



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 June 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



So close and yet so far...our return to normality. Perhaps I was the exception to the rule because I rarely watch the news these days but it seemed to me that there was a promising sense of normality about life in Beverly Hills. For example, there have been three BBQ brunches after the 10am Mass over just five weekends! The first was on Pentecost, with which coincided the celebration of my 10 year anniversary. So many aspects of the day were reminiscent of our pre-corona Christmas parties. A fortnight later the kindergarten families at the school were invited to attend Mass & brunch. Lest the numbers might exceed our maximum capacity of 260 (under the 2 square metre per person rule) only one half of the kindergarten families were invited. The other half would be invited two weeks later. These families had never been able to meet one another, at least not officially. They were evidently appreciative of what had been organised and probably ready for more.

One challenge was that the weather was becoming increasingly cold over the five weekends. After all, it was winter and an impatient one at that. So the last BBQ brunch was held in the parish hall (photos on Page 3), similar to how the monthly morning tea used to be held there before everything changed during the notorious year of 2020. About three families came early to set up for brunch in the hall. The three fathers cooked the sausages during the 10am Mass and kept them warm for the grateful consumption of everyone else. I thought that I could discern in their faces the joy of humble service (what a proud moment for these dads!). The fact that a handful of volunteers can facilitate for so many others a community experience centred on faith has a *revolutionary* quality about it. Imagine if we had *many* such groups of volunteers. Even if they were rostered on just once or twice a year, something like morning tea or brunch after Mass could become a frequent part of parish life. If all these families felt that the parish of Regina Coeli was their spiritual home, then, that could open many other doors of faith!

So close and yet so far...our return to normality. We had a good run, albeit a short one. Unfortunately, the time has come for us to slow down again, at least for a little while. **The 4 square metre per person rule has been reinstated, bringing down our maximum capacity to 130 people in the church at any given time. Mask-wearing has become mandatory once again. Only the choir is allowed to sing, not the congregation.** On Saturday the highly anticipated retreat day was cancelled less than 24 hours before the event - a decision by the organisers who hope to find a new date for it before too long. Quite a number of parishes around Sydney have been ordered to close down for seven days. Toilet paper has become precious again! All this probably reminds us of what happened in NSW more than a year ago at the height of panic, or what happened subsequently in Victoria more than once.

Speaking of reminding, this is how I remember the past year and a half: at first we were told that we needed to "flatten the curve," that is, to slow down the spread so that our hospitals could cope; and then it was implied that a flattened curve was not good enough because, even though the virus was found to be less deadly than first suspected, it could still be lethal to the vulnerable. Many became convinced that *elimination* was the only option.

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The Week Ahead

Sun 27 June 13th Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	Mass followed by BBQ
Mon 28 June St Irenaeus		No Mass
Tue 29 June Sts Peter & Paul	9.15am	Mass
Wed 30 June	7am	Mass
Thu 1 July	9.15am	Mass
Fri 2 July	9.15am	Mass
Sat 3 July St Thomas	9.00am 9:25- 9:55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 4 July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Recently Deceased

Bernie Langtry, Ron Sang, John Harnett, Patricia Hay, Luigia Zegarelli, Peter Peters, Christopher McDowell, Frank Capra

In Loving Memory

Bernie Crawford, Georgia & Philip Spiteri, Stanley Sang, Fouad Attia, Santo Ilardo, Jeanette Cardoz

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Mildred Petit, James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann 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.

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VALE BERNIE LANTRY

Bernard John Lantry was born in Maitland on 31st December, 1924. His parents were farmers and Bernie was often called out of school to help with the farm in busy times. He married Sheila Mills on 26th January, 1948, they had four children, Denis, Christine, Phillip and Mark (who unfortunately passed away in infancy).

Bernie and Sheila were very happily married for 64 years. Bernie and Sheila were very devout Catholics and made sure their three children had a religious upbringing and were educated in Catholic schools.

Bernie and Sheila came to Sydney in 1957 and operated several newsagencies in the Sydney area before settling in the Canterbury area where they were asked to operate the newsagency in Roselands Shopping Centre when it was opened in 1965. This was the first newsagency to operate within a shopping centre and proved so successful that they can now be found in just about every shopping centre both large and small across the country. In retirement, Bernie and Sheila took up lawn bowls together and both proved to be very good bowlers and participated in many major tournaments.

Bernie and Sheila began attending Regina Coeli Church at Beverly Hills in 1965 and attended the church regularly. Unfortunately Sheila passed away on 6th June, 1912 and Bernie recently on 21st June, 2012. They are both very sadly missed by their many friends, two sons, Denis and Philip, Daughter, Christine, Son-in-law Peter, Daughters-in-Law Elana and Lynette, 5 granddaughters, one grandson and 9 great grandchildren and another-great granddaughter who will be welcomed into the family in a couple of weeks.

Mass Attendance @ Regina Coeli During May 2021

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
5pm Vigil	124	120	139	102
8.30am	125	126	112	116
10am	166	200	159	247

Holy Father's Appeal

Holy Father's Appeal will be held next weekend. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

Charitable Works Fund May 2021 Appeal

- The appeal quota for Regina Coeli was \$4,800.00
 - After the deduction of credit from the previous appeal the amount outstanding was \$3,105.00
 - A total amount of \$1,310.00 was raised. A shortfall of \$1,795.00 was paid out of the church account.
- Thank you for your generous support!

