



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
31 January 2021

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



Should 'Australia Day' be called by a different name? Yes, I think so. It should be called 'Total Collapse of Social Distancing Day'!

A few days afterward I went to a bank and noticed that the teller was very much sunburnt, presumably as result of having participated in the craze of Australia Day beach gathering where the concept of social distancing was all but forgotten, and understandably so because, after all, what could be healthier than fresh air, sterilising sunlight and seawater!

Speaking of social distancing, the 4 square metre per person rule is back. This means that up to 130 people can attend mass according to our church's capacity. The state government has also said the following:

'It is anticipated that all settings requiring the 4sqm rule will revert to the 1 person per 2sqm rule in two weeks' time if current trends continue, subject to expert health advice.'

Forget about Santa Clause, the state government is now the new Santa who rewards us or not depending on how "good" we have been ;)

Back to the topic of Australia Day, here is a little reflection I had:

If the smallest things, therefore, are outside your control, why worry about the rest? (Luke 12:26)

Life is too short for us to waste it by worrying about what is outside our control. If we tried to find peace by waiting for the circumstances which were outside our control to change and become what we wanted them to be, then, we would never be able to find peace.

Australia is quite an affluent country. But there was a time in Australia when wealth might have been lacking but faith was not (or at least not lacking as much)! Perhaps it is not an accident that, with the accumulation of so much more material possession per capita in Australia, there seems to be less trust and more worrying these days.

Something tells me that there are plenty of fine people out there who worry so much about "not falling behind" that they honestly feel that there is no time, no room for religion in their lives. No doubt, they wistfully long for the day of perfect equanimity when they will finally be able to afford the leisure of coming to church and giving thanks. But that would be like looking for a paradise which does not exist on earth, not to mention the fact that it contradicts Jesus who commands us to do it the *other way round*.

No; set your hearts on his kingdom, and these other things will be given you as well. (Luke 12:31)

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 31 Jan Fourth Sun OT	8.30am 10.00am	No need to book for Mass
Mon 1 Feb OT		No Mass
Tue 2 Feb OT	9.15am	Mass
Wed 3 Feb OT	7am	Mass
Thu 4 Feb OT	9.15pm	Mass
Fri 5 Feb OT	9.15am	Mass
Sat 6 Feb OT	9.00am 9:25- 9:55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 7 Feb Fifth Sun OT	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Recently Deceased

Barbara Bubnij,

In Loving Memory

Spiro Bajada, Josephine Bajada, Manuel & Gloria Vieire, Assia & Damia Dagher, Sam Xerri

Please remember those who are in ill health especially: James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Peter Peters, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann Mc Dowell, Christopher McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Pat Mortimer, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.

Rosary Statue

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Following are the SVDP Statistics for the calendar year 2020

NO OF CLIENT VISITS 2020	110
NO OF CLIENT VISITS 2019	161
INCREASE/DECREASE	-51

CONFERENCE COSTS IN SERVICING CLIENTS	
FOOD CARDS	\$9620
OTHER	1326
TOTAL	\$10946

AVERAGE COST IN SERVICING CLIENTS:

\$99.00 PER VISIT

Assistance provided was well down on last year mainly due to the Government Stimulus packages resulting in less calls for hardship.

Conference members also participate in the following activities:

- 1 clothing drive last year 3 cancelled due to Covid-19.
- Maternal Heart of Mary Conference in the city helping the poor & homeless of Sydney.

The Men's Conference always welcome new members to enable us to ensure we continue our work well into the future.

The amount of time spent is left up to the individual, any help large or small is always appreciated. We meet every **fortnight** on a Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Next meeting 27th January. No particular skills are required just a willingness to help those in need within our Parish area, training is provided by our Conference.

For further information please contact Paul Morris (President) Mobile 0438 225 120.

Monthly Report	December 2020*
2nd Collection	\$8569
Online Giving	\$2685
Donation	\$527.60
1st Collection	\$3076.90

***Includes Christmas Collections**

+ Rest In Peace



*Barbara Bubnij**

Barbara Bubnij was born Barbara Anne Smith on the 2nd December 1930 in Balmain, Sydney. She was the younger of twin girls... Very soon after the twins had arrived, Isabella our grandmother, was visited by her husband's first cousin, the newly ordained Father James Freeman, and his mother. Isabella shared with them that she was finding it difficult to settle on names for the twins. James suggested they be named after the 2 two patron saints he chose for his recent ordination, Saints Therese and Barbara... Their cousin Father Freeman would later become Cardinal James Freeman.

