



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 February 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

For quite a while we have been questioning our sky's capacity for retaining vast amounts of moisture to the point of being able to pour down rain on us. Intermittent dribbles were all that our sky seemed to be able to manage (in spite of our pleas for more). Well, perhaps the Australian sky heard our secret doubts and wanted to remind us, in a spectacular manner, of what it was really capable of. What followed, last weekend, was incredible! It was hard to believe that our transparent sky had a mechanism sophisticated enough for storing up a seemingly endless reservoir of water which did not run out in spite of being released at a tremendous rate for days on end. Surely, there had to be a hidden ocean somewhere beyond the blue veil of our sky! Our sympathies are with those who had to pay heftier prices than others during these days of long-awaited rain. We pray that they may receive the assistance they need and much more. As for Regina Coeli, our beautiful church sustained some minor(?) damage, which was a case of pre-existing problems becoming worse due to the stormy weather. Finally, and I say this in jest, it looks like our collections also took a hit last weekend! Now, let us return to the subject matter which has been addressed for the past two weekends (the past bulletins can be viewed/downloaded on our parish website).

#### A background story

From as early as May 2018, a group of parishioners have been helping me throughout the process of discernment/negotiation to do with parish assets. These include Peter Byrne, Peter Crawford and Michael Partlin who have been exceptionally generous (and patient) in giving their time and energy to the task. Our aim has been to represent the best interest of the parish, whilst also collaborating with SCS and the Chancery. Canon Law protects the rights of each parish to be able to make the best decision in regard to its assets, without undue influence or pressure. Accordingly, it has been my intention to inform and consult parishioners sooner rather than later, so that any final decision can truly be said to be an authentic decision made by the parish. I wanted sufficient *clarity* before giving the whole parish a chance to examine the options and express their views. Unfortunately, the right moment for the big reveal never quite seemed to arrive, especially since it was difficult to get the other parties to even potentially agree to concrete terms under various options.

#### A nearly sealed deal at the end of 2019

In the midst of delays and uncertainties there were also rare moments of rush to, as it were, seal the deal. I must confess that we came very close to agreeing to a deal which would have included a reverse-landswap, some compensation (from SCS to the parish) for further reduction of parish land due to school expansion and a viable ELC package (from SCECS to the parish). Of course, the reverse-landswap would have meant that the parish would be minus a building (a presbytery). Well, it so happened that SCS was highly desirous of the parish purchasing 3 Tarrilli Street which could function as a presbytery as well as adding to the portfolio of parish assets. So, a loan was suggested, the repayment of which was to be financed by the ELC package. There was only one problem: the price of 3 Tarrilli Street. The parish was asked to purchase 3 Tarrilli Street at the same premium which SCS paid in 2017. We said no thank you. Then the dispute was brought to the attention of the powers-that-be who are yet to provide clear guidance on the matter. I honestly thought of this as a blessing in disguise because, as you can see, it has allowed me to finally attempt parish consultation (and we are certainly starting afresh in a real sense) - better late than never!

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 16 Feb</b> 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 17 Feb</b>	No Mass
<b>Tues 18 Feb</b>	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Wed 19 Feb</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thurs 20 Feb</b>	9:15am Mass
<b>Fri 21 Feb</b> St Peter Damian bishop, doctor	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
<b>Sat 22 Feb</b> The Chair of St Peter apostle	9.00am: Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 23 Feb</b> 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## SHARE A STORY PROJECT

Could you share a story about a time when *faith* helped you (or someone else you know) in life? In order to be able to tell such a story we need to be attentive to and reflective about the (usually) gentle, quiet and yet surprising ways in which God's grace works. Surely, there are plenty of stories between us all and sharing them can help us become more *collectively awake* in our spiritual journey! Your story only needs to be brief and simple (preferably between 150~350 words but exceptions can be made). Whether you wish to be identified or remain anonymous is entirely up to you. Please email me ([beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com)), handwrite to me or speak to me, so that your story can be published in the parish bulletin. I really hope that 'Share a story' will become a regular feature in our parish bulletin, as one of the catalysts for our collective spiritual growth in 2020!

