



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4 October 2020**

### 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

Last Friday was the memorial feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. Here is an elaborated version of the brief homily I gave:

What is more real, an angel or the virtual world? Possibly the easiest way to keep children engaged is to put a “smart” screen in front of their eyes. I’m told that once a child is given unlimited access to a screen none of the other toys stands a chance - it’s the tragic end of beloved childhood toys! I am probably one of the last generations to have grown up without the internet which was starting to become mainstream as I was finishing high school. By the time I had my first “smart” phone I was already 30. But even that did not immunise me against the danger of screen-addiction. If so, then, what might struggles with screen-addiction feel like for the younger generations who have grown up glued to the screens (and watching countless others do the same)?

I believe that the screens are incredibly addictive for two main reasons: firstly, they are *designed* to be so. Upon recommendation from a parishioner I watched a Netflix documentary called ‘The Social Dilemma.’ The frightening gist of it was that there is, as it were, a super-computer on the other side of every screen. It remembers every one of our online movements and constantly analyses them in order to work out the best strategy for keeping us “engaged,” that is, helplessly addicted for as long as possible! We cannot beat the super-computer at its own game, any more than a gambling addict can beat the casino. So just walk away!

The other reason has to do with us. As human beings we are “built” to look for things like meaning, joy, hope, love, etc. But these are the very things which can only be properly found in God. Some form of connection with God (whether through grace and/or nature including other people) is the absolute condition for finding meaning, joy, hope, love, etc. *The trouble with the virtual world is that it is a world in which God has been replaced by endless data.* But no matter how “infinite” the pool of data might be, it is still a flattened reality which lacks the transcendent dimension the human spirit craves. Only, having mistaken the virtual for the divine, the human psyche is addicted to the futile search for what even the greatest computer can never provide. In other words, there is something fake and deceptively insubstantial about the virtual world, hence the reason why screen-addiction, innocuous though it may seem, can actually be quite fatal.

By contrast angels are unambiguously real. When it comes to angels there is no distracted mediocrity. Angels are either totally devoted to God or completely turned away from him (in which case we would call them ‘demons’). So the ones we call ‘angels’ are spiritual beings who fully participate in the life of God. Angels are real because the life of God, on account of which they are fully alive, is the very definition of true reality. If we could see angels with our eyes we would behold beautiful creatures whose potentials have been marvellously realised and become substantial reality.

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## The Week Ahead

Sun 4 Oct 27th Sun Ordinary Time	<b>No need to book for Mass!</b>	
Mon 5 Oct	No Mass	
Tues 6 Oct	9.15am	Mass
Wed 7 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary	7am	Mass
Thur 8 Oct	9.15am 2.00pm	Mass <b>Afternoon Tea</b>
Fri 9 Oct	9.15am	Mass
Sat 10 Oct	9.00am 9:25-9:55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15-4:45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 11 Oct 28th Sun Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass (live-streamed on Face- book) Mass

## Planned Giving Envelopes 2020-2021

now available for collection at the back of the Church. These envelopes will commence on 4 October 2020.

**Tax Receipts 2019-2020** Parishioners wishing to receive and 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



## Heartfelt Thanks from the Chater Family

Dear Fr. Peter, the Ladies of St. Vincent De Paul, and our parish community,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you all on the sudden and recent death of our mother, mother-in-law and grandma, Barbara Chater. The greatest comfort during our sorrow, was the expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in many ways. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you most sincerely. A special thank you to the Ladies of St. Vincent De Paul, for reciting the Rosary before Barbara's funeral. It was very comforting knowing you were there in prayer.

We were blessed to have Barbara live with us over the past 14 months, and it was nothing short of a miracle being granted a visa to come to Australia after the sudden death of her eldest son in December 2018. Over the years she had come to Australia several times and all the extended family, and our friends got to know her well and were included in her prayers.

Barbara had tremendous faith and her daily prayers were said with conviction and passion. When anyone was unwell or needed prayer, Barbara was onto it straight away and we knew, no matter what the outcome, we would be okay; it was always peaceful knowing we had a connection with God through her prayers.

Her daily prayer ended with a request for God to take her quickly and without suffering and never to be a burden to her family. God granted her this wish. She died with her family around her, peacefully, just the way she prayed for.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love and support and your kindness will always be remembered.