The twins were shaped by their catholic education. The teaching of the nuns must have been very effective because Mum's enduring knowledge of catholic catechism always astounded me. Her faith gave her a great deal of comfort and strength for her whole life... Mum and all of her sisters were women of their times. Shaped by their family and societal influences that made them incredible role models. No fuss, no nonsense, the right mix of strong and soft and great humor... Her legacy is our wonderful family, the values she lived, and the example she set for us every day. We will remember, cherish and love her forever.

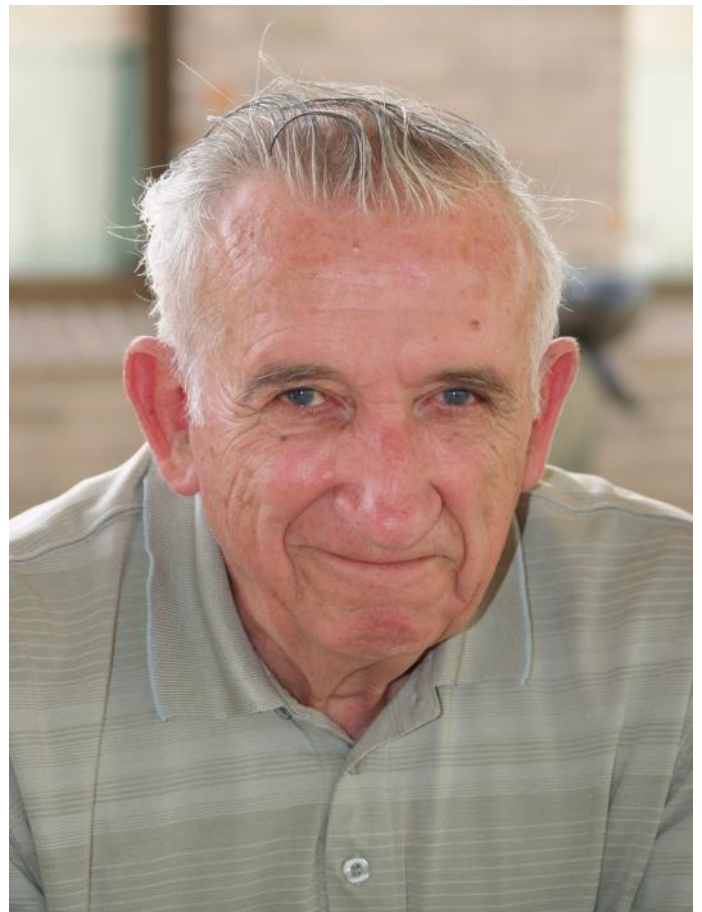
**Excerpts from the eulogy by the daughter Sonya*

*Bernard George Orbell**

Hello, I'm Graham first son of Bernie & Shirley, Dad was born on 27th September 1932 in Dubbo NSW. Unfortunately just after Dad's birth, he's Dad was no longer there... Dad was growing up in Dubbo with his Mum & his grandparents. But two year later his grandfather died... He did tell me it was a bit tough growing up there without a father but did settle & got a few good mates who looked after him & he got on with it.

Dad met Mum Shirley a nurse in Tasmania at a organised dance. They were married on 15th April 1961 Catholic Church Latrobe Tasmania. Dad loved the Church here at Regina Coeli Beverly Hills and was here when the church was the hall across the road. Dad & Mum were active members here helping & supporting the parish & school. Dad loved the early day's of the memorial church when the visiting American Navy would visit with parades for the Coral Sea Services. His Catholic faith was very strong & always attended church, when covid started which stopped him attending services, he always watched on line. Dad thank you for everything you have done for us all & Mum thank you too.

**Excerpts from the eulogy by the son Graham*



First Reading Dt 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

**(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his
voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**A people in darkness have seen a
great light:**

**a radiant dawn shines on those lost in
death.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

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