



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4 July 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



I made a bet with a friend of mine on whether or not there would be another large-scale lockdown in Sydney. I thought to myself, 'Surely not now, after having resisted for so long ferocious calls for the kind of lockdown we have seen in the other states?' After all, there has been a change in the air and learning to live with the ever-mutating virus, with reasonable caution, is starting to become the new norm around the world. Future historians - if the noble profession survives the whimsical chaos of our contemporary era - will have plenty to write about in regard to what happened in 2020. For the sake of sound analysis, it would be good for them to have *points of comparison* - examples of different approaches taken by different governing bodies and the subsequent outcomes. It used to be a relief that NSW could serve as a critical point of comparison in the ongoing endeavour to understand what really happened within Australia. Not any more! Something has changed. Some might call it the delta strain. Others might call it politics. Needless to say, I lost the bet. Just a few hours before the 5pm vigil last weekend the announcement was made for the 14 day Greater Sydney lockdown.

I must admit that, even though I disagreed with the lockdown in principle, especially in regard to its length, a part of me welcomed what felt like a holiday. How does one say no to a surprise break? Pandemic or not, I am in full support of increased public holidays which might allow families to learn to slow down and return to the basics. My own family, when we first moved to New Zealand, nearly had to starve because, unlike in Korea, no shops were open over the Christmas break - something which we did not at all expect but nevertheless were rather impressed by. Every Sunday almost all the shops were closed, thereby powerfully highlighting the fact that the main business of Sunday ought to be that of slowing down and finding repose (especially spiritual repose), in accordance with the Judeo-Christian tradition. One of the major reasons why governments exist is to ensure that there is sufficient time of leisure for families to discover that the best things in life are not only free but also spiritually enriching.

The (Sydney) lockdown of 2020 lasted nearly 10 weeks, at least insofar as churches were concerned. It was then that live-streaming started here at Regina Coeli, usually once per weekend. In hindsight, however, there was something else I wished I had tried. After all, there has been no shortage of live-streamed masses on the world-wide-web. But here is some food for thought: Spiritually speaking, what would be more profitable, staring at a screen or switching off all screens so as to rely more on the Holy Spirit? Something tells me that, generally speaking, the latter could be more beneficial than the former, especially when done as a family. I would be extremely surprised if the current lockdown was extended far beyond school holidays, but while it is still in effect, I thought that I might produce through parish bulletins simple Sunday liturgies which can be used at home. Perhaps you could gather as a family at a suitable time, light a candle, be quiet and still, and trust in the words of Jesus who said, 'For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.' (Matthew 18:20)

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

Sun 4 July 14th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 5 July	9.15am Mass
Tue 6 June	9.15am Mass
Wed 7 June	7am Mass
Thu 8 July	10am Mass
Fri 9 July	9.15am Mass
Sat 10 July	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 11 July 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass  10.00am Mass

**No Public Mass  
During Lockdown**

### Recently Deceased

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

### In Loving Memory

Rosa Germano, 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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## Thank You to our Dominican Sisters

The time has come to say thank you and goodbye....  
The Dominican Sisters came to our parish 26 years ago to be a "presence".

Originally there were 7 Sisters, with a total of 16 Sisters calling Beverly Hills home over the years. Three of the Sisters have since passed away, Sr. Joyce Adams, Sr. Shirley Greich, and just recently, Sr. Janet Ryan.

Since coming to our parish, the Dominican Sisters have been involved in the RCIA, Advent & Lenten scripture groups, St Vincent de Paul Society, Eucharistic and reading ministries, the choir, scripture nights with Fr. Kevin O'Shea, finance committee, parish census, hosting Sisters from the Solomon Islands & America, and Life Ascending, which first began in Australia, here in our own parish by Sr. Pat Nichol.

Apart from their involvement in parish life, the Sisters have also been very good and supportive neighbours and friends.

**A small morning tea to say thank you and farewell to our Sisters, will be held in the parish hall on Sunday 18 July at 11am-12.30pm. All welcome.**

## In this challenging time\*

Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people.

Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence.

We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care.

In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills.

We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

*\*Sourced from Sydney Archdiocese Website*

## Liturgy of the Word the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### Entrance Antiphon (or a choice of song):

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: As we prepare to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us remember the words of Jesus who said, 'For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.' *(Pause)* Let us now take a moment to remember all the blessings we have received this past week. *(Pause)* Let us now remember the moments when we struggled, feeling as though we were locked out of the kingdom of heaven. *(Pause)*

Leader: Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another. Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: You heal the wounds of sin and division. Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: You intercede for us with the Father. Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray. *(Pause)* O God, who through the humble offering of your Son, have raised up a fallen world, fill us with holy joy. We believe that you nourish with eternal happiness those who have been rescued from slavery to sin through the power of your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*(Please slowly go through the readings on Page 4. Pause after each of the readings. Discuss, if you like, what was striking about the reading.)*

### Reflection by Fr Peter:

How well do we know our own home? How well do we know those who live in it? In our Gospel reading today Jesus said that a prophet is only despised in his own country by those who are meant to be closest to him. What is it that *blinds* us about those we *think* we know, including ourselves?

One answer may be that we are rather familiar with their weaknesses. Where weaknesses are felt there can be the beginning of disappointment, sadness, despair and resentment. Therefore when it comes to those who evoke in us a sense of weakness, including the enemy within, our natural instinct is to distance ourselves from them, if not positively despise them. But are we really correct about those we think we know?

We cannot make sense of 'male' without 'female' or 'plus' without 'minus.' In a similar way, we cannot make sense of 'weakness' or 'suffering' without 'mercy.' Human knowledge is always *incomplete*, especially when it comes to what is truly precious, without the knowledge and love of God who is merciful. In our 2nd reading St Paul repeated the words of the

Lord who said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.'

Imagine if the place we called *home* also became a little *church* where the merciful presence of God was clearly acknowledged and experienced through frequent prayer and acts of kindness. Would we not then discover anew those we thought we had known? Wouldn't we love them more, seeing even in their weakness the manifestation of God's beauty and greatness?

### The Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Trusting that when we are weak then we are strong because God, in his mercy, never fails to be with us in our inmost needs, let us offer our prayers:

Reader: For the leaders of Australia, that the men and women who lead this great nation may be infused by the Holy Spirit with wisdom and courage in order to make decisions for the common good; rather than for political gain. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord...

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

For all of us yearning for the Sacrament of the Eucharist during this time: that God may bless our hunger with an ever-increasing devotion and reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, which calls and impels us to express that devotion and reverence with others. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord...

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

For the sick and the lonely, that through an experience of the consoling power of Christ and the presence of all the angels and saints their fear, worry, and anxiety may be transformed into courage, peace, and joy. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord...

**All: Lord hear our prayer**

*(Other intentions may be mentioned here)*

Leader: Let us pray in the words our Saviour gave us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

### Prayer for spiritual communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally at present, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already here, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

*(Pause)*

### Communion Antiphon (or a choice of song):

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

Leader (while everyone makes a sign of the cross): the Lord bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen.**





**First Reading Ez 2:2-5**

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 122. R. v.2**

**(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

**Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10**

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special

boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mk 6:1-6**

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to *prefer* to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes *through* us, it comes *from* God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.