May God Bless you All  
**The Chater Family**

## Recently Deceased

Raul Santander, Gwendolyn Chater

## In Loving Memory

### 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.

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Angels are real also in the sense that they point us to that which is most real, namely, God. If the universe is real, then, the one who has created the universe would be even more so, at a whole another level! Angels carry a message and perhaps the powerful message they carry in their entire being is, 'Turn to God! Praise him! Remain in his love! Participate in the kingdom of heaven and by doing so come to realise who you truly are!' For us to contemplate and appreciate the beauty of angels is to have a heart which is wise enough to discern the most important difference of all, namely, the difference between what is of God and what isn't!

- Fr Peter -

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day, be at my side,  
to light and guard, rule and guide. Amen.*

**Holy Father's Appeal** The appeal which will take place this weekend highlights the global charitable causes of Pope Francis and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, the refugee crisis and poverty, to name a few. It is an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we ask you to give what you can. To give, please use the appeal envelopes provided or phone the Fundraising Office at the Archdiocese of Sydney on during office hours on 1800 753 959.

### **Excerpts from 'To Heal the world: Preparing the future together with Jesus who saves and heals' by Pope Francis**

...We will be able to regenerate society and not return to so-called "normality", which is an ailing normality, which was ailing before the pandemic: the pandemic highlighted it! "Now we return to normality": no, this will not do, because this normality was sick with injustice, inequality and environmental degradation. The normality to which we are called is that of the Kingdom of God, where "the blind see again, and the lame walk, those suffering from virulent skin-diseases are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and the good news is proclaimed to the poor" (Mt 11:5). And nobody plays dumb by looking the other way. This is what we have to do in order to change. In the normality of the Kingdom of God, there is bread for all and more to spare, social organisation is based on contributing, sharing and distributing, not on possessing, excluding and accumulating (see Mt 14:13-21).

The gesture that enables progress in a society, a family, a neighbourhood, or a city, all of them, is to give oneself, to give, which is not giving alms, but to give from the heart. A gesture that distances us from selfishness and the eagerness to possess. But the Christian way of doing this is not a mechanical way: it is a human way. We will never be able to emerge from the crisis that has been highlighted by the pandemic, mechanically, with new tools - which are very important, they allow us to move forward, and we must not be afraid of them - but knowing that even the most sophisticated means, able to do many things, are incapable of one thing: tenderness. And tenderness is the very sign of Jesus' presence.

A small virus continues to cause deep wounds and to expose our physical, social and spiritual vulnerabilities. It has laid bare the great inequality that reigns in the world: inequality of opportunity, inequality of goods, inequality of access to health care, inequality of technology, education... These injustices are neither natural nor inevitable. They are the work of man, they come from a model of growth detached from the deepest values... That is why, to come out of the pandemic, we must find the cure not only for the *coronavirus* - which is important! - but also for the great human and socio-economic *viruses*. They must not be concealed or whitewashed so they cannot be seen...

We need to set to work urgently to generate good policies, to design systems of social organisation that reward participation, care and generosity, rather than indifference, exploitation and particular interests. We must go ahead with tenderness. A fair and equitable society is a healthier society. A participatory society - where the "last" are taken into account just like the "first" - strengthens communion. A society where diversity is respected is much more resistant to any kind of virus. Let us place this healing journey under the protection of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Health... Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can work together for the Kingdom of God that Christ inaugurated in this world by coming among us. It is a Kingdom of light in the midst of darkness, of justice in the midst of so many outrages, of joy in the midst of so much pain, of healing and of salvation in the midst of sickness and death, of tenderness in the midst of hatred. May God grant us to "viralise" love and to "globalise" hope in the light of faith.



# First Reading Is 5:1-7

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,  
and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7**

**(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.  
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be  
saved. (R.)

# Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

*Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

## Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.***  
**Alleluia!**

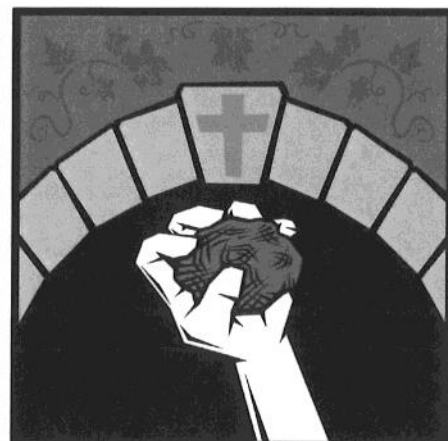
## Gospel Mt 21:33-43

*He leased his vineyard to other farmers.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.  
This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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