



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 September 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



The following is the annual financial report for parishioners written by **Daniel Portelli** from the Parish Finance Committee, all of whom I wish to thank for their patient and reliable service. I also thank our parishioners for their steadfast care toward the parish, including financially. Looking forward to seeing you all before too long! - Fr Peter -

Dear Parishioners, the Financial Year (July 2020 to June 2021) has ended, and I wish to share an update on the Parish financial affairs. It has been another unusual year, but we are pleased to report that, yet again, the Parish finished the year in another Surplus that was slightly higher than last year. This is despite the Parish having been in various stages of Lockdown restrictions throughout the year affecting regular sources of Parish revenue. Firstly, I would like to thank all Parishioners that have continued to support our Parish and have made the generous contributions of both time and donations during these difficult times.

The Parish income from recurring sources for the recently ended Financial Year (2020/21) was \$831 higher than the previous year. The main reason for Parish revenue being slightly higher this year was again with the assistance of the Government subsidies which ceased for the Parish in December 2020. Without this Government support, total Parish income would have been much lower than the previous year especially with a decline in the Parish's other sources of income as the short-term arrangement of rental income of Parish Property (7 Tarilli Street) came to a permanent end in March 2020, while interest income decreased due to historically low interest rate levels. However, even with the Church being forced to either close or have limited attendance for various parts of the year, the total collections and donations remained consistent overall with the prior year even with changes to how cash is handled since social distancing practices were introduced.

The Parish Expenses remained low and were \$3,208 lower than the previous year even as some urgent repairs at the front of the Church were completed. As the Church was restricted from operating to its normal capacity, several ongoing Church operating expenses reduced during the lockdown period since they were not required. In addition, there were several savings measures that were enacted before COVID19 that the Parish continues to benefit from, while some significant repairs and maintenance to the Church and other buildings were deferred until Lockdown restrictions ease.

Consequently, the church was still able to generate a surplus of \$108,643 during this financial year. This surplus is expected to be very helpful to support the Parish as external challenges persist, while normal Church operations are still restricted by severe Lockdown measures at the date of publication. As the outlook of our future Parish sources of income remain uncertain, while our Parish Expenses will eventually return to normal or even higher levels (particularly repairs) than before, I would like to encourage all Parishioners to please continue to support the church.

Please remember, if you prefer to contribute to the church electronically instead of using cash, please contact the Parish or visit the Parish website at www.reginacoeliparish.org.au/donation-to-parish/ for details on how to set this up. Thank you and god bless! - Written by Daniel Portelli -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 12 September 24th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 13 September John Chrysostom	No Mass
Tue 14 September Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.15am Mass
Wed 15 September Our Lady of Sorrow	7am Mass
Thu 16 September Cornelius & Cyprian	9.15am Mass
Fri 17 September	9.15am Mass
Sat 18 September	7.00am Mass 8.25-9.55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 19 September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

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

In Loving Memory

Barbara Chater, Bartolo Tesoriero, Frank Grima, Doreen Simmons, Roy Mitchell, John Bridge, Vanessa Succar, Rosa Germano, Fouad Attia, Jeanette Cardoz

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

June Roebuck, Josephina Algozzina, Mildred Petit, James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, 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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Income	This Year \$	Last year \$
Planned Giving (2nd Collection)	81,375	61,600
Loose coins (2nd Collection)	24,870	34,525
Candles	11,941	7,646
Donations	14,976	6,334
Interest Received	11,355	25,619
Hall Hire	68,885	64,354
Rent Income	-	19,464
Government Subsidies & Stimulus packages	30,792	22,000
Other	7,100	8,921
Total Income	251,294	250,463

Expenditure	This Year \$	Last year \$
Altar & Church	4,557	4,149
Electricity/Gas	7,334	7,771
Insurance	22,867	24,876
Car Expenses	9,121	9,258
Postage/Printing/Telephone	5,545	11,142
Repair & Maintenance	37,545	19,935
Salaries/Superannuation (Staff)	34,616	41,212
Rental Expenses	-	2,450
Other	21,066	25,066
Total Expense	142,651	145,859
Total Surplus	108,643	104,603



A Statement from Archbishop Anthony Fisher

In discussions with the NSW Government and NSW Health, I joined other religious leaders in insisting that worship is an essential service, not mere recreation for many people. We explained that all our faiths are inclined to allow all comers to worship, that many pastors and faithful would be uneasy with restricting worship to the fully vaccinated, and that doing so could prove very divisive. With Anglican Archbishop Kaniska Raffel, I would insist that "Jesus is Lord of all, and his gospel is a gospel for all. A 'No Entry' sign at the door of the church is wholly inconsistent with the Gospel preached inside." Race, gender, ethnicity, age, education, wealth or health status (including vaccination) must not be points of division within the Christian community or barriers to communion with Christ Jesus.

