



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

16th Sunday in ordinary Time
23 July 2017

Liturgy Times

SUNDAY:

8:30am, 10:00am.

Children's Liturgy during school term

MONDAY: 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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



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Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward. The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom. Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Many thanks to Monsignor Kerry Bayada and Fr Robert Krishna OP for celebrating Mass this weekend. Next weekend Bishop Umbers will be with us.

~ Have a happy week, Fr Paul

The Week Ahead

Sun 23 July 16 Sunday in OT	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am	Mass Mass Baptism:
Mon 24 July	9.15am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 25 July <i>St James</i>	8.30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wed 26 July <i>Ss Joachim & Anne</i>	9.15am	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Thurs 27 July	9.15am 2.00pm	Mass Afternoon Tea - Parish Centre
Fri 28 July	8.30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 29 July <i>St Martha</i>	9.00am 5.00pm	No Mass or Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 30 July 17 Sunday in OT	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Tax Receipts including Winter Appeal receipts are now available for collection at the back of the Church. Kindly collect your envelope as soon as possible.

Please pray for...

In Loving Memory

Ken Fleeton, Giovanni Battiato, Shirley Mary Lynch, Frances Spinella, Donato Tozzi, Josephine Agius, Anthony Pham, Moya Phillips, Beryl Dollin, Catherine LinSiew Ngiik, James Campisi, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Gail Moore, Theresa Nguyen, Giuseppe Leotta, Alfia Laspina, Rosa Ferlito, Terzino Ventresca, Delfina Morassut, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Columba Doherty, Anna Maria Cicuto, Aileen Host, Thomas Tran, Audrey English, Edward Cantwell, Irene McCarthy, Carmelo Algozzino, Tony Tesoriero, Carl John Sollazzo, Joseph Owens, Ugo Buracchi, Romeo Vassalo, Thomas Mendes, Salvatore Licari, Joe Costa, Margherita Falsone, Gino Morassut, Vicko Hrdalo, Kate Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Ivan and Mara Puyic, Patty Woods, Clarice Redshaw, Chris Pezzutti, Frederika Streiff, Buyung Elias, Pauline Elias, Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Bob Pettit, James Roebuck, Marc David Sollazzo, Peter Pezzutti, Maria Addolorata Tesoriero, Nicolino Poreu, Madeddu Filomena Gonario, Sam Xerri, Sidney Falson, Valerie Zacka, Dea Mattiussi, George & Linda Darrell-Edwards, Maria Cristofaro, Dominico Cristofaro, Tim Mitchell, Donato Carnevale, Mary McGregor, Gloria Vieira, Manuel Vieira, Elizabeth Tesoriero, Maria Mandich, Odette Sarah, Theresa May Cantwell, Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, John Brogan, Frank Meaney, Maria Serravalle, Loretto Davenport, Pat Smith, Roberto and Filomena Garfano, Judith Farrell, Pasquale Raglini, Dan Hall, Joseph Lin Kee Choo, Graham Daniel, Mildred May Mitchell, Mark Byrne, Carl El-Khoury, Maria Mansour, Joseph Mealing, Maria Giuseppa Mascolo, Cono Reale, Stephen Xuereb, Bartolo Tesoriero, Peter Repole, Caterina Tesoriero, Leonardo Battiato, Imelda Garcia, Fulvia Maria Tonitto, Myriam Barbe, Maureen Whelan, Joseph & Anna Pham, Roy Vincent McGregor, Mildred Formosa, Harry Host, Joan Byrne, Norm Coleman, Hugh Sadler, Francesca, & Salvatore Cocilovo, Pio Gonano, Alex Xuereb

Please note: if you would like the name of a deceased person to remain on this list please email the parish office. Fr Paul

Please remember those who are in ill health especially: Antonia Falzon, Liam Ajaka, Neville Zacka, Nicolas Reale, (aged 4), Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, June Roebuck, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Jeanette Cardoz, Chris Byrne, Dr Antonio Braga, Anne Courtney, Erifili Vorias, David Shannon, Ann McDowell, Alice Nelson, Terry Wall, Paul Kensey, Mary Emery, Micaela & Theresa Trujillo

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 22/07 Vigil	9.00am 5.00pm	No Mass
Sunday 23/07	8.30am 10.00am	
Tuesday 25/07	9.15am	
Wednesday 26/07	7.00am	No Mass
Thursday 27/07	9.15pm	
Friday 28/07	9.15am	
Saturday 29/07 Vigil	9.00am 5.00pm	No Mass
Sunday 30/07	8.30am 10:00am	



Rosary Statue

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"Patience obtains everything." -St. Teresa of Avila

The Gospel of Matthew
Fr Paul Turner

Chances are, you know Matthew's Gospel better than you know the other three. It contains the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer. It highlights the ministry of Peter. In it, Jesus urges the disciple to works of mercy because "what you do to the least you do to me." It records stories about the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the flight into Egypt, and the slaughter of the innocents. Its account of the death of Christ thunders with an earthquake. For centuries, Matthew's popular Gospel dominated the Scripture readings Catholics heard at Mass. But when the lectionary was revised in 1969, it became associated with the first of a three-year cycle of readings. During ordinary time of year A, we expect to hear Matthew when we attend Sunday Mass. Most people assume that the author of this Gospel was the tax collector who decided to follow Jesus. However, this is not likely. Many Scripture scholars believe the Gospel was written late in the first century by an anonymous Jewish Christian who lived at Antioch in Syria. The author borrowed much of Mark's Gospel—a pointless method if the writer had been an eyewitness to the events. The Gospel circulated long before the name "Matthew" became attached to it.

