



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 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



As soon as I found out about the lifting of the 9pm curfew I announced to my friends, 'I am celebrating tonight with a midnight walk!' What started out as a joke became reality when my daily walk was delayed and I finally left the parish premises after 10pm. There was something magical about feeling surrounded by as much privacy under the stars as anywhere else. How fortunate I was to enjoy moments such as this! Before I knew it the clock turned midnight and I was still outside the home, toward which I was retracing my steps, quietly satisfied.

A different day. Going for a walk helped me realise, to my own surprise, that there was sorrow rising from within. I wondered why and reflected on it. This reminded me of a previous time when I had a similar feeling but the experience of being outdoors - open to the beauty of nature and the presence of fellow walkers - was found to be sufficiently comforting and healing. This time too, it worked for me like free medicine from above. How important it is to "see" one's own deeper feelings and work through them in an appropriate manner!

Last Wednesday was the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, following the feast of the Holy Cross the day before. Love made Mary vulnerable. Perfect love made her feel in her heart what Jesus felt in his body, including the death itself. Sorrow tends to have the effect of making us lose heart: we look down and "lock down," interiorly speaking. We might have known individuals who never seem to be able to come back from a great sorrow, like shadows of their former selves who no longer occupy the same mental space where we first met them. On Calvary Mary faced an absolute sorrow - the kind for which there is no sound, let alone a word. And yet she was not obliterated; instead, she became the living proof that our existence is held by something more powerful than any sorrow and it is always possible for us to look up and surrender to the gentle force of divine love.

On the evening of the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows I got to hear Daniel Abdallah speaking live on Zoom. He is the father of the children who were tragically killed last year when they were hit by a drunk driver. He spoke of a broken heart, how could he not! But he said that he and his wife were learning to *love with a broken heart*. That's right, a heart broken by sorrow and a heart alive with love are not incompatible! As a matter of fact, a broken heart becomes the privileged means by which tremendous love is revealed. Think of Mary, afflicted with the greatest of sorrows and yet not crushed, humbly looking toward the unknown horizon of God's mystery and about to be surprised by...JOY!

On the same day (Our Lady of Sorrows) June Roebuck passed away just shy of 95. I knew her from the first time I came to Regina Coeli in 2013 when she was still active. She was the one who told me (and probably every other priest), 'If you are here at Regina Coeli it's because Our Lady has sent you!' I hope to share more about her perhaps next week. Her funeral will be held here on Wednesday at 11am and be live-streamed on the parish Facebook page. Bradley Murphy, the son of the late "Dr Murphy," also passed away and his funeral will be held here on Friday at 10am. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us! - Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 19 September 25th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 20 September Korean Martyrs	No Mass
Tue 21 September St Matthew	9.15am Mass
Wed 22 September	7am Mass 11am Funeral for June Roebuck
Thu 23 September St "Padre Pio"	9.15am Mass
Fri 24 September	9.15am Mass 10am Funeral for Bradley Murphy
Sat 25 September	9.00am Mass 9.25-9.55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 26 September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

June Roebuck, Bradley Murphy, 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: 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.

Rosary Statue

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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

THURSDAY
30 SEPTEMBER
7:00-8:30PM





GO MAKE DISCIPLES PRAYER NIGHT:
OPENING HEARTS TO CHRIST

An online holy hour for parish renewal and conversion of hearts

Further information and the registration link can be found at
<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

Liturgy of the Word

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon (or a choice of song):

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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

Leader: In our Gospel today we hear Jesus say, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me.' *(Pause)* Let us marvel at the wisdom of God who chooses the way of littleness to reach out to us.

(Pause) Let us humbly acknowledge the times when we allowed our pride to get the better of us and be renewed in our love for the little ways of God. *(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)* O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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: Why do people get attacked sometimes for speaking the truth, acting rightly or refusing to participate in a form of corruption embraced by others? The short answer is 'fallen nature.' When faced with a choice between repentance and denial, our fallen nature inclines us to choose the latter, even at the expense of an innocent person who is, as it were, scapegoated. Have we ever been a victim of scapegoating? Have we ever contributed to the scapegoating of another person?