Liturgy of the Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon (or a choice of song):

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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

Leader: In our responsorial psalm today we hear, 'I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.' (Pause) Let us give thanks for the presence of the Lord who allows us to stay connected and become one among the living. (Pause) Let us humbly acknowledge the times when our hearts went astray, allowing the shadows of death to be cast over us. (Pause)

Leader: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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) Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

- ♦ Please go *slowly* through the readings on Page 4.
- ♦ Pause after each of the readings. Discuss, if you like, what was striking about the reading, perhaps with the help of the reflection questions below.
- ♦ Also, if you like, after the Gospel reading, you can listen to the homily Fr Peter hopes to put up on Facebook/parish website by Sunday morning.

Reflection Questions:

After the 1st reading: Safety is good. But there are times when we put safety at risk, not out of carelessness or recklessness, but for the sake of a higher purpose, for example, when a person risks his own life in order to save another. Heroism might endanger external safety; nevertheless, it refines like gold "interior safety," also known as integrity. What was the source of the strength of integrity for the prophet Isaiah? What empowered him to make no resistance, offer his back to those who struck him, etc.?

After the 2nd reading: 'How deep is your love?', sang the Bee Gees. 'How deep is your faith?', asks St James in our 2nd reading. Faith and works are like the two sides of the same coin. Sometimes our participation in the life of grace looks like faith (contemplative); other times it looks like works (active). But if there is a disconnect between the two that's

clear evidence that we are yet to be humbled enough and our faith deepened enough. What might be the next right step to take us deeper into the life of grace?

After the Gospel: Peter had an exceptional faith which allowed him to succeed where others failed: to see who Jesus really was. Nevertheless Peter was yet to be humbled enough and his faith deepened enough, hence the reason why he was reprimanded, in an epic manner, for showing resistance to the Cross of Christ. Jesus went far beyond what seemed like the point of no return for us, in order to reveal the infinite power of divine mercy. Our spiritual "Freedom Day" is not a matter of when but how - how can we allow the redemptive work of Christ to be completed in us through and through?

The Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Jesus said, 'Anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.' Let us surrender to the Lord our heartfelt prayers and become channels of his saving grace for others.

Reader: We pray for Pope Francis and all our Church leaders. May they be found to be true prophets of God. (Pause) We pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who volunteer their time in the service of God's people. May they always be a sign of God's mercy and hope to all. (Pause) We pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who are grieving and separated from their loved ones during death because of the pandemic. May they feel the mercy of God through the love of those around them. (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):

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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 Is 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against
me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

*(R.) I will walk in the presence
of the Lord,
in the land of the living.
or*

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. *(R.)*
2. They surrounded me, the snares
of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! *(R.)*
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me! *(R.)*
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone
who has never done a single good act but
claims that he has faith. Will that faith
save him? If one of the brothers or one of
the sisters is in need of clothes and has
not enough food to live on, and one of you
says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself
warm and eat plenty,' without giving them
these bare necessities of life, then what
good is that? Faith is like that: if good works
do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:
'You say you have faith and I have good
deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith
by showing you my good deeds – now you
prove to me that you have faith without any
good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My only glory is the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me
and me to the world.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages
round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he
put this question to his disciples, 'Who do
people say I am?' And they told him. 'John
the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others
again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he
asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke
up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And
he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone
about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of
Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be
rejected by the elders and the chief priests
and the scribes, and to be put to death, and
after three days to rise again; and he said
all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside,
Peter started to remonstrate with him.
But, turning and seeing his disciples, he
rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind
me, Satan! Because the way you think is
not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples
to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a
follower of mine, let him renounce himself
and take up his cross and follow me. For
anyone who wants to save his life will lose
it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are several messianic traditions,
each one characterising the anointed
one of the future in a unique way. Do
we expect a prophetic figure who will
enter our world and reform the
structures of society, or a strong leader
who will overturn these structures and
establish a new order? Are we waiting
for a teacher who will transform our
minds and hearts, or a judge who will
punish us for our infidelities? Are we
expecting someone who will renew the
face of the earth, or someone who will
come in fire and brimstone to destroy
it? What kind of a messiah do we
expect? For what kind of a change are
we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our
expectations. We look for one who will
save us from the predicaments in
which we find ourselves, and he
comes to us as one who seems to be a
victim of his own predicament. God's
thinking seems to be the reverse of
ours: Those who save their lives, lose
them; those who lose their lives, save
them; the seed must die before it can
bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will
then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or
are we more like the people in James'
community: people who profess faith
in Jesus, but who do not live it out;
people who speak pleasant words to
others, who say the right things, but
who do not back up their words with
good works? Is our faith really living?

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