



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

All Saints Day 1 November 2020

First Holy Communion has been delayed but not cancelled in 2020. Our children have now completed three preparatory lessons. Starting this weekend, they will be receiving their first holy communion in small groups of up to 6 children at a time. This means that for the next 5 1/2 weekends we will be blessed with the privilege of witnessing little children being loved for the first time by Jesus through sacramental communion. Please pray for the children and their families who support them.

All Souls occurs on Monday - when there isn't usually a parish Mass. **A public Mass will be offered on Monday at 7pm for All Souls.** Parishioners are invited to participate, especially those who might have lost a loved one not so long ago. There is a plenary indulgence attached to All Souls (in conjunction with confession, communion and prayer for the pope):

An indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned...An indulgence is partial or plenary, according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due for sin...A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of all the faithful departed piously visit a church...In visiting the church or oratory, it is required...that one Our Father and the Creed be recited.

- *The Enchiridion Of Indulgences* -

During November all Masses will be offered for those whose names are written in the book of 'Holy Souls' which will be placed in front of the altar - the same as last year, plus a hand-sanitiser near the book! Please remember not only your loved ones but also those who may have, as it were, fallen under the radar.

We are fortunate this year to be able to commemorate the solemn feast of All Saints as a Sunday celebration - something which seems to happen approximately once every 5-6 years according to my own brief independent "research," but someone should definitely fact-check me! This might be more than just an occasion for some sentimental delight; it might contain within itself a salutary lesson which we are in need of learning perhaps more urgently than ever!

Even our prime minister is saying that 2020 has been the worst year in living memory for many Australians. The meaning of the word 'misery' or 'tragedy' has become less abstract and more concrete. It turns out that we are invincible neither as individuals nor as a society. It seems possible for us to be threatened almost at an existential level by an invisible enemy. There can be no doubt that life is regaining a sense of normality, but every time we dare to think this we seem to be met with mockery by yet another trial waiting for us just around the corner.

So where do we go from here? Should we accept a vast sense of hopelessness as the "new norm" or a so-called "covid normal" state of mind? Alternatively, should we merely return, once again, to the complacency of hiding under the illusion that everything is fine for as long as we can eat, drink, buy, consume, etc.? Neither of these options are good or sustainable. There is a third option - the only one capable of carrying us toward the end for which we have been created. **Continued on Page 3**

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The Week Ahead

Sun 1 Nov All Saints Day		No need to book for Mass!
Mon 2 Nov All Souls Day	7:00pm	Mass for All Souls Day
Tues 3 Nov	9.15am	Mass
Wed 4 Nov St Charles Borromeo, bishop	7am	Mass
Thurs 5 Nov	9.15am 2.00pm	Mass Afternoon Tea
Fri 6 Nov	9.15am	Mass
Sat 7 Nov	9.00am 9:25-9:55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15-4:45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 8 Nov 32 Sunday Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass (live-streamed on Face- book)

Recently Deceased

Vincent Thomas Griffin

In Loving Memory

All Holy Souls including Mary Pirotta, Sam Pirotta, Spiro & Josephine Bjada, John Bridge, Regina Dass, Anthony A Samy, Theresa Martin, Carmelo Algozinno, Vito Maida

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Peter Peters, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Bob Handerson, Bevan Kelly, Ann Mc Dowell, Christopher McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, Michelle Makin, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, Anne Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic.

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is to be celebrated for 58 of our Parish children throughout the month of November. During each Mass, 5 or 6 children will receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. **The children and their families will be seated in reserved pews at the front of the church.**

Thank you for understanding that these pews will not be available for parishioners at these Masses. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

COVID Safe measures for Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass:

- 1) all kids and adults to hand-sanitise as we go in and out of the hall
- 2) separate packs of pencils/crayons per child
- 3) limiting numbers on tables
- 4) encouraging kids to spread out when sitting on the floor
- 5) cleaning tables before / after with disinfectant
- 6) bringing any kids who are sick/sneezing back to church to their parents

The return of 1st collection

With the level of our 2nd collection almost back to normal, it looks as though our parish will no longer be eligible for jobkeeper subsidies. As satisfying as it's been to have a simpler form of collection at Mass with just one box, the time might have come for reinstating 1st collection via a second box.

- ⇒ 1st collection looks after stipends and housekeeping for the priest. Any surplus then goes to a central fund in the Archdiocese known as 'Clergy Remuneration Fund.'
- ⇒ 2nd collection stays in the parish in its entirety and looks after all its operations.

Thank you very much for all your considerate and steadfast support!

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For Families in Need

Are you experiencing difficulties in providing your family with those extra needs you hadn't expected, especially due to the current crisis relating to COVID-19? There are many ways in which we can help you, so please do not feel shy or embarrassed by your needs. We are just a phone call away, waiting to assist you. Confidentiality is guaranteed at all times. If you would like to chat with us just ring any of the telephone numbers listed below. God bless.

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Not even 2020 can stop us from working toward the goal of becoming a saint. As a matter of fact, once the meaning of this goal has been sufficiently realised, then, nothing beyond our control, not even death, seems like an insurmountable challenge, because, the success of the mission depends entirely on the strength of divine mercy and our humble participation in it. Nevertheless, the perennial danger remains, namely, that we might forget the reality of who we are or what our mission is, preferring instead to indulge in 'realities without substance' - also known as fantasies or mediocrities - which have no real longterm future.

