



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

3rd Sunday in Lent

24 March 2019

'All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.' (2nd reading)

It is becoming less uncommon for us to hear whispers about *the end being near*. Even if we don't agree with the view, we can still be sympathetic to the sentiment - an apocalyptic sentiment - especially given that we have been hearing bad news upon bad news for what feels like almost a lifetime. What used to be unthinkable now seems capable of happening matter-of-factly. If it can happen then we need to be prepared for the possibility that it will happen because the boundary between the realms of reality and fantasy has been seriously blurred. In fact, for an increasing number of people - especially those whose primary habitat is cyberspace - there is no boundary. There are severe cases of perception disorder among us. We know this from two facts: that we are aggressively polarised in how we perceive and reason about (or not reason about) what is happening around us; that even in that state of polarisation the unthinkable asserts itself every now and then as a fact in history and unites us in our utter shock (but only briefly, sadly) as if to teach 'a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age.'

Certainly, I think it safe to say that we are at the end of *something*. Not the end of the world! Rather the end of an era (some might say it is the end of an epoch) - the end of the long reign of an ideology - a false way of thinking - which has been the dominant philosophy shaping modern life: *There is no absolute truth. Whatever you want is "truth" for you. Don't let something like truth get in the way of comfort, pleasure, efficiency, productivity, corporatisation/globalisation (whatever is conducive to an easy sense of power at the expense of the little/vulnerable), economic prosperity, scientific "advancement", social "progress" and thorough modernisation (by which is often implied a distancing from ancient wisdom, in particular Christian doctrines). Don't say what you really mean; instead, say what will more easily get you the outcome you want. What matters is getting there - how you get there does not matter because, after all, "truth, what is that?"*

Of course, any ideology that neglects the critical role of truth exposes itself to the destructive force of chaos or, as Pope Benedict XVI put it, 'the dictatorship of relativism.' One form of dissimulation (or lying) used by some to justify a so-called desired outcome can always be exploited by others to justify a very different, even an overtly horrible, outcome. But in a world where truth has been marginalised even our attempt to deal with injustice is likely to be arbitrary and responsible for creating a new form of injustice. In the end the mob rules, or the one who controls the mob does. And I believe that we are currently experiencing, more acutely than before, the terrible pains of being ruled by the mob (or by the Prince of Darkness) which inevitably leaves us at the mercy of chaos. Hence why something has to give - something has to come to an end. The question is, will we learn a salutary lesson from all this, or simply allow another ideology to take us for a ride for yet another era?

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 24 Mar 3rd Sunday in Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 25 Mar The Annun- ciation of the Lord	No Mass
Tues 26 Mar	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass 10:00am Reconciliation Yr 5
Wed 27 Mar	7.00am Mass
Thurs 28 Mar	9.15am Mass
Fri 29 Mar	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass First Reconciliation Retreat Day
Sat 30 Mar	9.00am Mass 9:30am Adoration and Reconciliation 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 31 Mar 4th Sun of Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Donato Tozzi, Angela Maria Pinto, Nicola Repole, Peter Repole, Doris Micallef, Judith Partlin, Annamaria Cicuto, Vicko Hrdalo, Kate Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Lambert Glaudemans, Vicky Brown, Carmelo Algozzino, Vito Maida, Patricia Freeman, Jim Campisi, Henry Walter Bullock, Christopher Pezzuti, Tony Tesoriero.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Peter Campbell, 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 Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic.

Life Ascending

Meeting times are:

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

Parish Lent Group

Open invitation to join our parish Lenten Programme, which takes place on Tuesdays in the parish centre at 5 Tarrilli Street, after the 9.15am Mass. If you wish to attend please let Margaret know, thank you. Sr Pat.

Sacrament Dates 2019

Please be advised of the dates the Sacraments are to be celebrated in the parish.

- *First Reconciliation* - Thursday 4 April 5.30pm -6.30pm & 7.30pm-8.30pm. (Children in Year 3 and above)
- *Confirmation* - Friday 7 June at 7.00pm by Bishop Richard Umbers. (Children in Year 6 and above)
- *First Holy Communion* - Saturday 14 September & Sunday 15 September. (Children who have received First Reconciliation)

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

Seeking - Singers & Musicians to join the musical ministry at Regina Coeli Parish

Rehearsals - Take place every Tuesday night in the church 6pm to 7:30pm - **next rehearsal is 26th of March 2019**

Singing - The choir sings at 8:30am mass and other masses such as Christmas and Easter as requested.

The choir is currently preparing for the season of Lent leading up to Easter and would love to encourage parishoners to join one of the musical ministries at Regina Coeli.

If you would like to be part of this ministry please come along to a rehearsal on Tuesday night.

