% cheaper - than what we used to pay for a colour click!

So, here is what we might try at least for the time being: have our bulletins printed entirely in black & white on most days, only using colour on special occasions. But when we do decide to use colour every now and then, we might not hold back, we might go all out, with photos and all!

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 5 Jan Feast of the Epiphany	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 6 Jan	No Mass
Tues 7 Jan St Raymond of Penyafort, priest	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Wed 8 Jan	7.00am Mass
Thurs 9 Jan	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Fri 10 Jan	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 11 Jan	9.00am: Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 12 Jan Baptism of the Lord	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Annamaria Cicuto, Joe Costa, 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

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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 2020 Columban Art Calendars

are available at the Piety Stall for \$7 per calendars. Good quality & value for money as well as assisting St Vincent de Paul Men's Conference in their work in the Parish area.

Catechist Required

Next year, our Parish will be in need of catechists for the following classes-

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 G Chater

39 Glendale Avenue
Ph: 0416 036 283



Last Weekend
29 December 2019

2nd Collection \$1,722.00

1st Collection \$1,168.50

Attendance

5PM 120

8.30AM 148

10AM 181

Total 449

ANGELUS ADDRESS BY POPE FRANCIS: on the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

And truly, today is a beautiful day . . . We celebrate today the feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The term “holy” inserts this family in the ambit of holiness, which is a gift of God but, at the same time, is free and responsible adherence to God’s plan. It was so for the family of Nazareth, <which> was totally open to the Will of God. How can we not be amazed at Mary’s docility to the action of the Holy Spirit, who asks Her to become the Mother of the Messiah? — because, as every young woman of Her time, Mary was about to concretize Her plan of life, namely, to marry Joseph.

However, when She realized that God was calling Her to a particular mission, She didn’t hesitate to proclaim herself His “handmaid” (Cf. *Luke* 1:38). Jesus would exalt Her grandeur not so much for her role as Mother, but for Her obedience to God. Jesus says: “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!” (*Luke* 11:28), as Mary <did>. And when She doesn’t understand fully the events that involve Her, Mary meditates, reflects and adores the divine initiative in silence. Her presence at the foot of the cross consecrates this total availability.

Then, in so far as Joseph is concerned, the Gospel doesn’t tell us a single word: he doesn’t speak but acts by obeying. He is the man of silence, the man of obedience. Today’s evangelical page (Cf. *Matthew* 2:13.19-23) recalls three times this obedience of just Joseph, in reference to the flight into Egypt and the return to the land of Israel. Under God’s guidance, represented by the Angel, Joseph removes his family from Herod’s threat and saves it. Thus the Holy Family is in solidarity with all families worldwide obliged into exile; it is in solidarity with all those constrained to abandon their land because of repression, violence and war.

Finally, Jesus is the third person of the Holy Family. He is the Will of the Father: in Him, says Saint Paul, there wasn’t “yes” and “no,” but only “yes” (Cf. *2 Corinthians* 1:19). And this was manifested in many moments of His earthly life. For instance, the episode of the Temple, when His anguished parents were looking for Him, he answers: “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” (*Luke* 2:49); His constant repeating: “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me” (*John* 4:34); His prayer in the Garden of Olives: “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, thy will be done” (*Matthew* 26:42). All these events are the perfect realization of the same words of Christ who says: “Sacrifices and offerings thou hast not desired [. . .] Then I said, ‘Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God’” (*Hebrews* 10:5-7; *Psalms* 40:7-9).

Mary, Joseph and Jesus: the Holy Family of Nazareth that represents a unanimous response to the Father’s Will: the three components of this singular family help one another mutually to discover and realize God’s plan. They prayed, worked <and> communicated. And I wonder: in your family, are you able to communicate or are you like those kids at table, each one with his mobile phone while they are chatting? At that table there seems to be a silence as if they were at Mass . . . But they don’t communicate with one another. We must take up again conversation in the family: fathers, parents, children, grandparents and brothers must communicate with one another . . . This is a task to do today, precisely on the day of the Holy Family. May the Holy Family be the model of our families, so that parents and children support one another in adherence to the Gospel, foundation of the family’s holiness.

We entrust to Mary, “Queen of the Family,” all the world’s families, especially those tried by suffering and hardship, and we invoke upon them Her maternal protection.

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

First Reading Is 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. *(R.)*
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. *(R.)*
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. *(R.)*
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed

through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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