



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26 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



A tale of three funerals and three types of grief. The first funeral was for a well known parishioner whose membership here predates the church itself. She died just shy of 95 - an age which can inspire in the mourners gratitude even more than sorrow. But why? I guess that the biological fact of human ageing is such that endless living becomes evidently unsustainable in this life and the hope of being reunited in the next begins to make more sense with time. Nevertheless, grief was undoubtedly present, as a reminder to all of the preciousness of human contact. The second funeral was for a former parishioner who, although only 61, had been debilitated by a severe illness over the years. The "tone" of grief seemed noticeably different this time. After all, he had not yet become a grandfather and was too much of a contemporary for too many of the still "young and healthy." All deaths are tragic but not with the same intensity. The third funeral I knew very little about. An old friend got in touch with me after a long gap and informed me that *the woman he loved* had taken her own life. He said that he had just watched her being buried but still could not believe it. Is there a name for this type of grief which also includes trauma, as well as infinite confusion? *He had no idea.* The chances are that there will always be more questions than he can answer. All deaths are tragic but those of the unreconciled kind seem incomparably more so. Death, tragedy, grief and the issue of reconciliation are all realities which we cannot avoid, at least not for long. Please pray for my friend and, in doing so, let's pray for ourselves as well. - Fr Peter -



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Words of Remembrance for June Roebuck (by Elizabeth Gooley):

June Rose Roebuck, my dear mother, passed away on Wednesday 15 September, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Mum was born on 26 October 1926, growing up in Belmore. Mum met her beloved Jim, and so they were married in 1954. After they were married, mum and dad built their home in Cooloongatta Rd, and here they raised their 4 children Ursula, Bernadette, Greg, and me. Their family grew to include 3 good sons-in-law, 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren! Almost 30 years ago, dad died suddenly and tragically, leaving mum without her best friend. However, mum gradually 'picked herself up and dusted herself down' (mum would often say this to me) and got on with life. As mum and dad's lives were built on a very deep faith, this new life for mum was of course the parish! Mum told us how a very kind lady, (whom I won't name and embarrass) invited mum to join the St Vincent de Paul, and the rest is history!

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The Week Ahead

Sun 26 September 26th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 27 September St Vincent de Paul	No Mass
Tue 28 September	9.15am Mass
Wed 29 September Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	7am Mass
Thu 30 September St Jerome	9.15am Mass
Fri 1 October St Therese	9.15am Mass
Sat 2 October Guardian Angels	7.00am Mass 7.25-8.00am Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 3 October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

No Public Mass
During Lockdown

Recently Deceased

Frances Finch, 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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Over the years, mum also helped with the altar society, piety stall, washing the Mass purifiers, counting the Sunday collections, the LAP program at Regina Coeli School, she was an 8.30am Mass choir member, and she lovingly made countless cakes and sandwiches for parish functions! Actually, often when I phoned mum, I would get her answering machine, and I would then recall that she was doing something



at the church! In truth, mum's deep faith, her family and the beautiful friends she made in the parish became mum's lifeline.

Mum lived in our family home until she became very ill and almost died with pneumonia, 5 years ago. After this, mum was unable to look after herself, and she courageously accepted this new path she was called to walk, moving into the wonderful care at Our Lady Of China Peakhurst Lodge. Mum showed great strength in adversity.

These last 5 years of mum's life have been for me particularly, a great gift. I enjoyed much special time with mum, and we had many deep conversations. As a child, mum taught me to love God and how to pray, and so during her final years we together prayed, sung hymns, discussed death and dying, and always reminded each other of the unconditional mercy and love of God. An enriching and renewing time for us both. I know mum was ready and waiting to be with her Maker.

After mum returned from a recent stay in St George Hospital, she became low and began to fail. We were blessed to have been able to spend much time with mum during her last days, and indeed until her end. Mum passed away peacefully, surrounded with much care, compassion and love. God in His goodness was with us all. A moment I will forever treasure. As Paul says "the life and death of each of us has its influence on others" (Romans 14:7). This may be said of my dear mother June Rose. Mum, may you now Rest In Peace with God, and be reunited with dad.



The First Session of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will begin formally with the celebration of Mass on Sunday 3rd October.

Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB, President

of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, will officiate at the Opening Mass of the Plenary Council to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. This Mass will be livestreamed for the faithful at 11.00 am Perth time (2pm Sydney time) via the Plenary Council website: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

This special Mass will invoke the Holy Spirit upon the Plenary Council, and replace the orations of the Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Liturgy of the Word

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon (or a choice of song):

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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, 'The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.' *(Pause)* To what extent is there joy in my life as result of being protected by the precepts of the Lord? *(Pause)* Where do I suffer as result of ignoring the very precepts which can prepare me to receive the healing medicine of mercy? *(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 manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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: St Thomas Aquinas famously wrote, 'Good diffuses itself.' This means, for example, that a truly good person is inclined to reach out to others. Moses wanted the goodness of his prophetic charism to be shared by all. Joshua wanted it to be limited to a select few. But why would anyone want monopoly over goodness? What keeps us from sharing with others what we know to be good? How does our cheerful sharing actually benefit us?

After the 2nd reading: St James issues a dire warning to those who are complacent, even exploitatively selfish, in the comfort of their own affluence, power, pleasure, prestige, etc., to the point of neglecting those in need. How does worldly flourishing so easily lead to spiritual poverty? Who suffers in a spiritually bankrupt society?

After the Gospel: Partisanship or tribalism is the name of the game. Every issues gets politicised with the intention of bolstering "my team" and tearing down the other. Needless to say, all this not only foolish but also harmful - gravely harmful to the common good as well as to individual souls. By contrast Jesus tells us to embrace what is truly good wherever we find it. One thing he wants us to be concerned about, however, is the "enemy within." How does my superficial categorisation of good and evil blind me such that I no longer see what is truly scandalous within myself? How do I undermine the very thing I purport to support?

The Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: With a heartfelt desire to embrace what is good and let go of what causes us to sin, let us humbly bring our petitions into the merciful presence of the Lord.

Reader: We pray for the leaders of our world that they will come to know that the Law of God is above all other laws, and that only with that understanding will they be able to govern with justice and integrity. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who care for others who are suffering from ill health, physical and mental, so they will know how important it is for them to be compassionate and honest. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for the elderly people in our parish, whether at home or in care. May the vigour of their youth not be forgotten, and their goodness honoured. *(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 Nm 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds
instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure

for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

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