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Last Weekend 17 Mar 2019

2nd Collection \$1995.00

1st Collection \$1034.05

Attendance

5PM	222
8.30AM	150
10AM	220
Total	592

RCIA Profile: Kim Lo Russo

I was raised up in a Christian faith from the time I was born. We went to church every Sunday but when I became a teenager I started to question it. When I turned 18 I stopped following my faith all together as it just didn't feel right. I met my husband, who is Catholic, when I was 30 years old and the church has been a part of my life ever since. I was married in the Catholic Church as I had been baptized in my faith as a child. At this time I promised to grow my children up in the catholic faith and this was a promise I always took seriously and vowed to keep. I have felt a strong connection to the church and its teachings over the years – it just felt right! Unfortunately, over the past year we lost some close family members. I turned to the church to help me through these times and I couldn't have got through it without it. It solidified my decision to take the next step to be baptised into the Catholic faith. I am so happy and feel blessed to know that I will now be Catholic and live the values and follow our teachings of Jesus so that I can return to him one day in the kingdom of heaven.

Men's Lenten Retreat Day at Notre Dame Broadway

On Saturday, April 13 from 9am to 4:00pm. The day will include Mass, time for reflection and reconciliation, lunch and afternoon tea, and inspiring talks from three speakers. The retreat will take place at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Broadway campus. Event is free, registration essential: Sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au or (02) 8204 4189 or Trybooking.com/475522

Walk the Lenten Journey on your Mobile Phone

In his message for Lent 2019, Pope Francis emphasised that we should “not allow this season of grace to pass in vain.” With new content daily, the Lent Calendar App can help those who desire to journey through Lent with purpose. The App includes the daily Gospel, a suggested Lent act, and a multimedia feature to pray and reflect upon.

Available as an App on Apple and Android devices, and online at

www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent

Join the **Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Sisterhood Catholic Women's Movement** for a Lenten Retreat Day. This retreat will be hosted in Sydney and in Melbourne on **30 March**. The day will focus on the theme, "Nature, Grace and Glory: *Imago Dei* Revealed in Us." The retreat will **begin at 10AM** with talks, discussion opportunities, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, morning tea and lunch, and more. An optional Vigil Mass at the location will follow.

For more information : To register in Sydney: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBEQA>
email sydney@op-tn.org **Location:** St. Peter Chanel Parish Hall, 60 Kingsland Road, Berala
Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/273338730230446/>

On temptation:

- Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation – *S.Mark xiv.38*
- To watch and pray is surely in our power, and by these means we are certain of getting strength. You feel your weakness; you fear to be overcome by temptation; then keep out of the way of it. This is watching. Avoid society which is likely to mislead you; flee from the very shadow of evil; you cannot be too careful; better be a little too strict than a little too easy – it is the safer side. – *John Henry Newman*
- No one can honestly or hopefully to be delivered from temptation unless he has himself honestly and firmly determined to do the best he can to keep out of it. – *John Ruskin*
- Men do not fall because sin is strong; they fall because they have made themselves weak. In the sudden hour of temptation one stands upon his past and reaps his reward, either good or evil. *The Reverend John Watson*
- Resistance to temptation strengthens character; it purifies the soul; it makes the power of God's grace a matter not of religious doctrine, but of personal experience, it enables us to help others in danger; it draws us nearer to God. Yes, and it places us within range of that Divine benediction; "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, the Lord shall give him the crown of life, which he has prepared for them that love Him". – *Canon Knox Little "The Hopes and Decisions of the Passion"*
- Then again, there is the difficulty of those who think it is quite impossible to overcome their temptations at all. They say: "I am made in such a way, you know, I cannot possibly help it. I did not make myself, but I know there are tendencies in me that drive me on, and I cannot help it – man – I sink." Do you recollect Peter when he was on the water beginning to sink; what did he do? He cried, "Lord, Lord, save me, save me." And Jesus stopped and put out His hand, and saved him. And if there is anybody here tonight who thinks he is beginning to sink, I implore you to say: "Lord, save me."

Father Stanton, "Last Sermons in S.Alban's Holborn.

First Reading Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
(R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

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Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

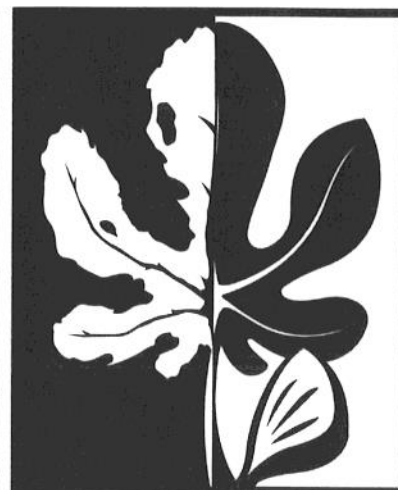
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Gospel Lk 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

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