



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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 October 2018

Sydney Young Clergy - under 10 years ordained, which means that I am still considered a young priest myself! - gather approximately once every second month for ongoing formation and fraternity. One such gathering took place from last Sunday evening to Monday, at the end of which I was mentally exhausted from hours of conversation, although happily so. One of the topics that surprised us by turning into a long discourse was 'Mass intention.' We discovered that there was slight variance in our understanding of it. I shall attempt to explain here my view - well supported by others - especially given that we are less than two weeks away from the month of November - the month of the holy souls.

The Mass is 'prayer par excellence' - a superb opportunity for allowing our prayers to be joined to and elevated by the perfect offering of Jesus to the Father. So why not apply the supreme grace of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection (The Paschal Mystery) to the particular intentions which are held dearly in our hearts? Everyone - both clergy and laity alike - is encouraged to do this whenever the Eucharist is celebrated. At the same time, however, it can also be appropriate to ask a priest to offer Mass especially for those intentions whose gravity are felt more acutely because, after all, the priest has the unique role of acting 'in persona Christi' at the Eucharistic sacrifice. Thus a 'Mass intention' can be given to the priest, and this in two ways: with or without a stipend. Historically, Mass stipends were a way of supporting the upkeep of clergy. But that seems to matter less now, given that their basic necessities are already secured via other means e.g. monthly stipends. Also, the Church has stipulated that no more than one stipend per Mass can be accepted, so as to prevent "commercialisation" of that which is most sacred. So, here is the bottom line:

When deemed to be necessary, please make known to me the particular intentions for which you want Mass to be offered. But no stipend is required. A simple note written on a piece of paper or a card, preferably given to me just before Mass, will suffice. [In fact, I am considering placing a book in front of the altar on which Mass intentions can be written.] A priest can accept as many particular intentions as he can reasonably hold in his heart at any given time, as long as these do not come with a stipend. But for those that do come with a stipend, only one per Mass can be accepted. Inevitably here at Regina Coeli, I have to find other priests who can offer Mass for some of the "stipend-intentions" which are too many for me to be able to do alone. More to come on similar topics next week... [Please note that I will be away on retreat from Monday to Friday and say a prayer or two for me, thank you!]

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 21 Oct 29th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 22 Oct St John Paul II		No Mass
Tues 23 Oct St John of Capistrano	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wed 24 Oct St Anthony Claret	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 25 Oct	9.15am	Mass
Fri 26 Oct	8:30am 9:15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 27 Oct	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 28 Oct 30th Sun in OT	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Recently Deceased

Rita Campbell

In Loving Memory

Eveline Sullivan, Harold (Tim) Mitchell, Rebecca Phibbs, Donato Tozzi, Colleen Bresnan, James Roebuck, Irene Hall, Dan Hall, Pat Smith, Clarissa Susantio, Maria Adollarata Tesoriero, Margherita Trimboli, Jonathan Porcu, May Mitchell, Vito Maida Carmelo Algozzino, Nancy Mitchell, Orazio Giannaula, Sr Mary Frances Murphy, Emile Succar, Holy Souls, Theresa & Edward Cantwell, Marie Patricia Doherty, Anthony Nguyen, Bartolo Tesoriero, Marc David Sollazzo, Roy Mitchell, Doreen Simmons, Ivan Matek, Fulvia Tonitto, Peter Repole, Alfio Stagnitta & family, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Maria Porcu, Connie Fedele, Anna & Joseph Pham, Elisabeth Dang, Mark Phillips, 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, 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, Maria Mandich, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, 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:

Greg Daniels, Elena Mura, Carmen Aquilina, 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

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WASHING WITH WATER

The Mosaic Law was full of regulations about washing. There were many things a person could do that would make him unclean, and often the Law said he then had to wash in water in order to re-enter the congregation.

In the sense of getting rid of uncleanness, bathing in water, besides being a sanitary regulation, had some typological significance; the water was symbolic of the rinsing off of sin and of showing one's desire to enter the Kingdom of God.

By the time of John the Baptist, there were ritual washing pools all over Israel. Many of these pools can be seen in the archaeological excavations throughout Israel. It is believed the Jews of the time of Christ required a new convert to be water baptized. Hasting's Dictionary of the Bible says, "A stranger who desired to become a Proselyte of the Covenant, or of Righteousness, i.e., in the fullest sense an Israelite, must be circumcised and baptized, and then offer a sacrifice." The person was taken "to a pool, in which he stood up to his neck in water, while the great commandments of the Law were recited to him. These he promised to keep. Then a benediction was pronounced and he plunged beneath the water, taking care to be entirely submerged

Ritual immersion was important enough to the Jews that the Mishnah, the first section of the Talmud, devotes an entire tractate to ritual immersion pools; it describes how much water a pool should contain, how to stop a leak, and even places the "living water" the pool contained into six grades of excellence or acceptability. The water in the pool was to come "by the hand of heaven" and not "by the hand of man," so it had to be rainwater (gravity fed from rooftops was fine), springs, etc. Drawing water from cisterns to fill the pool was not acceptable. The beauty of baptising, as John did, in the Jordan River, was that there would never be any disputes about whether or not the water was Levitically acceptable.