- Fr Peter -

## Please pray for...

### Recently Deceased

Sr Ann McRae pbvm, Maureen Lord

### In Loving Memory

Jovito Canonizado,

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

Beven Kelly, Peter Daniels, Ann Mc Dowell, Christopher McDowell, 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.

**The Parish Lenten Program** will commence on Tuesday 3rd of March after 9:15am Mass in the Parish Community Centre at 5 Tarrilli Street.

If interested please contact Sister Patricia on 9554 3227.

You will be very welcome to join in this spiritual preparation, designed to evoke a deeper appreciation for the immense gift of Easter.

## Life Ascending Meetings

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

## Rosary Statue

Mrs V Kellert

67 Warraroong Street  
Ph: 9150 7169



### 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  
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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

Last Weekend 9 February 2020		Attendance	
<b>2nd Collection \$1,540.60</b>		5PM	
1st Collection	\$ 841.85	8.30AM	106
		10AM	195
		<b>Total</b>	<b>?</b>

## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

### Please be advised of the the Parish Sacramental Program dates for 2020

*First Reconciliation* – Thursday 2 April 5.30pm-6.30pm & 7.30pm-8.30pm. (Children in Year 3 and above)

*Confirmation* – Friday 29 May at 7.00pm by Bishop Richard Umbers. (Children in Year 6 and above)

*First Holy Communion* - Saturday 12 September 5.00pm Vigil Mass & Sunday 13 September 10.00am Mass. (Children who have received First Reconciliation)

**Enrolment information will be made available two months prior to each Sacrament**

### Share a Story

The oldest female parishioner at Regina Coeli (as far as I am aware) lives on a long street which is ironically named 'Shorter Avenue' (there must be an extremely long avenue somewhere in the vicinity). She shared with me a story, not really as a response to the *Share a story* project, but just because she is a great storyteller! When she was a young mother and attending Mass at the old church (which later became the parish hall), her son used to escape through the side door, run around, reappear through the back and cry out for everyone to hear, 'Ha ha, I am back!' (or a similar announcement in different words) One lady in the parish used to remark, quite seriously, that the boy should really be referred to a psychiatrist! Now, I am not quite sure *how* but, apparently, the boy went on to become the dux at two schools and then a medical doctor. What is the moral of the story? Maybe that no child should be written off no matter how...annoying? Maybe that there is a fine line between genius and...apparent chaos?