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But the virus proved to be of the mutating kind and the latest is that the vaccines might not be so effective against the new variants. By and large, the vaccines have been made available, especially to the vulnerable in our population; however, even some of the vulnerable are hesitant to be vaccinated and understandably so. I have no idea how this very strange chapter of our history will conclude but I feel confidently that some progress has been made, both politically and spiritually, in the consciousness of not a small number and there is no reason for us to revert back to panic; there is every reason to look up and live with hope!

- Fr Peter -

Excerpts from **FRATELLI TUTTI** ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP by Pope Francis

CHAPTER THREE: ENVISAGING AND ENGENDERING AN OPEN WORLD

Life exists where there is bonding, communion, fraternity; and life is stronger than death when it is built on true relationships and bonds of fidelity. On the contrary, there is no life when we claim to be self-sufficient and live as islands: in these attitudes, death prevails.

MOVING BEYOND OURSELVES

88. In the depths of every heart, love creates bonds and expands existence, for it draws people out of themselves and towards others. Since we were made for love, in each one of us "a law of *ekstasis*" seems to operate: "the lover 'goes outside' the self to find a fuller existence in another". For this reason, "man always has to take up the challenge of moving beyond himself".

89. Nor can I reduce my life to relationships with a small group, even my own family...Our relationships, if healthy and authentic, open us to others who expand and enrich us...Closed groups and self-absorbed couples that define themselves in opposition to others tend to be expressions of selfishness and mere self-preservation.

The unique value of love

91. People can develop certain habits that might appear as moral values: fortitude, sobriety, hard work and similar virtues. Yet if the acts of the various moral virtues are to be rightly directed, one needs to take into account the extent to which they foster openness and union with others. That is made possible by the charity that God infuses. Without charity, we may perhaps possess only apparent virtues, incapable of sustaining life in common. Thus, Saint Thomas Aquinas could say – quoting Saint Augustine – that the temperance of a greedy person is in no way virtuous. Saint Bonaventure, for his part, explained that the other virtues, without charity, strictly speaking do not fulfil the commandments "the way God wants them to be fulfilled".



First Reading Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.
To be – for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in them,
in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.
Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the
world,
as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

*(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.*

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
And have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the
dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into
the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour
through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with
dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into
dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith,
of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for
any cause, and the biggest share of our affection
– so we expect you to put the most into this work
of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord
Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for
your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.
This does not mean that to give relief to others
you ought to make things difficult for yourselves:
it is a question of balancing what happens to
be your surplus now against their present need,
and one day they may have something to spare
that will supply your own need. That is how we
strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who
gathered much had none too much, the man
who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Tm 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death*

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 5:21-43

or shorter form Mk 5:21 1-24. 35-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the
other side, a large crowd gathered round him
and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the
synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name,
and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded
with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is
desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on
her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus
went with him and a large crowd followed him;
they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered
from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long
and painful treatment under various doctors,
she had spent all she had without being any
the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse.
She had heard about Jesus, and she came up
behind him through the crowd and touched his
cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had
told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source
of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt
in herself that she was cured of her complaint.
Immediately aware that power had gone out
from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and
said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples
said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing
round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"'
But he continued to look all round to see who
had done it. Then the woman came forward,
frightened and trembling because she knew
what had happened to her, and she fell at his
feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,'
he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go
in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived
from the house of the synagogue official to say,
'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to
any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard
this remark of theirs and he said to the official,
'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he
allowed no one to go with him except Peter and
James and John the brother of James. So they
came to the official's house and Jesus noticed
all the commotion, with people weeping and
wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to
them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The
child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed
at him. So he turned them all out and, taking
with him the child's father and mother and his
own companions, he went into the place where
the child lay. And taking the child by the hand
he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi!' which means,
'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got
up at once and began to walk about, for she was
twelve years old. At this they were overcome with
astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not
to let anyone know about it, and told them to
give her something to eat.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into
the world beyond life and rescues a
young girl from the jaws of death.
Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd
and felt healing power leave him in
order to restore an afflicted woman.
Repeating the words of last week's
gospel: Who is this man? Is this
someone with whom we want to
become involved? On the other hand,
can we afford not to get involved with
him? This is a man who can lead us to
life even in the midst of death. He is
someone who is interested in the well-
being of everyone, even those who
may not be highly valued by society –
women and children, the chronically ill,
those who carry the seeds of death
within them.

God's graciousness toward us should
prompt us to be generous toward
others. What we receive as life-
enhancing gifts, we must share with
those in need, those to whom life has
not been kind. As we have been
favoured by the healing touch of God,
so we must extend that same loving
touch to others. The love of Christ
impels us to be openhanded as we
approach those in need. Following
Jesus' lead, we must not only give to
them, we must also allow them to take
from us. At times this will require that
we share material resources; at other
times it might mean that our energy
will be drained in our service of them.
In all of this, Jesus has set the
example for us to follow.

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