<https://www.truthorthradition.com/articles/water-and-the-holy-spirit>

Rosary Statue

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Last Weekend 14 Oct 2018

2nd Collection 1,868.55

1st Collection \$1,183.25

Pope Francis on Mass intentions:

The action of the Holy Spirit and the efficacy of the very words of Christ uttered by the priest make truly present, under the form of bread and wine, his Body and his Blood, his sacrifice offered on the Cross once and for all (cf. cc, 1375)...Commemorating the Lord's death and Resurrection, in expectation of his glorious return, the Church offers the Father the sacrifice which reconciles heaven and earth: she offers the paschal sacrifice of Christ, offering herself with him and asking, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to become "one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer iii; Sacrosanctum Concilium, 48; oqmr, 79f)

...No one and nothing is forgotten in the Eucharistic Prayer, but every thing is attributed to God, as is recalled by the doxology which concludes it. No one is forgotten. And if I have someone, relatives, friends, who are in need or have departed from this world to the other, I can name them at that time, interiorly and silently, or write the name so it may be said aloud. "Father, how much do I have to pay to have my name said there?" — "Nothing". Is this understood? Nothing! One does not pay for Mass. Mass is Christ's sacrifice, which is freely given. Redemption is freely given. If you want to make an offering, do so, but it is not paid for. It is important to understand this.

Honey, I shrunk Our Lady!

No, she hasn't shrunk. She is being replenished, thanks to a great initiative from the ladies of St Vincent de Paul Society, and will be away for approximately a month. In the meantime, a parishioner has kindly offered her personal statue of Mary to fill the void of Our Lady Queen of Heaven. She will be back!

Archdiocese Safeguarding Office Release

"Someone will listen to you" Postcards

The Archdiocese Safeguarding office has prepared a "*Someone will listen to you*" Postcard for the young people and children of our parish. The postcard, designed by a boy from the Archdiocese, is to help our young people and children know, they are able speak safely to a listening trusted adult. The postcards are available at the Church doors.

Please note the following Saturdays for Youth Group gatherings.

10 November
24 November
8 December

St Vincent de Paul—Clothing Drive

Our next Clothing Drive is on Saturday 3 November 2018

Clothing should be put out where it can be seen from the street no later than 8:00am.

Clothing and other items are not to be left at the Parish Centre or the Church.

Any enquiries, please contact
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Sydney Catholic Men's Ministry Network Meeting

Calling all Men! We all need the supportive brotherhood of other good men. Come and find out more about men's ministry in Sydney archdiocese. Find out how you can start or join a local men's group in your area with support from us. Hosted by Bishop Richard Umbers, hear from Tristan Ross, former lieutenant in the army on his experience of Catholic brotherhood. Ben Galea from Young Men of God will facilitate a discussion on growing new men's groups. Friday night November 23, 6.30pm Mass, 7.30pm Dinner, 8.30pm Presentations. St. Paul of the Cross Parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill. Register: www.trybooking.com/431767 More Info: christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org

Mass for Pregnant Mothers

Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Most Rev Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, at St Mary's Cathedral of Sunday 18 November at 10:30am.

RSVP and enquiries can be directed to LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8401

Be Awake National Catholic Men's Conference

"Be Awake; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Cor 16:13-16

"Where are you men? Where are you men of God? Where will you be when the SON comes? Are you AWAKE?" MenAlive and the Young Men of God Movement (YMG) have united to host a life-changing event for the men of this nation. The conference will bring the very best of MenAlive's hugely successful MAX conference, and the unrivalled strength of the Young Men of God National Conference. There will be great speakers, worship, prayer, sacraments, sports and brotherhood time. It is a space, which will allow men to encounter Jesus Christ, be it the first time or a renewal. To register go to menalive.org.au or ymgmovement.org Promotional Video Link: <https://youtu.be/e19HV5mUW2Q>

First Reading Is 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 10:45

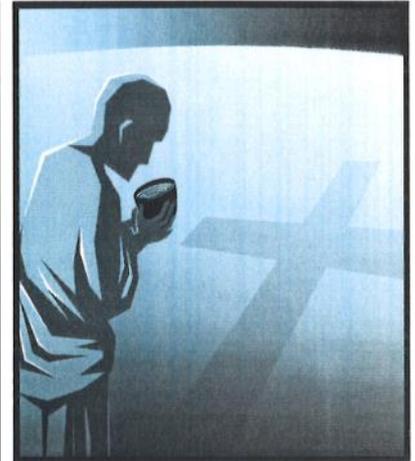
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:35-45
(or shorter form Mk 10:42-45)

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

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