



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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 September 2019

There are certain issues that tend to divide us greatly, even though they really shouldn't, for example, *life* issues like abortion and euthanasia. But these issues shouldn't divide us because we are probably more united than we think. One of the things that undeniably unites us is the fact that there is suffering in life - far more than words can describe - so much so that life could almost be defined as *the art of coping with suffering*. As a matter of fact, to say that we *wrestle* with human suffering might be a better way of putting it, especially given the enormity of the pressure we feel sometimes. Some wrestles we win, others we lose. But even when we lose there can still be some redemptive value in the fact that our wrestling has been done in earnest. Our short term losses, by helping us become humbler and more open to God's mercy, can turn into long term gains which pave the way for our eventual victory, just as Jesus rose from the dead and conquered sin and death once and for all. This is why there is so much about the human experience which we share in common, which therefore ought to unite rather than divide us, even though we may all be at different stages of the journey, if only we can be...*honest!*

One of the most unnecessary (and unfortunate) divisions in our world, I think, is the one between those who think they have won and those who think they have lost in the wrestle of life. The first group run the risk of becoming overconfident and incapable of seeing the real inner-tension within themselves, the blindness of which weakens their capacity for compassion. The second group - perhaps they have already made a mistake they cannot talk about, or they know in their hearts what the outcome might be if they were inflicted with a difficult issue to wrestle with in near distant future - can feel resigned to one path and one path only, namely, the path of *denial*, all because they cannot see any other way out of the conundrum of human suffering.

When we allow our world to become divided in this way - between so-called winners and losers, "saints" and sinners - we deprive ourselves of *hope* by drastically discounting the mercy of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Is God really no more merciful than we are, such that if we cannot help ourselves, then, we must assume that no one can? Are we therefore to take matters into our own hands by constructing a superficial world of denial, pretence and self-justification? The cross of Jesus was the supreme sign to us that, whilst God's mercy has no limit, we can only explore its unfathomable depth in visceral honesty. Let's not condemn others, lest we be condemned ourselves, but let's not be silenced about what is right and wrong either, not because we always choose rightly ourselves but because we are passionately concerned that any disingenuous engagement with the problem of suffering will inevitably drag us down to a place where there is no real mercy, no real reconciliation and no real communion.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 15 Sept 24th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 16 Sept St Cornelius	No Mass
Tues 17 Sept St Robert Bellarmine	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass with Yr 5 10:00am Reconciliation Yr 6
Wed 18 Sept	7.00am Mass
Thurs 19 Sept St Januarius bishop martyr	9:15am Mass 10:00am Reconciliation with Yr 6
Fri 20 Sept St Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn priest martyr St Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & companions. martyrs	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass with Grandparents and whole school
Sat 21 Sept St Matthew apostle, evangelist	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 22 Sept 25th Sun in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Anita Abbey, Bob Hollingsworth, Donato Tozzi, Cono Reale, Colleen Bresnan, Patricia Atkins, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Marc David Solazzo, Damia & Assia Dagher, Bartolo Tesoriero

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Pat Johnson, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Genevieve Shedden, 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.

Parish Secretary

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School Principal

Mr Chris Egan
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Mrs Elizabeth Webster

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our parish children receiving First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray that you will enjoy your family celebration today and know that you can come and receive Jesus in the Eucharist at any Mass from now on.



Life Ascending Anniversary

To mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of Life Ascending Australia you are invited to the celebratory Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Peakhurst at 11:00am on Wednesday 2 October 2019.

Fr Geoff Plant and Fr Paul Hilder will be the celebrants.

This is a special occasion for all Life Ascending members and friends, especially for Regina Coeli Parishioners as Regina Coeli was the founding parish.

You are invited to attend both Mass and Luncheon.

Sr Patricia Nichols OP
Founding President

Planned Giving Envelopes 2019-2020 now available for collection

Weekly envelopes for 2019-2020 are now available from the table in the foyer at the back of the Church. These envelopes commence on 6 October 2019

Rosary Statue

Mrs I Ovens
17 Ponyara Road

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Last Weekend 1 September 2019

2nd Collection \$1,782.30

1st Collection \$1,035.35

Attendance

5PM	
8.30AM	120
10AM	216
Total	?



STAND FOR LIFE

**SUNDAY 15TH
SEPTEMBER**

**2:30PM - 5PM
ARCHIBALD FOUNTAIN,
HYDE PARK
SYDNEY CBD**

**NSW PARLIAMENT IS
ABOUT TO PASS AN
EXTREME ABORTION
LAW, ALLOWING
ABORTION ON DEMAND
UP UNTIL BIRTH.**

**IT IS TIME TO BE THE VOICE
FOR THE VOICELESS. AGAIN.**

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First Reading Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not
spurn. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting

in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 15:1-10

or longer form **Lk 15:1-32**

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to reestablish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.

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