But what are the consequences of refusing to participate in the substantial reality of the kingdom of heaven or the economy of salvation? What price do we pay for self-isolating from God or remaining buffered to the in-breaking of grace? What becomes of us when we keep our eyes shut to the marvellous plan which the Lord has for us and never respond with a heartfelt 'yes'? As the French writer, Leon Bloy, famously put it, 'The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint.'

- Fr Peter -

PS: On a totally different note, I am unable to resist commenting on the "biggest race of the year" which, according to some, is the most important in one's lifetime! Who's going to win? If the bookies have got it wrong, then, what does that say about the entire industry? If the actual interplay between demand & supply is no longer shaping the market (or the appearance of the market), then, what or who is?

St Vincent De Paul Clothing Collection

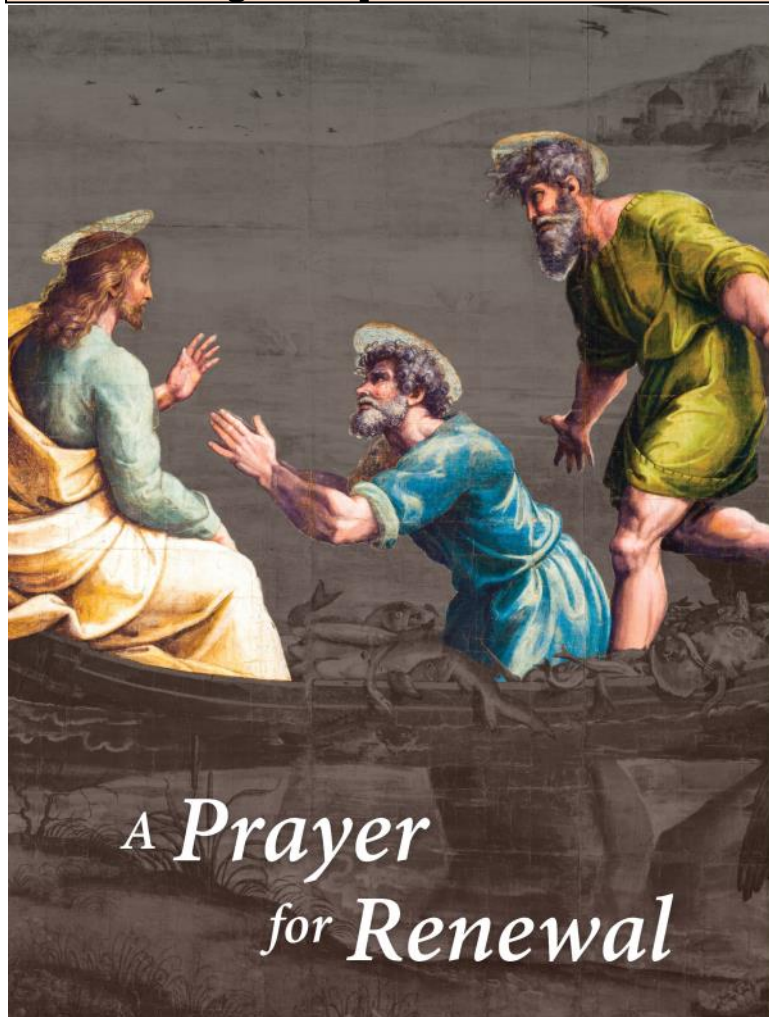
"We regret to advise that due to Covid19 & the unavailability of many of our collectors we have CANCELLED The SVDP Clothing Drive scheduled for Saturday 7th November.

It is hoped to recommence our Clothing Drives in 2021 & we will keep you informed when we will resume.

If convenient it would be appreciated if you can keep donated clothing etc for the next drive but only if convenient for you to do so."

Tax Receipts 2019-2020 Parishioners wishing to receive an end of financial year tax receipt, please contact Margaret at the parish office on Tuesday, 8:30am - 1:30pm or Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:30am-3:30pm

Planned Giving Envelopes 2020-2021 available from the table at the back of the church.



Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities.

May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy.

Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady, Help of Christians. *Pray for us!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation. *Pray for us!*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. *Pray for us!*



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First Reading Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. *(R.)*
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. *(R.)*
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come to me, all you that labour and
are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!*

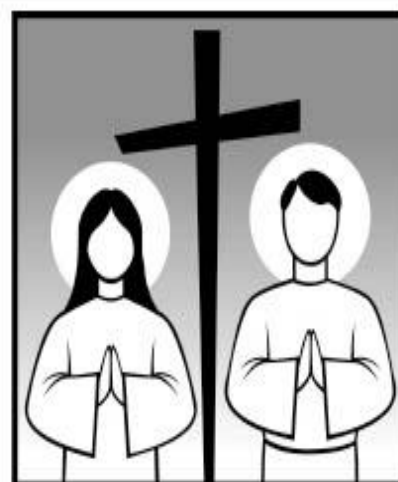
Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what
is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the
cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.

In the beatitudes listed in today's gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.

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