- Fr Peter -

### 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, is returning to the Archdiocese of Sydney in March

National Pilgrimage of The Relics of Saints Thérèse, Louis & Zélie Martin



Date	Morning	Evening
March		
Tues 10 March 2020	<b>St Thérèse Catholic Church</b> 45 Sutherland Rd, Mascot Arrival: 6:30 am Departure: 4:00 pm	<b>St Thérèse Catholic Church</b> 125 Cartwright Ave, Sadleir Arrival: 5:30 pm All-night Vigil Departure: 10:30 am next day
Wed 11 March 2020	<b>Our Lady of Victories</b> 1788 The Horsley Drive, Horsley Park Arrival: 11 am Departure: 4:00 pm	<b>St Thomas the Apostle Chaldean Catholic Church</b> 66-78 Quarry Rd, Bossley Park Arrival: 5:00 pm Departure: 12:00 am
Thurs 12 March 2020	<b>University of Notre Dame Australia</b> 128-140 Broadway, Chippendale Arrival: 10:00 am Departure: 2:00 pm	<b>Maternal Heart of Mary Catholic Church</b> Charles O'Neill Way, Lewisham Arrival: 3:00 pm All-night Vigil Departure: 7:00 am next day
Fri 13 March 2020	<b>Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus</b> 25a Barker Rd, Strathfield Arrival: 8:00 am Departure: 1:00 pm	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church</b> 18 Vine St, Fairfield Arrival: 3:00 pm Departure: 9:00 pm
Sat 14 March 2020	<b>Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church</b> 59 Bradleys Head Rd, Clifton Gardens Arrival: 7:00 am Departure: 1:00 pm	<b>St Joachim's Catholic Church</b> 2 Mills St, Lidcombe Arrival: 2:30 pm All-night Vigil Departure: 6:00 am next day
Sun 15 March 2020	<b>St Thérèse Catholic Church</b> 11 Harvey Ave, Padstow Arrival: 7:00 am Departure: 1:00 pm	<b>Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church</b> 389 Port Hacking Rd, Caringbah Arrival: 3:00 pm Departure: 9:00 pm
Mon 16 March 2020	<b>St Peter Chanel Catholic Church</b> 60 Kingsland Rd, Regents Park (Berala) Arrival: 8:30 am Departure: 4:00 pm	<b>The Korean Martyrs &amp; St Stanislaus Catholic Church</b> Asquith St, North Auburn (Silverwater) Arrival: 5:00 pm Departure: 11:00 pm
Tues 17 March 2020	<b>St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church</b> 582 Victoria Rd, Ryde Arrival: 8:00 am Departure: 3:00 pm	<b>St Kevin's Catholic Church</b> 36 Hillview Rd, Eastwood Arrival: 4:00 pm All-night Vigil Departure: 5:00 am next day
Wed 18 March 2020	<b>All Saints Catholic Church</b> 53 Bigge St, Liverpool	<b>All Saints Catholic Church</b> All-night Vigil

### Calvary Hospital Remembrance Service will be held on

Saturday, February 22 at 2pm at Calvary's Chapel, 91- 111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah.

Anyone who has suffered bereavement is welcome to attend; especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary. Light refreshments follow. Attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of their loved one. For more info:

**Mary A 9553-3158.**

### Next Weekend: 23 February 2020

	Welcomers	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers
5PM	<i>Elizabeth C, Iris O, Milah H</i>	<i>Louisa B, Adriana H</i>	<i>Margaret M, Charles</i>
8.30AM	<i>Brian M, Connie C, Anne K</i>	<i>Anne K, Loretta M</i>	<i>Tasha D, Anthony</i>
10.00AM	<i>Maria T, Maureen P, Mildrid</i>	<i>Jessica M, Pene V</i>	<i>Maria T, Kim L</i>



**First Reading Eccl 15:15-20***He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,  
to behave faithfully is within your power.  
He has set fire and water before you;  
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.  
Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be given him.  
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is almighty and all-seeing.  
His eyes are on those who fear him,  
he notes every action of man.  
He never commanded anyone to be godless,  
he has given no one permission to sin.

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1***(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!  
They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts  
to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm  
to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live  
and obey your word.  
Open my eyes that I may consider  
the wonders of your law. (R.)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law,  
to keep it with my heart. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10***God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord

of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

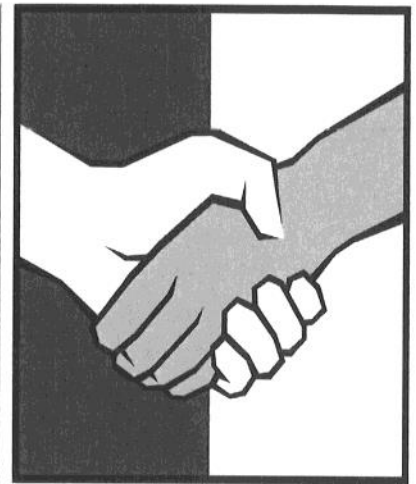
**Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25***Alleluia, alleluia!**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;**you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**Alleluia!***Gospel Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37 (or longer form Mt 5:17-37)***Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.