After the 2nd reading: Do our thoughts and actions come from a good place or a bad place? From above or from below? The former 'makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate...full of compassion.' The latter, if unchecked, will inevitably end in violence - 'You want something and you

haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill.' How can we discern what comes from above and faithfully abide by it?

What 'best practice' can we implement in our lives to improve our chances of making a wise choice?

After the Gospel: Jesus is the virtuous man par excellence who was bound to be rejected precisely because he had no reason to be. It was as though his divine perfection upset the "equilibrium" of the fallen world which was ruled by fallen nature. Therefore he had to be eliminated. What would it take for us to not join in the crowd that wanted him gone? How can our acceptance of Jesus and his saving grace be best expressed in our lives?

The Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Jesus said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' Let us humble ourselves and consider the needs of others as we offer these in the spirit of service:

Reader: That the Lord will watch over the Holy Church with peace, mercy and wisdom from above. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

That nations and leaders will seek the way to peace by putting aside conflict and ambition. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

That teachers and child care workers may welcome the children with the same tenderness as Jesus and inspire them through their work to live joyfully as children of God.

(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):

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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 Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the
law
and accuses us of playing false to
our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he
himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son,
God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of
his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and
with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have
his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. *(R.)*
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds
sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition,
you find disharmony, and wicked things of
every kind being done; whereas the wisdom
that comes down from above is essentially
something pure; it also makes for peace,
and is kindly and considerate; it is full of
compassion and shows itself by doing
good; nor is there any trace of partiality or
hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they

work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear
fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in
the desires fighting inside your own selves?
You want something and you haven't got
it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you
fight to get your way by force. Why you don't
have what you want is because you don't
pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it,
it is because you have not prayed properly,
you have prayed for something to indulge
your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

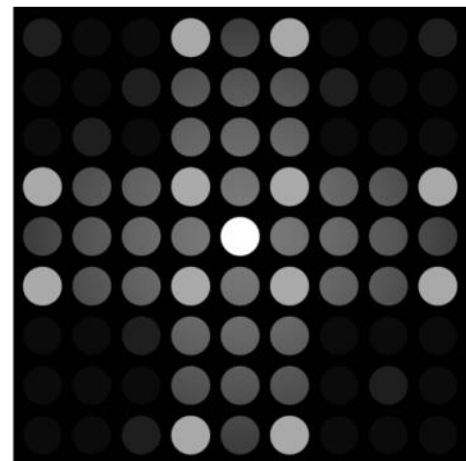
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity
... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants
of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his
disciples made their way through Galilee;
and he did not want anyone to know,
because he was instructing his disciples;
he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be
delivered into the hands of men; they will
put him to death; and three days after he
has been put to death he will rise again.'
But they did not understand what he said
and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he
was in the house he asked them, 'What
were you arguing about on the road?'
They said nothing because they had been
arguing which of them was the greatest. So
he sat down, called the Twelve to him and
said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must
make himself last of all and servant of all.'
He then took a little child, set him in front of
them, put his arms round him, and said to
them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these
little children in my name, welcomes me;
and anyone who welcomes me welcomes
not me but the one who sent me.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Who are the righteous? This is a
question that holds little interest
today. We are more concerned with
the successful and the famous. We
want people to be honest, at least in
their dealings with us, but we are
more apt to applaud those who are
clever. We commend people for
making a good deal, for knowing how
to get ahead or striking it rich. We
extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-
assured, those who have made a
name for themselves, those who
entertain us. We encourage people to
be ambitious. Seldom is popularity
based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the
reign of God. Those who would enter
that reign must be gentle and
merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of
peace. They must be willing to take
the last place, to be the servant of all.
The righteous are not often held in
high regard. They are often ridiculed
and even persecuted. When they are
considered a reproach to the
standards of society, they may even
be put to death.

There are times when we might be
inclined to envy and resentment, not
wanting to feel morally inferior, and
we might relish the opportunity of
putting the virtue of others to the test.
We may say that we want to draw forth
their strengths, when we really hope
their weaknesses will be revealed and
they will prove to be no better than we
are. Sometimes the righteous have
nowhere else to turn but to Jesus,
whose life they are following and into
whose death they have been plunged.

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