Matthew's Gospel seems intended for an audience of Christians very familiar with the Jewish way of life: believers who came from a prosperous area, but who were threatened by persecution. Its central message is embedded in the title associated with Jesus at his birth, "Emmanuel," "God is with us." In Jesus, God is with us. To Jesus, we respond as disciples. The writer of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes symbolized as a man or an angel, recalling the genealogy that opens the book. Even though this Gospel was probably written after Mark's, it appears first in the New Testament and first in the lectionary cycle.



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This is Marriage and Family Sunday

Please see Newsletter insert entitled, **Know Yourself** "only in contemplating Christ does a person come to know the deepest truth about human relationships"

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (2016)

**Safeguarding Children Policy -
Building a safe culture for all**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is committed to ensuring the emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing, safety and dignity of children and young people. This commitment forms the foundation of their long-standing and rigorous child protection procedures.

- ◆ No person is allowed to enter the Regina Coeli School grounds, during school days, without first obtaining permission from the school office.
- ◆ Adults are to avoid as far as possible being alone with a child or young person.
- ◆ We as a community share the responsibility for creating a safe and nurturing environment for our children and young people.

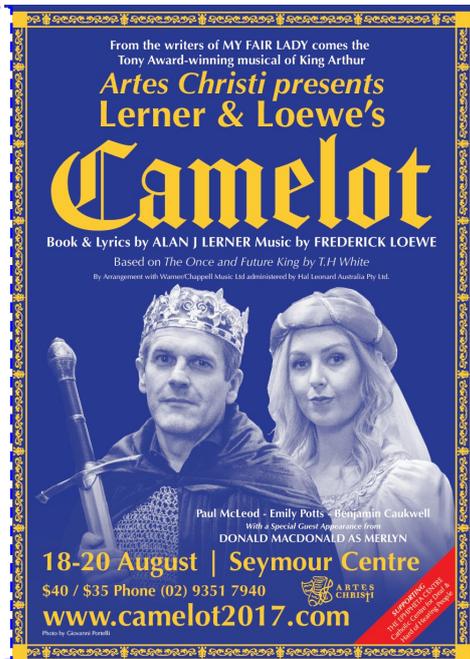
Training for new Altar Servers

Training will take place in the Church on Friday 28 July at 3:15pm

Camelot Musical

will star acclaimed film, TV and stage actor Donald Macdonald as Meryln alongside Paul McLeod as Arthur, Emily Potts as Guenevere and a wonderful cast & live orchestra of 75 people. This Artes Christi production of My Fair Lady proudly supports Ephpheta, the Catholic centre for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Tickets from \$35 per person.



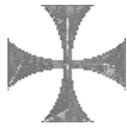
ROME PILGRIMAGES SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Beverly Hills Tour 16-23 November 2017

For our parish pilgrimage starting in Rome on 16th November, single travellers who wish to book on a twin share basis will not be charged the single supplement fee.

Rome Pilgrimages will try to match you with another pilgrim to room share, and if this is not possible, you will not be charged the extra single supplement fee. Please phone 1800 753 959 or email

pilgrimage@sydneycatholic.org for more detail



Liturgy of the Word

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading Wis 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom
 There is no god, other than you, who cares for every-
 thing,
 to whom you might have to prove that you never
 judged unjustly.
 Your justice has its source in strength,
 your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
 You show your strength when your sovereign power is
 questioned
 and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
 but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judge-
 ment,
 you govern us with great lenience,
 for you have only to will, and your power is there.
 By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
 how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow
 men,
 and you have given your sons the good hope
 that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mat-
 thew
 Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The king-
 dom of heaven may be compared to a man who
 sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was
 asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among
 the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat
 sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well.
 The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir,
 was it not good seed that you sowed in your field?
 If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some
 enemy has done this" he answered. And the serv-
 ants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?"
 But he said, "No, because when you weed out the
 darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let
 them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest
 time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the dar-
 nel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather
 the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom
 of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took
 and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the
 seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest
 shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of
 the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of
 heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed
 in with three measures of flour till it was leavened
 all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables;
 indeed, he would never speak to them except in
 parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:
 I will speak to you in parables
 and expound things hidden since the foundation of
 the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house;
 and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain
 the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He
 said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the
 Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is
 the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the sub-
 jects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them,
 the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the
 reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the dar-
 nel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will
 be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his
 angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all
 things that provoke offences and all who do evil,
 and throw them into the blazing furnace, where
 there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then
 the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom
 of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
 you fill it with riches.
 Your river in heaven brims over
 to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
 you drench its furrows,
 you level it, soften it with showers,
 you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
 Abundance flows in your steps,
 in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy,
 the meadows covered with flocks,
 the valleys are decked with wheat.
 They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
 The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when
 we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the
 Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could
 never be put into words, and God who knows every-
 thing in our hearts knows perfectly well what he
 means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by
 the Spirit are according to the mind of God.
 The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
 you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the
 kingdom.
 Alleluia!

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